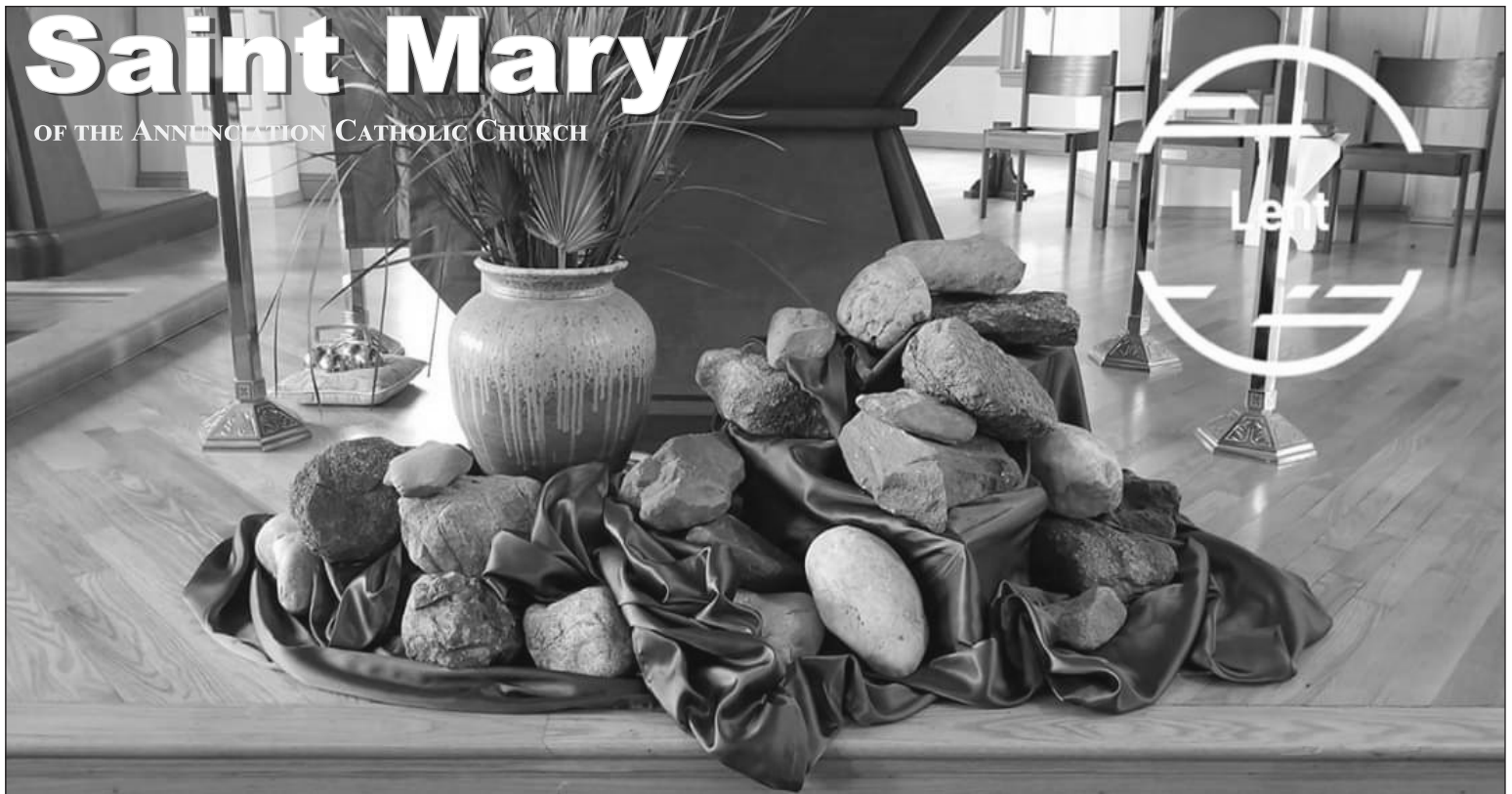


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+Hal Larsen requested by Anna Larsen Porter)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+James Fulcherino requested by Theresa Fulcherino)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

