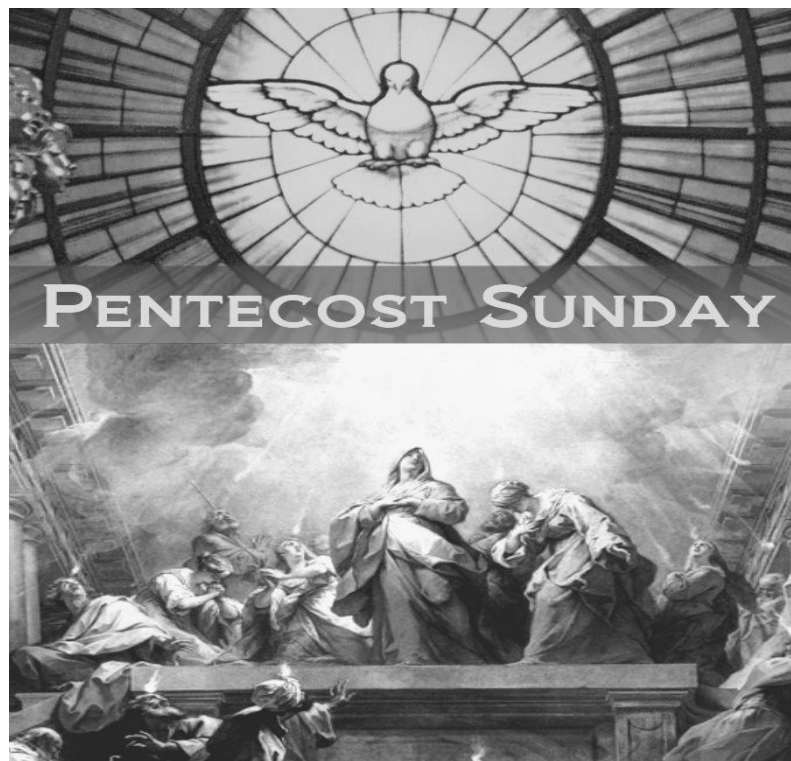


# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**MAY 23, 2021**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**MASS**  
**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**  
*(+ Cy Kelly)*  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**  
*(+Debbie Brooks requested by  
 The Biddulph Family)*  
**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**  
*(People of the Parish)*



DEAR PARISHIONERS, AS WE RETURN TO CHURCH, I INVITE YOU, TO BE MINDFUL OF THE SILENCE BEFORE MASS. TAKE YOUR CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE. IF SOMEONE STARTS CHATTING WITH YOU, ENCOURAGE HIM OR HER (IN A WHISPER) TO JOIN YOU IN THE GATHERING SPACE. BEFORE MASS BEGINS, KNEEL, AND PRAY IN SILENCE AS A WITNESS TO THE POWER OF A SILENT SANCTUARY. PERHAPS THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU WILL BE STRUCK BY YOUR REVERENCE AND RECOGNIZE MORE FULLY THE GOD WHO IS PRESENT TO US IN THE TABERNACLE. YOU MAY FIND THAT YOUR EXAMPLE DRAWS OTHER PEOPLE TO SILENT PRAYER, TOO.

**COVID 19**

For COVID 19 guidelines and Mass Sign Ups, please go to our Parish Website for more detailed information

***Saint Mary Online Sundays 8:30 AM!***

Live Streaming of the Mass is being offered via the St. Mary Public Facebook page. Have you visited? Please note that you don't need a Facebook account to participate.

<b>WEEKLY SCHEDULE</b>	
(office hours 9 AM—1 PM Tuesday—Thursday)	
Monday, May 24, 2021	Office closed
Tuesday, May 25, 2021	9:00 AM - 10 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM Mass</b> ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, May 26, 2021	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Adoration; <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> ; 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Pack 1421
Thursday, May 27, 2021	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Adoration; <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, May 28, 2021	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, May 29, 2021	4:10 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b>
Sunday, May 30, 2021	<b>8:30 AM Mass (live streamed)</b> ; 9:30 AM Second Grade Sacramental Preparation; <b>11:00 AM Mass (People of the Parish)</b>

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

24 MAY 2021 - MONDAY: **Memorial to the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Genesis 3:** 9-15, 20 or **Acts 1:** 12-14; **Psalms 87:** 1-3, 5-7; **John 19:** 25-34

25 MAY 2021 - TUESDAY: **Sirach 35:** 1-12; **Psalms 50:** 5-6, 7-8,14 and 23; **Mark 10:** 28-31

26 MAY 2021 - WEDNESDAY: **Sirach 36:** 1, 4-5a, 10-17; **Psalms 79:** 8, 9, 11 and 13; **Mark 10:** 32-45

27 MAY 2021 - THURSDAY: **Sirach 42:** 15-25; **Psalms 33:** 2-3, 4-5,6-7, 8-9; **Mark 10:** 46-52

28 MAY 2021 - FRIDAY: **Sirach 44:** 1, 9-13; **Psalms 149:** 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; **Mark 11:** 11-26

29 MAY 2021 - SATURDAY: **Sirach 51:** 12cd-20; **Psalms 19:** 8, 9, 10,11; **Mark 11:** 27-33

30 MAY 2021 - SUNDAY: **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Solemnity**  
**Deuteronomy 4:** 32-34, 39-40; **Psalms 33:** 4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b); **Romans 8:** 14-17; **Matthew 28:** 16-20

### VOCATIONS

“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.”

