

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

*First Sunday of
Advent*

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

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

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 29, 2021	Office closed
Tuesday, November 30, 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 1, 2021	NO ADORATION OR MASS
Thursday, December 2, 2021	NO ADORATION OR MASS ; 6:00 PM - Girls Scouts; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, December 3, 2021	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, December 4, 2021	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass <i>(All deceased members of the Ho Family requested by Holly and John)</i>
Sunday, December 5, 2021	8:30 AM Mass (+David Phillips requested by Jennifer Kost-Phillips); 9:45 AM - Advent Session #2 (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> Baptism

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

29 NOVEMBER 2021 - MONDAY : **Isaiah 2:** 1-5; **Psalms 122:** 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; **Matthew 8:** 5-11

30 NOVEMBER 2021 - TUESDAY : **Romans 10:** 9-18; **Psalms 19:** 8, 9, 10, 11; **Matthew 4:** 18-22

1 DECEMBER 2021 - WEDNESDAY : **Isaiah 25:** 6-10a; **Psalms 23:** 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; **Matthew 15:** 29-37

2 DECEMBER 2021 - THURSDAY : **Isaiah 26:** 1-6; **Psalms 118:** 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; **Matthew 7:** 21, 24-27

3 DECEMBER 2021 - FRIDAY : **Isaiah 29:** 17-24; **Psalms 27:** 1, 4, 13-14; **Matthew 9:** 27-31

4 DECEMBER 2021 - SATURDAY : **Isaiah 30:** 19-21, 23-26; **Psalms 147:** 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; **Matthew 9:** 35 -- 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

5 DECEMBER 2021 - SUNDAY : **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Baruch 5: 1-9; **Psalms 126:** 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3); **Philippians 1:** 4-6, 8-11; **Luke 3:** 1-6

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		
Oct 31 to Nov 6		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,296	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,188	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,484	\$ 73,740
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 84,550
Over/Under	\$ (966)	\$ (10,810)

The Tree of Hope



New this year, the Tree of Hope can be found in the Narthex. Tags on the tree contain addresses for **homebound members of our community**, who have been unable to come to church for some time now. Please consider taking a tag and dropping a note to

let someone know we're thinking of them and that we hope for a time when they'll be able to return. Once you have the address, why not drop a note regularly throughout the coming year? Being a blessing to someone is as easy as a quick card of kindness that lets someone know they're remembered. Please prayerfully consider participating!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

There are still a couple spots left to sign up for the lighting of the Advent Candles at the beginning of Mass during Advent. Signup sheets are in the Narthex. You may call the office at 804-448-9064 or email office@saintmarycc.org to sign up.



Second Collections for November: November 28th—Christmas Flowers

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



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

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 (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 9:00 AM and 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 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM—Mass at Saint Ann's in Ashland
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)

“Good News!

Living and Learning the Sunday Gospels.”

Please join us as we explore the Sunday readings during the season of Advent. Learning about these powerful passages will help us prepare for a deeper, more meaningful celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Each week's lesson will help us focus on the meaning of the Gospel that Sunday. The sessions will include a video reflection from Fr. Renninger and an opportunity for discussion.

Here are the details:

- This four-week series will begin the week of November 28th and will continue until the week of December 19th.
- The sessions will take place in the Narthex on Sundays between the 8:30 and 11:00 o'clock Masses. The sessions will begin at 9:45 and end at 10:30. Stay after the 8:30 Mass or come early for the 11:00.
- These are independent sessions so join us for any or all that you can attend.
- Can't attend on Sunday's? There are some small groups forming and meeting during the week. Contact Deacon Frank Leaming at fnleaming@aol.com or 804-761-5714, and we'll help you find a group. If you are interested in forming a group just let us know! Please Join us!

Religious Ed Needs You!!

The Religious Education Team is looking for two people to serve as Catechists for the 3rd grade class starting December 5th. Training and shadowing of the current team is possible until December. VIRTUS training and a background check are required. If you are interested in sharing your faith with a fun loving group of students, please contact Kari Campbell at religioused@saintmarycc.org

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, 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 !

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."
(LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closet to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

VOCATIONS

"The LORD is our righteousness."

Are you being called to bring the word of God as a priest? 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 have the courage to share our faith story with others and accompany them on their journey.

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. Call the office at 804-448-9064.