Lenten Shoe Drive for Ugandan Children



As another opportunity for almsgiving, St. Mary's is once again sponsoring a dress shoe drive for Ugandan children. New, black dress shoes for both boys and girls ages 4-13 can be donated throughout Lent by purchasing them and leaving them on the table in the Narthex under the digital message board.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, April 4, 2022	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, April 5, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, April 6, 2022	OFFICE CLOSED - NO ADORATION OR MASS
Thursday, April 7, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, April 8, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 9, 2022	3:00 - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (+EMT Justin Lee Howard requested by Michael and Loretta Brindock)
Sunday, April 10, 2022 - PALM SUNDAY	8:30 AM Mass (+Mary Lou O'Leary requested by Colleen O'Leary); 9:45 AM - Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall); 9:45 AM - Religious Education (Parish Hall and Conference Rooms); 11:00 AM Mass (People of the Parish)

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

4 APRIL 2022 - MONDAY : **Daniel 13:** 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or **Daniel 13::** 41c-62; **Psalms 23:** 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; **John 8:** 12-20

5 APRIL 2022 - TUESDAY : **Numbers 21:** 4-9; **Psalms 102:** 2-3, 16-18, 19-21; **John 8:** 21-30

6 APRIL 2022 - WEDNESDAY : **Daniel 3:** 14-20, 91-92, 95; **Daniel 3:** 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; **John 8:** 31-42

7 APRIL 2022 - THURSDAY : **Genesis 17:** 3-9; **Psalms 105:** 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; **John 8:** 51-59

8 APRIL 2022 – FRIDAY : **Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)**
Jeremiah 20: 10-13; **Psalms 18:** 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; **John 10:** 31-42

9 APRIL 2022—SATURDAY : **Ezekiel 37:** 21-28; **Jeremiah 31:** 10, 11-12, 13; **John 11:** 45-56

10 APRIL 2022 - SUNDAY : **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
Procession: **Luke 19:** 28-40; **Isaiah 50:** 4-7; **Psalms 22:** 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; **Philippians 2:**6-11; **Luke 22:** 14 - 23: 56

Saint Mary's Weekly Donation Report: Don't Forget About Online Giving!

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarycc/funds>



Saint Mary of the Annunciation Weekly Offertory Summary		
Feb 20 to Feb 26		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,598	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,958	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,556	\$ 155,276
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 155,750
Over/Under	\$ (895)	\$ (474)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That our Easter celebration will help us to become more grateful and willing to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth.

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.



WELCOME BACK FATHER MUDDU

With Father Muddu's return, we will be changing our Liturgy schedule.



Starting Tuesday, April 5th, there will be Adoration at 9:00 AM and Mass at 10:00 AM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (**except for Wednesday, April 6th - the office will be closed**)

Reconciliation will be from 4:00—4:50 PM on Saturdays (**except for April 9th which will start at 3:00 PM**)

We will have a CHILDREN'S MASS on the 4th Sunday of every month at the 11:00 AM Mass only. The children will be doing the readings and ushering. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, April 24th.

EXPANDED HOURS FOR RECONCILIATION

Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from **3:00 PM to 4:45 PM** in our church on **April 9th**



Reconciliation is also available by appointment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. Donations of candy are needed - there is a bin in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Valerie Sparks, 804-572-1768.



*****ATTENTION*****



Ladysmith road east of the church will be closed from South River road to Scotts Lane from April 5th through the end of May. If you are coming from Bowling Green, you will have to find an alternative route.



Have you ever wanted to live more liturgically but not known how? We want to help all families by providing these discussions on liturgical living during Lent to be a resource for the

Domestic Church—the home. We pray that these discussions bless you and your family.
<https://watch.formed.org/living-lent-as-a-family>



Catholic Community Foundation

of the Diocese of Richmond

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Jesus doesn't just save us from death—he calls us to new life. We see this clearly in today's Gospel, when he not only intervenes to save the life of the woman caught in adultery, but also invites her to a life free of sin and lived for God. Life in

Christ, then, isn't primarily about avoiding bad things. It really is an invitation to live a life of abundance by embracing what is good. It's more of a positive proposal for our lives, less of a list of "do not's."

