

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, February 21, 2022	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	NO ADORATION OR MASS
Thursday, February 24, 2022	NO ADORATION OR MASS ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, February 25, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, February 26, 2022	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, February 27, 2022	8:30 AM Mass ; 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

21 FEBRUARY 2022 - MONDAY : **James 3:** 13-18; **Psalms 19:** 8, 9, 10, 15; **Mark 9:** 14-29

22 FEBRUARY 2022 - TUESDAY : **CHAIR OF PETER, APOSTLE FEAST**
First Peter 5: 1-4; **Psalms 23:** 1-3a, 4, 5, 6; **Matthew 16:** 13-19

23 FEBRUARY 2022 - WEDNESDAY : **James 4:** 13-17; **Psalms 49:** 2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11; **Mark 9:** 38-40

24 FEBRUARY 2022 - THURSDAY : **James 5:** 1-6; **Psalms 49:** 14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17- 18, 19-20; **Mark 9:** 41-50

25 FEBRUARY 2022 - FRIDAY : **James 5:** 9-12; **Psalms 103:** 1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; **Mark 10:** 1-12

26 FEBRUARY 2022 - SATURDAY : **James 5:** 13-20; **Psalms 141:** 1-2, 3 and 8; **Mark 10:** 13-16

27 FEBRUARY 2022 - SUNDAY : **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Sirach 27: 4-7; **Psalms 92:** 2-3, 13-14, 15-16; **First Corinthians 15:** 54-58; **Luke 6:** 39-45

Saint Mary's Weekly Donation Report:

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Jan 9 to Jan 15		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,514	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,983	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,497	\$ 127,644
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 129,050
Over/Under	\$ 47	\$ (1,406)

Don't Forget About Online Giving!



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



“What is love?” That phrase isn’t just the opening to an early ‘90s Eurodance song. It’s a question that the human heart has asked throughout history. Is it a feeling? A bond experienced between family and friends and romantic partners?

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives us the unique, Christian answer: love gives without counting the cost. It seeks the good of the other without looking for repayment in return. This is the kind of love that Jesus encourages His disciples to have, “for the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

We’re called to love like this in all our relationships. With our spouse, our children, our coworkers, and with others in our community. If you’re looking for another concrete way to love—to give without counting the cost—consider contributing to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Reread today’s Gospel and see where the Lord leads you.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we practice mercy and compassion more frequently and pray for those that annoy us.

VOCATIONS

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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 fnleaming@aol.com or call 804-761-5714.



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>



Please bring your palms from last year to the church no later than February 27. These will be burned after the 11:00 am Mass.



Ashes for the Homebound. On Ash Wednesday we are planning to take ashes to the sick and homebound. If you, a family member, or fellow parishioner would like to receive ashes, please contact Deacon Frank at fnleaming@aol.com or 804-761-5714.



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.

Congratulations to our 2022 Polar Bear Plungers!



And a Special Thanks to all who supported the Food Pantry and Homeless Program by donating to the plungers!

Travis Bingaman	Sarah Kirtley
Sarah LaMontagne	Thomas Biddulph
Michelle Moore	Tracey Petri
Butler Frank	Jack Frank
	Robert Bingaman

Congratulations to our plungers and thanks to all who contributed.

We raised a total of \$8,813 in this year's Polar Bear Plunge!!

Looking forward to what we can do next year.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Lent is Almost Here!

Groups are coming together for Adult Formation meetings starting around the beginning of Lent. The sessions are between 4 and 8 weeks in length. We are holding in person events and plans are coming together for virtual sessions as well. Let's work together to grow our faith community. Contact Pat Brim (pbrim@gmail.com) or Deacon Frank (fnleaming@aol.com).

Did you know that after conception:

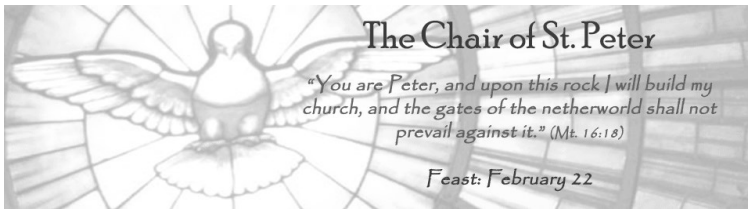
- 18 days a baby's heart begins to beat
- 43 days brain coordinates movement
- 7 weeks a baby can hiccup
- 8 weeks organs can function
- 9 weeks has permanent, individual fingerprints
- 10 weeks can feel pain
- 12 weeks a baby can smile, suck their thumb and make a fist



Over 2 million couples wait to adopt – including children of all races & those with special needs
 Any textbook will confirm what every doctor knows:
LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION
PROLIFE ACROSS AMERICA
 Minneapolis, MN

Community/Diocesan Events

SMHS: Early enrollment discounts for the 2022-2023 school year are available through March 1 at Saint Michael, the only fully accredited and diocesan approved Catholic High School in the Fredericksburg region. For 16 years, we've provided quality, college prep, Catholic education. Visit us or take a virtual tour today! 540.548.8748 // www.saintmichaelhs.org



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.



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, 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, Gerri 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



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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.