

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(All deceased members of the Ho Family requested by Holly and John)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+ David Phillips requested by Jennifer Kost-Phillips)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, December 6, 2021	Office closed
Tuesday, December 7, 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 8, 2021	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 10:00 AM - Saint Mary of the Annunciation 7:00 PM - Saint Ann's in Ashland
Thursday, December 9, 2021	NO ADORATION OR MASS ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, December 10, 2021	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, December 11, 2021	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (+ <i>George and Ruby Speck requested by Holly and John</i>)
Sunday, December 12, 2021	8:30 AM Mass (<i>Dorothy Mimnaugh requested by Diane Dye and Bob Buchanan</i>); 9:45 AM - Advent Session #3 (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

6 DECEMBER 2021 - MONDAY : **Isaiah 35:** 1-10; **Psalms 85:** 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; **Luke 5:** 17-26

7 DECEMBER 2021 - TUESDAY : **Isaiah 40:** 1-11; **Psalms 96:** 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; **Matthew 18:** 12-14

8 DECEMBER 2021 - WEDNESDAY : **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SOLEMNITY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; **Psalms 98:** 1, 2-3 ab, 3cd-4; **Ephesians 1:** 3-6, 11-12; **Luke 1:** 26-38

9 DECEMBER 2021 - THURSDAY : **Isaiah 41:** 13-20; **Psalms 145:** 1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; **Matthew 11:** 11-15

10 DECEMBER 2021 - FRIDAY : **Isaiah 48:** 17-19; **Psalms 1:** 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; **Matthew 11:** 16-19

11 DECEMBER 2021 - SATURDAY : **Sirach 48:** 1-4, 9-11; **Psalms 80:** 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; **Matthew 17:** 9a, 10-13

12 DECEMBER 2021 - SUNDAY : **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a; **Isaiah 12:** 2-3, 4, 5-6(6); **Philippians 4:** 4-7; **Luke 3:** 10-18

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 7 to Nov 13		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 2,814	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,213	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 5,027	\$ 78,767
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 89,000
Over/Under	\$ 577	\$ (10,233)



Second Collections for December:
 December 5th—Debt Reduction
 December 8th—Immaculate Conception
 December 25th—Catholic Charities
 December 25th—The Nativity of the Lord

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.

These are some new icons to look for on our online giving website for some of our familiar donations:

Christmas Flowers



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Catholic Charities



Christmas

[Go to www.saintmarycc.org](http://www.saintmarycc.org) and click on Online Giving

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.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
ADVENT (11/28/2021) TO NEW YEARS DAY (1/1/2022)**

Nov. 27-28	First Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec. 4-5	Second Sunday of Advent (Regular Mass Schedule)
Dec. 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10:00 AM- Mass at St. Mary of the Annunciation 7:00 PM- Mass at Saint Ann's in Ashland
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)



The Virtual Angel Giving Tree

Financial and emotional stress can dampen the Christmas cheer of local families in need of assistance. To help these families, St. Mary of the Annunciation's Giving Tree program provides for opportunities to relieve some of the burden felt by local families in need and helps to provide a Christmas morning smile to children in our local community. The Caroline County Department of Social Services has identified a few families in our county that need a little holiday help for their children; Due to the success of last year's virtual Christmas Giving Tree Program, we will be virtual again this year through sign-ups on Flocknote.

A Flocknote has been sent out so please consider supporting this year's Virtual Angel Giving Tree. **Gifts will need to be dropped off no later than Noon on Tuesday, December 14th at the Church.** There will be a bin labeled Angel Giving Tree. Gifts can be dropped off at the Parish Office on Tuesday, Wednesdays, or Thursdays (between 9:00am – 1:00pm); or, Narthex on Saturday or Sunday (before or after Mass).

NOTE: If you are unable to drop off at the church during these days/times, please contact Gina Holewa (holewag8@gmail.com)



**Knights of Columbus Council
#7538**



Annual Christian Christmas Card Sale

The Knights of Columbus reminds us to “Keep Christ in Christmas” and at the center of your family’s life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Christmas cards can be a way to share your faith with family and friends. Christian Christmas Cards may be purchased after each weekend Mass.

Handmade Wooden Items for Sale

Your Parish Knights of Columbus are going to be selling a variety of different handmade wooden items after Masses for the next few weeks. Proceeds will go to the Charitable work of the Council and a percentage will also be donated to our Parish. Full sized cutting boards, bird houses, and Christmas display items are available. Prices range from \$5 to \$75. Thank you for your support. Questions? Email Ron Wisniewski at rkwisniewski2@gmail.com

Thank you from the Food Pantry

We hope everyone had a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Your generosity of all the donations of food was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped organize and distribute the food. A sincere thanks to all who made our Thanksgiving feast a success.

God Bless, Don and Barbara

Community/Diocesan Events



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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

VOCATIONS

Is the Holy Spirit asking you to be "a shepherd he feeds his flock" in the priesthood?

Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.



Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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.