

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+Don Shaneor requested by Chris & Mike Nowark)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, February 28, 2022	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE ; 11:00 AM—Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 2, 2022	10:00 AM - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM - Blessing of Ashes and Liturgy of the Word
Thursday, March 3, 2022	NO ADORATION OR MASS ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 4, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:30 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 5, 2022	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (<i>Angelica Demick requested by John and Holly Speck</i>)
Sunday, March 6, 2022	8:30 AM Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) ; 9:45 AM - Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall); 9:45 AM - Religious Education (Parish Hall and Conference Rooms); 11:00 AM Mass (<i>+Louise Fedder Whitfield requested by Betsy and Pepper Tingler</i>)

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

28 FEBRUARY 2022 - MONDAY : **First Peter 1:** 3-9; **Psalms 111:** 1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c; **Mark 10:** 17-27

1 MARCH 2022 - TUESDAY : **First Peter 1:** 10-16; **Psalms 98:** 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; **Mark 10:** 28-31

2 MARCH 2022 - WEDNESDAY : **ASH WEDNESDAY, Begin Lenten preparation for the Easter Triduum, NOT a holy day of obligation, Day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)**

Joel 2: 12-18; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; **Second Corinthians 5:**20 - 6:2; **Matthew 6:** 1-6, 16-18

3 MARCH 2022 - THURSDAY : **Deuteronomy 30:** 15-20; **Psalms 1:** 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; **Luke 9:** 22-25

4 MARCH 2022 - FRIDAY : **Friday after Ash Wednesday / Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)**
Isaiah 58: 1-9a; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; **Matthew 9:** 14-15

5 MARCH 2022 - SATURDAY : **Isaiah 58:** 9b-14; **Psalms 86:** 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; **Luke 5:** 27-32

6 MARCH 2022 - SUNDAY : **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10; **Psalms 91:** 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; **Romans 10:** 8-13; **Luke 4:** 1-13

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		
Jan 16 to Jan 22		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 671	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,105	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,776	\$ 130,420
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 133,500
Over/Under	\$ (1,675)	\$ (3,080)

VOCATIONS

"Therefore ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,"

Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord 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 use God's gifts in the way He intended to bear good fruit and for the glory of His name.



2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

How do we know someone loves us? Is it through the sweet words they say to us, the grand promises they make? While these things can be part of the equation, we come to learn that love can only prove itself through deeds. We know someone loves us not when they *say* they love us, but when they

show they love us—by prioritizing us, caring for us, and seeking our good, even when it might mean making a sacrifice.

If this applies to us determining if someone loves us, it can also help us reflect on whether we truly love others. Do the things we say we believe about love, giving generously, and serving others lead to concrete deeds in our lives—the “good fruit” Christ talks about in today’s Gospel—or do they tend to not translate into action?

It can be difficult to tell! But the Lord gives us opportunities to put love into action each and every day—in our family, our workplace, and our wider community. As a parish, we actually have one of those opportunities before us today: the chance to contribute to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. This is a concrete opportunity to not only give generously, but also to contribute to the “good fruit” that our diocese is producing today, sharing the love of the Lord with so many who desire to receive it. Ask the Lord to ask how he’s inviting you to put your love into action today.

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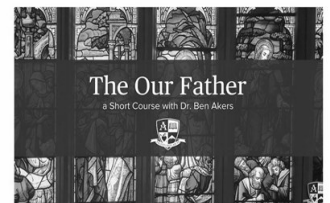
PICK OF THE WEEK

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LEARN

JESUS: THE MODEL AND MASTER OF PRAYER

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



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>



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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).



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 6:30 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.

Lenten Schedule

- Wednesday, March 2nd
Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence
10:00 AM Ash Wednesday Mass
7:00 PM Blessing of Ashes and Liturgy of the Word
- Monday, March 14th
7:00 PM Lenten Retreat
- Tuesday, March 15th
10:00 AM Lenten Retreat (same as Monday's)
- Wednesday, March 16th
7:00 PM St. Joseph Icon Service
- Thursday, March 24th
7:00 PM Reconciliation Service
- 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
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
6:30 PM Meatless Soup Supper in Church Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

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

Community/Diocesan Events

St. Joseph Icon Prayer Service

Your Knights of Columbus council is sponsoring a prayer service flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, to honor St. Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.

The prayer service will be held on March 16th at 7pm in the church. All are Welcome!



The St. Joseph icon that will be displayed is the latest icon to be a part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program.

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities to be featured in the program. The icons travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order.

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



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

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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.