

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

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MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+George & Ruby Speck requested by Holly and John)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+ Dorothy Mimnaugh requested by Diane Dye and Bob Buchanan)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(office hours 9 AM—1 PM Tuesday—Thursday)

Monday, December 13, 2021	Office closed - 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, December 15, 2021	NO ADORATION OR MASS
Thursday, December 16, 2021	NO ADORATION OR MASS IN AM; FOOD PANTRY CLOSED; 7:00 PM Reconciliation Service
Friday, December 17, 2021	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, December 18, 2021	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (+ Joseph Trieu Le requested by Holly and John)
Sunday, December 19, 2021	8:30 AM Mass ; 9:45 AM - Advent Session #4 (Narthex); 9:45 AM - Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall); 9:45 AM - Religious Education (Parish Hall and Conference Rooms); 11:00 AM Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

13 DECEMBER 2021 - MONDAY : **Numbers 24:** 2-7, 15-17a; **Psalms 25:** 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; **Matthew 21:** 23-27

14 DECEMBER 2021 - TUESDAY : **Zephaniah 3:** 1-2, 9-13; **Psalms 34:** 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; **Matthew 21:** 28-32

15 DECEMBER 2021 - WEDNESDAY : **Isaiah 45:** 6c-8, 18, 21c-25; **Psalms 85:** 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; **Luke 7:** 18b-23

16 DECEMBER 2021 - THURSDAY : **Isaiah 54:** 1-10; **Psalms 30:** 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; **Luke 7:** 24-30

17 DECEMBER 2021 - FRIDAY : **Genesis 49:** 2, 8-10; **Psalms 72:** 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; **Matthew 1:** 1-17

18 DECEMBER 2021 - SATURDAY : **Jeremiah 23:** 5-8; **Psalms 72:** 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; **Matthew 1:** 18-25

19 DECEMBER 2021 - SUNDAY : **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Micah 5: 1-4a; **Psalms 80:** 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4); **Hebrews 10:** 5-10; **Luke 1:** 39-45

Saint Mary's Weekly Giving Report

Thank you for your continued support of our community. To give on line, go to our website, www.saintmarycc.org, and click on Online Giving. God Bless you all!

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Nov 14 to Nov 20		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,558	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,198	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,756	\$ 82,522
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 93,450
Over/Under	\$ (695)	\$ (10,928)



Second Collections for December:
December 25th– Catholic Charities
December 25th– The Nativity of the Lord

All gifts will need to be dropped off no later than Noon on Tuesday, December 14th at the Church.



Online Giving:

Our church is a spiritual home for all of us which relies on our time, talent, and treasure in order to fulfill that mission. It is time to come together now and moving forward to keep our faith, so that we can continue to offer hope and healing to those around us. Our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our continued mission and ministries.

Go to www.saintmarycc.org for the online giving access link or scan the code below to go directly to the St. Mary's online giving webpage.



Formed:

Join us on the FORMED Platform! FORMED is a digital platform that gives our parish unprecedented access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. FORMED provides:

- **STUDY PROGRAMS** - Hundreds of episodes of transformational video-based study programs including accompanying study guides for small groups or personal study
- **AUDIO PROGRAMS** - Hundreds of audio talks to inspire your faith and to share with others
- **MOVIES** - Hundreds of movies/documentaries for both children and adults
- **EBOOKS** - Over a hundred inspiring eBooks to download to your device

FORMED is being provided by the Parish so there is no charge to our Parishioners. Registering is easy! Go to **FORMED.org** or scan the QR code below to Sign Up and click I belong to a Parish or Organization. Search for St. Mary's by entering our zip code – 22546. No passwords are needed.



Parish Registration:

Are you interested in joining Saint Mary of the Annunciation? Please go to our website -<http://www.saintmarycc.org/join-the-parish> or scan the QR code below



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Advent is a traditional season when Catholics celebrate the Lord's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, our parish reconciliation service will take place on **December 16th at 7:00 PM**. We will begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, followed by the opportunity for individuals to go to Confession. Fr. Renninger will lead the service that evening, assisted by Msgr. Muench and Fr. Wagner. Confessions are also available Saturday afternoons from 4:10-4:50 PM.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ADVENT TO NEW YEARS DAY	
Dec. 11-12	Third Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec. 16	7:00 PM—Reconciliation Service
Dec. 18-19	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	3:45 PM—4:00 PM Children’s Pageant 4:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Children’s Mass) 6:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity
Dec. 25 Christmas Day	10:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord
NO 5:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th	
Dec. 26	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Regular Mass Schedule)
*****OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 27th THROUGH JANUARY 2*****	
Jan. 1 New Year's Day	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 10:00 AM—Mass at Saint Mary of the Annunciation
NO 5:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st	
Jan. 2	The Epiphany of the Lord (Regular Mass Schedule)

A MESSAGE FROM FR. RENNINGER

Dear Friends:

Everybody sings!

