

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 31, 2021

**Thirty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

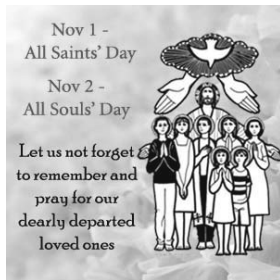
(+Phillip Tate requested by Debbie and Ken Tate)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

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(People of the Parish)

**ALL SAINTS Day Mass
Monday, November 1st
10:00 AM**



**ALL SOULS Day Mass
Tuesday, November 2nd
10:00 AM**

**St. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery
8252 Paige Road**

If the weather is bad, we'll have Mass here at the church.

Remember your All Souls Day envelopes so we can place them on the Altar to remember your loved ones at our Masses during this month.

DIRECTIONS:

From St. Mary's via Route 1—Turn left onto Ladysmith Road (Route 639), go 3 miles to light, turn right onto Route 1, go 5 miles to Fox Insurance Agency and turn right onto Paige Road (Route 605), cemetery will be 1.4 miles on your right.

From St. Mary's via Bull Church Road—Turn left onto Ladysmith Road (Route 639), make a left right after the Madison Elementary School onto Bull Church Road (Route 633), travel 4.8 miles and take left onto Paige Road (Route 605), cemetery will be 0.6 miles on your left.

Book of Remembrance

The Parish's Book will be available from All Saints Day through Thanksgiving. Just write down the names of your dearly departed, and they will be remembered at each Mass during the month.

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

1 NOVEMBER 2021 - MONDAY: **ALL SAINTS Solemnity, No obligation this year to attend Mass**
Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; **Psalms 24:** 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; **First John 3:** 1-3; **Matthew 5:** 1-12a

2 NOVEMBER 2021 - TUESDAY: **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**
Wisdom 3: 1-9; **Romans 5:** 5-11 or **Romans 6:** 3-9; **John 6:** 37-40

3 NOVEMBER 2021 - WEDNESDAY : **Romans 13:** 8-10; **Psalms 112:** 1b-2, 4-5, 9; **Luke 14:** 25-33

4 NOVEMBER 2021 - THURSDAY : **Romans 14:** 7-12; **Psalms 27:** 1bcde, 4, 13-14; **Luke 15:** 1-10

5 NOVEMBER 2021 - FRIDAY : **Romans 15:** 14-21; **Psalms 98:** 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; **Luke 16:** 1-8

6 NOVEMBER 2021 - SATURDAY : **Romans 16:** 3-9, 16, 22-27; **Psalms 145:** 2-3, 4-5, 10-11; **Luke 16:** 9-15

7 NOVEMBER 2021 - SUNDAY : **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY INORDINARY TIME**
First Kings 17: 10-16; **Psalms 146:** 7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b); **Hebrews 9:** 24-28; **Mark 12:** 38-44

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 1, 2021	10:00 AM - ALL SAINTS DAY MASS
Tuesday, November 2, 2021	NO ADORATION; 10:00 AM - ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT SAINT CYRIL & METHIDIUS CEMETERY (8252 Paige Road); 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 3, 2021	NO ADORATION OR MASS
Thursday, November 4, 2021	NO ADORATION OR MASS; 6:00 PM - Girls Scouts; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, November 5, 2021	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, November 6, 2021	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (+ <i>Anna Trinh Ho requested by Holly and John</i>)
Sunday, November 7, 2021	8:30 AM Mass (+ <i>Phillip Tate requested by Debbie and Ken Tate</i>); 9:45 AM - Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall); 9:45 AM - Religious Education (Parish Hall and Conference Rooms); 11:00 AM Mass (+ <i>Daniel Maida requested by the Maida Family</i>); 1:00 PM—Baptism

Saint Mary's Weekly Giving Report

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

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Oct 3 to Oct 9		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,660	
On Line Giving	\$ 3,355	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 5,015	\$ 60,580
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 66,750
Over/Under	\$ 565	\$ (6,170)

Special Collections

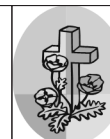
St. Mary's Cemeteries

St. Mary's has two beautiful cemeteries that both are here in Caroline County. Your stewardship in helping with the care and upkeep of these cemeteries is greatly appreciated.

All Souls Day

Your All Souls Day contributions go towards keeping our cemeteries beautiful. Please put your All Souls Day envelopes, with the names of those you want remembered, in our regular collection basket. We will place them on the Altar to remember your loved ones at our Masses during this month.

St. Cyril
&
Methodius



and
St. Mary

WHAT IS A SYNOD?