Lent is a time of embracing this invitation to fullness of life by engaging in practices that free us from self-reliance and attachment to sin. Prayer helps us to depend upon God more fully. Penance helps us to loosen the hold of things and habits that can compromise our freedom. And almsgiving frees us from self-preoccupation by taking on the needs of another.

How are you doing in each of these areas? If you're looking for an opportunity to engage in almsgiving, please consider supporting our Annual Diocesan Appeal. You'll not only be contributing to our very real needs—you'll also be enabling us to continue Christ's work of inviting others into the fullness of life he offers.

Lenten Schedule

- Saturday, April 9th
3:00 - 4:45 PM—Confessions
- Sunday, April 10th—Palm Sunday
Regular Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday
- Thursday April 14th—Holy Thursday
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00 PM to Midnight - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Friday, April 15th-Good Friday
Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence
2:15 PM Stations of the Cross (outside-weather permitting)
3:00 PM Passion of the Lord
- Saturday, April 16th—Holy Saturday
7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass
- Sunday, April 17th—Easter Sunday
8:30 AM Resurrection of the Lord
11:00 AM Resurrection of the Lord
- Every Friday, March 4th– Friday April 8th
Obligatory day of abstinence
6:00 PM Meatless Soup Supper in Church Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross



THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6th.

NO ADORATION OR MASS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6th.



Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays throughout Lent starting on 3/4/22. Soup is at 6:00 PM; Stations of the Cross start at 7:00 PM. Join us as we retrace the final journey of Christ to Calvary. Sign up sheets for soup and bread are in the Narthex. For questions, call Valerie Sparks at 804-572-1768.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)
The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.



RETURN OF ALTAR SERVERS

We are planning on reintroducing the Altar Server Ministry beginning with limited servers during Holy Week. Following Easter we will be retraining servers who have previously served. In addition we will be recruiting new servers. More information to come. If any questions contact Deacon Frank Leaming at flnleaming@aol.com or call 804-761-5714.

Community/Diocesan Events

Knights of Columbus Scholarships!

Your Knights of Columbus council is now accepting applications for the Virgil S. Hicks Memorial Scholarship. Here are the guidelines:

Any St. Ann's or St. Mary's parishioner and their dependents are eligible.

The award winner may attend a:

Catholic high school, or any college or university.

The criteria for determining awards will include:

- a completed application form
- academic record
- assessment of character based on the letter(s) of recommendation
- a service-oriented work ethic Virgil Hicks would be proud of

An essay of 500 words maximum on the subject "How I have put my Catholic faith into action during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Applications are due by **April 30, 2022**.

Award announcements will be made the end of June 2022.

Notification of awards will be made by letter to the recipients.

The disbursement of the award funds shall be by check to the recipient.

To receive an application please email: Tres Bradshaw at tbshaw01@hotmail.com

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.



Pray for the Sick of our Parish



Marge Barnes, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Maria Bridge, Alvin Calhoun, Barry Carrington, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Michael Fisher, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Rodney Ketterman, Maureen Ketrick, Gerry Lesko, Barbara Litten, Carly Max, Bette Moore, Peggy Opel, Carlos Ortiz, Bella Paradis, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Makayla Prevost, Mary Rudy, John Signor, William Simulcik, Laurie Snowman, John Speck, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, 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

CAMPUS FOR LIFE: Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School cordially invites YOU to our "Hope for the Future Capital" Campaign reception on Tuesday, April 12 from 6:00-7:30pm. Learn about our planned 26 acre campus with an expanded school, new chapel, library, and athletic center. We're building the next generation of Pro-Life Warriors! Learn more at www.campusforlife.org



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Cemetery Inquiries, *Gloria Bolecek*.....804-633-4320

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.

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