When Saint Luke tells the story of the birth of Jesus, it seems like everyone in the story keeps bursting into song! The Virgin Mary sings after the Angel Gabriel appears. The angelic choirs sing “Glory to God in the highest” as the shepherds keep watch. Simeon sings when he sees the Christ-child, welcoming God’s salvation.

But, the first person who sings in Luke’s Gospel is a man named Zechariah. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are the parents of John the Baptist. John is the one who will announce to the world that the Messiah has come. So Zechariah sings about all these things that God is accomplishing, declaring, “In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace” (Lk. 1:78-79).

Isn’t that a beautiful song? It’s a song about a God who treats us with “tender compassion.” A God whose love “breaks upon us,” like a sunrise after a long night. It’s a song about a God who sends his Son, so that “those who dwell in darkness” will be given new hope, and those who have struggled will finally experience “peace!” The holy singing in Luke’s Gospel announces that the long struggle is coming to an end. The things that we lost are being restored, and the weariness of our struggles will be healed by the Prince of Peace.

This year, as the great feast of Christmas draws near, there are daily signs that people are experiencing the restoration, healing and peace that was first promised when Jesus was born. After a long period of uncertainty, change and loss, God’s light is shining in our lives, and people are rejoicing as we once again experience the things which bring us joy.

Here at Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish, numerous parishioners have returned to church, gathering safely for worship and outreach. Religious Education and sacramental preparation programs are back. Baptisms are being celebrated. These are living signs that the life of the parish is being restored by God’s grace.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to brighten the lives of our neighbors who have specific needs. The hungry are fed, the lonely are visited, the sick are cared for, strangers are welcomed. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, our outreach ministries bless dozens of families, bringing them practical assistance and the love of Christ. On a daily basis, people are comforted by the restoration of daily human activities which forge connections – a meal shared around a table, a hug, a visit.

Meanwhile, the Gospel of Luke keeps singing the central mystery of this season: *Emmanuel!* God is with us! God’s love has taken flesh in the child born in Bethlehem. Through Jesus, our brokenness is made whole and our hope is restored. Through Jesus, God’s light breaks upon us and we learn how to love others.

And that, my friends, should make everybody sing!

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Michael A. Renninger
Parish Administrator

P.S. – the Christmas collection is one of the most important opportunities for all members of the community to offer financial support to the ministries of the parish. Please take advantage of this special season to provide financial support to our parish community!



Pray for the Sick of our Parish



The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Maria Bridge, Linda Calkins, Barry Carrington, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Michael Fisher, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Maureen Ketrick, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Barbara Litten, Carly Max, Brooke Meyer, Bette Moore, Carlos Ortiz, Bella Paradis, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Makayla Prevost, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Mary Rudy, John Signor, William Simulcik, Carol Smoller, Laurie Snowman, John Speck, Barbara Storen, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, Mike Walsh, Ralph Watermeier, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams, Renee Wolfkill

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. We continue to stand in solidarity with all those affected by the COVID disease as well as those health care professionals who care for them. We ask parishioners to keep these people in mind in your daily prayers.

Names will be removed after 6 months. If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Chris Nowark at 804-448-9064 or email her at office@saintmarycc.org. Thank you. God Bless !

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

Polar Bear Plunge

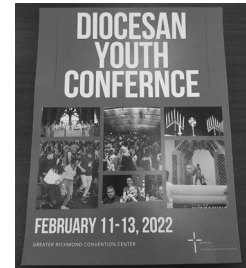
Polar Bear Plungers wanted!! Please consider making the plunge to benefit our food pantry. The event will be held on February 12th at 9 AM at Lake Land'or Beach. Plunging packets will be available in the Narthex this weekend after church services for anyone who wishes to participate. Please email kellyekirtley@gmail.com for an electronic copy of the packet or questions.



Christmas Pageant

Children's Christmas Pageant

The Children's Christmas Pageant will take place at 3:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve as part of a pre-Mass carol sing. Look for the sign-up in Flocknote.



The 2022 calendars are now available in the Narthex.

Saint Michael is now enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. Early enrollment discounts available. The only Catholic High School in the area that is fully accredited and diocesan approved. Open House + Athletic Showcase on January 23rd from 1pm - 4pm. Learn more at www.saintmichaelhs.org



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Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony (a minimum of 6 months preparation is typical), and **Anointing of the Sick**, or to receive a home visit or home blessing. Call the office at 804-448-9064.