A message from Fr. Michael Renninger

A synod. What is a “synod?” Pope Francis has asked the church throughout the world to participate in a two-year process called a “synod.” The word “synod” comes from Greek roots, and it means “gathering together” or “making a journey together.” So, when Pope Francis asks us to participate in a synod, he is inviting Catholics to *gather* together and to *make a journey* together. The Pope is calling us to participate in an ancient practice of our church.

In the New Testament, when the earliest Christians faced important new questions or challenges, they had an instinct to *gather together*. After all, Jesus said, “where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt. 18:20). As the early Christians prayerfully *gathered* in the name of Jesus, they *listened*. They listened to the Word of God. They listened to each other. They talked together, trying to listen to what the Holy Spirit was saying to them.

As a result of that prayerful gathering and listening, the early church moved forward in faith, confident that the Holy Spirit had spoken to them about what God wanted to do *in* and *through* his people, his Church. Throughout Christian history, that kind of gathering and listening – called a synod - has happened in many places and in many circumstances.

Today, our Holy Father is asking *all of us* to participate in a focused time of listening, conversation, and prayer, so that we can ask the Holy Spirit to show us what *God’s* priorities are for his church as we move forward in faith. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are being asked to come together, to listen to the Word of God, and to speak with one another about our hopes for the life of church.

It all begins on the local level, where parishioners will come together for prayer and discussion. From these local conversations, ideas and priorities will emerge on a diocesan and national level. Then the Pope will convene a larger gathering at the end of this two-year process, to discern the key insights that the Lord has provided to all of us through this process.

Pope Francis reminds us that when God’s people sit down to speak with one another, we *encounter* each other in new ways. When you sit down at your parish to participate in a synod session, you may find yourself in a wonderful discussion with other parishioners which will help us all learn more about Christ.

In the weeks ahead, we will share additional information about how the synod conversations will take place in our local community. At Mass, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our listening. Now that we know what the word “synod” means, let’s pray that we will all listen to what the Holy Spirit wants to tell us!

*****A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU*****

The Food Pantry of Saint Mary of the Annunciation has received a generous grant for \$5000 from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia/Catherine and J. Hamilton Lambert Fund for Northern Virginia for the purchase of Food Pantry equipment in honor of James Kauffmann. This grant embodies our faithful belief that the Lord will provide!

The person who helped procure the grant has asked us to include this brief message:

“Sometimes, we cross paths with people in our lives, and we don’t know how this will change us to be a better person. Thank you, J, for your generous gift to the food pantry. Two freezers are just the beginning to continue to help people in the community.

J graciously donated money for the two freezers, but then he did something else. He donated additional funds for the purchase of additional pantry equipment for the future. The gift is being donated in the honor of our beloved Father James Kauffmann who died at the age of 67 due to cancer. Father Kauffmann served St. Mary’s from 1990 to 1999. His positive energy was so infectious that it rejuvenated St. Mary’s to make people believe. He was so inspiring and passionate. So much, one of his sermons was at the former social hall, which we used as a place of worship, he spoke about the Holy Spirit. He turned with such emotion and broke the wall.

God bless you J and Father Kauffmann for all the lives you have touched. We will never forget you.

It is not hard and does not cost anything to be nice to people.”

Please pray for the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia/Catherine and J. Hamilton Lambert Fund for Northern Virginia in thanksgiving. And as always give praise and thanks to the Lord.

Fall has arrived and with that, the Food Pantry is now organizing our Thanksgiving dinner for the needy. Parishioners, we ask for your generosity. If you could, please help us with this task. Items needed: Instant potatoes, yams, stuffing mix, green beans, corn, peas, cranberry sauce, corn bread mix.

Any help will be much appreciated. Food can be left in the Narthex or brought to the Food Pantry on Tuesday or Thursday nights between 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Thank you and God bless!



Important Repair Work Underway

During the week of November 1st, workers will be here at the parish to replace HVAC equipment in a variety of locations in our buildings. The air conditioning units which serve the food pantry, storerooms and a classroom will be replaced. Earlier this year, parish leaders had identified the need to undertake this work, and funds were set aside for this purpose in the parish budget. We anticipate that the work will be completed by the weekend of November 6th.

Community/Diocesan Events

Would You Like to Make a Gift That...

- May reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)?
- May satisfy all/part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year?
- Will help the work of our parish?

If you answered "YES" (and you are 72 or older), consider making a gift from your IRA. Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation - 804-622-5221 or mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org.

IMPORTANT: Please make your gift as soon as possible so you can ensure it is received by December 31st, 2021!



Second Collections for November:
November 1st—All Saints Day
November 2nd—All Souls Day
November 7th—Debt Reduction
November 28th—Christmas Flowers



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, Barbara Storen, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, Mike Walsh, Ralph Watermeier, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams

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.

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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.