Are you inclined to let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord...perhaps as a priest?  
 Call Father Brian W. Capuano at (804)359-5661, or write: [bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org).



**Second Collections for May**  
 May 23– Cemetery/Perpetual Care Fund

### Pray for the Sick of our Parish

*The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Paula Hass, Maureen Ketrick, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Barbara Litten, Eugene Mimnaugh, Bette Moore, Bella Paradis, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Mary Rudy, William Simulcik, Laurie Snowman, The Tate Family, Julian Thomas, Ralph Watermeier, Joan Williams, The Wheeler Family*



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 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](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). Thank you.

God Bless !

### Saint Mary's Weekly Giving Report

Thank you for your continued support of our community. To give on line go to the St Mary Online Giving website.

God Bless you all!

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Apr 25 to May 1		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,442	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,046	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,488	\$ 191,984
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$ 193,875
Over/Under	\$ (1,012)	\$ (1,891)
April Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts	\$ 3,171	



**Saint Mary of the Annunciation  
is seeking a**

**Bookkeeper/Payroll/HR  
Administrator**

The candidate will be familiar with bookkeeping and Payroll functions.

**Qualifications:**

Requirements include experience in bookkeeping using accounting software and experience managing online payroll. Working knowledge of contract negotiations and purchasing procedures is helpful. Abilities include strong interpersonal skills, project management skills, customer service orientation, computer proficiency in Microsoft Office software, strong time management and analytical skills, leadership skills, and detail orientation to projects and tasks.

A background check and completion of the Virtus Safe Environment online program is required.

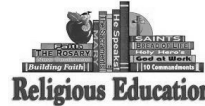
This is a part-time hourly non-exempt position working approximately 10-14 hours per week.

Interested candidates should contact Fr. Alexander Muddu at [amuddu@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:amuddu@richmonddiocese.org) for further information. A resume and completed Diocese of Richmond Employment Application will be required.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”*  
- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God’s plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God’s plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.



**Attention St. Mary’s Community**  
What to help out in the church but  
you’re not really  
sure where?

Well Religious Ed is in dire need of your help!  
We are looking for Teachers and Aides to help with  
grades 2nd through 9th.

If you have a calling and are interested in helping  
improve our program or you want to help guide our  
kids then please email  
Kari Campbell at [kecampbell2006@gmail.com](mailto:kecampbell2006@gmail.com) or  
Gina Stargel at [gstargel81@gmail.com](mailto:gstargel81@gmail.com).

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in  
serving one another as good stewards of the  
multifaceted grace of God” Peter 4:10



**COME HOLY SPIRIT**



**Prayer to Our Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church**

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church, we rejoice in the new feast day commemorating your divine motherhood which culminated at the foot of the cross of your crucified Son, Jesus Christ.

In the early days of our church you became a loving counselor to the beloved disciples of your Son. As our Blessed Mother, you have shared your maternal compassion and concerns to the faithful of our church and others.

We raise our voices in prayer for the motherly care you have given our church and your total offering to God. We join the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in invoking this title “Mother of the Church” to you.

We ask for your continued guidance and graces as we journey through our lives enjoying the Spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

That we may generously share our  
unique gifts in our parish community  
to carry on the work of Jesus Christ.

**2021 Annual  
Diocesan Appeal –  
Building Our Family of Faith**

If you made a pledge to the 2021 Appeal, the Diocese has begun sending reminders, so you can fulfill your pledge. It is important for all our parishioners to complete their pledges. The assistance that is provided to the ministries and programs the Appeal supports, such as grants to our mission parishes, heating and grocery assistance to families and tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary, is based on what is collected.



# Community/Diocesan Events



## Memorial to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church May 24, 2021

Pope Francis has decreed that the ancient devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Mother of the Church, be inserted into the Roman Calendar. The liturgical celebration, *B. Mariæ Virginis, Ecclesiae Matris*, will be celebrated annually as a Memorial on the day after Pentecost. The Holy Father wishes to promote this devotion in order to “encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety”

The decree reflects on the history of Marian theology in the Church’s liturgical tradition and the writings of the Church Fathers. It says Saint Augustine and Pope Saint Leo the Great both reflected on the Virgin Mary’s importance in the mystery of Christ. “In fact the former [St. Augustine] says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter [St. Leo the Great] says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church.”

The decree says these reflections are a result of the “divine motherhood of Mary and from her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer”.

Scripture, the decree says, depicts Mary at the foot of the Cross (cf. Jn 19:25). There she became the Mother of the Church when she “accepted her Son’s testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal.”

In 1964, the decree says, Pope Paul VI “declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as ‘Mother of the Church, that is to say of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother’ and established that ‘the Mother of God should be further honoured and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles’”.

Then, in the Holy Year of Reconciliation in 1975, the Church inserted into the Roman Missal a votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

With the present decree, Pope Francis inserts that celebration into the universal Church’s liturgy as a Memorial on a fixed date.

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.

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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, *Fr Muddu*.....804.448.9064.

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