

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME  
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
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VITANI

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 3, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**  
*(Ethan Demick requested by John and Holly Speck)*  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**  
**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**  
*(People of the Parish)*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, July 4, 2022	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 🎆 HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY 🎆
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, July 6, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b>
Thursday, July 7, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, July 8, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, July 9, 2022	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b> (+ Joseph Ho Phan requested by John and Holly Speck)
Sunday, July 10, 2022	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> (+Paul Duc Nguyen requested by John and Holly Speck); <b>11:00 AM Mass</b> (People of the Parish)

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

4 JULY 2022 - MONDAY : **HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY**

Hosea 2: 16, 17c-18, 21-22; Psalms 145: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 9: 18-26

5 JULY 2022 - TUESDAY : Hosea 8: 4-7, 11-13; Psalms 115: 3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Matthew 9: 32-38

6 JULY 2022 - WEDNESDAY : Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12; Psalms 105: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 10: 1-7

7 JULY 2022 - THURSDAY : Hosea 11: 1-4, 8c-9; Psalms 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16; Matthew 10: 7-15

8 JULY 2022 - FRIDAY : Hosea 14: 2-10; Psalms 51: 3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Matthew 10: 16-23

9 JULY 2022 - SATURDAY : Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalms 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Matthew 10: 24-33

10 JULY 2022 - SUNDAY FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14; Psalms 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Colossians 1: 15-20; Luke 10: 25-37

### Saint Mary's Weekly Donation Report:

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Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
June 5 to June 11		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,147	
On Line Giving	\$ 3,704	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,851	\$ 224,315
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 222,500
Over/Under	\$ 401	\$ 1,815



### 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.



### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

July 3—Debt Reduction

July 17—Haiti Education Support Team

July 24—Repair and Maintenance



### Pray for the Sick of our Parish



*Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Barry Carrington, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Michael Fisher, Jessica French, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Rodney Ketterman, Tony Ketrick, Gerry Lesko, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Carly Max, Bette Moore, Peggy Opel, Carlos Ortiz, Bella Paradis, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Makayla Prevost, Mary Rudy, Christina Russell, Victoria Russell, 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*

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](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). Thank you. God Bless*



# Catholic Diocese of Richmond

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For Immediate Release: June 24, 2022

## **Bishop Knestout Statement Following U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization**

(RICHMOND, Va.) – The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout released the following statement today, June 24, after the United States Supreme Court issued a final ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization:

"Today, I am gratified that our nation's highest court has overturned the fundamentally unjust Roe v. Wade decision and restored to states the ability to protect the dignity and rights of the human person from the moment of conception. Every life – both mother and children – is sacred and immeasurably loved and valued by God. I pray that throughout our nation – including here in Virginia – lawmakers will open their hearts to the opportunities before them to protect unborn children, support women in crisis pregnancies and promote life-affirming alternatives to abortion.

"Our local Church works to support and walk with women and couples who find themselves in unexpected or stressful pregnancies. As followers of Christ, we must walk with them during these challenging times.

"Throughout the year, many of our parishes and Catholic institutions faithfully are the hands and feet of Christ by providing support so women can be assisted, comforted and strengthened to transform their lives in order to give their baby life. I am deeply grateful for the work of [Commonwealth Catholic Charities' Seton Housing Program](#) – a new initiative, nearly a year old, which provides a whole life care for mother and baby. In the eastern part of our state, [Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia](#) served and empowered more than 350 mothers through its Pregnancy Support Program. Portsmouth-based [Hope4Life](#) dedicates itself to supporting moms with unplanned pregnancies and being a critical intervention to women when they are most in need. This non-profit is supported by many of our Catholic parishes and faithful. Resources are also found through [Williamsburg House of Mercy](#) – an extension of St. Bede Catholic Church, [Mary's Choice RVA](#), the East End Pregnancy Center as well as the pregnancy resource centers in Richmond and Roanoke supported by the Knights of Columbus.

"For decades, the faithful who have vocalized and promoted the sanctity of life have felt like "the voice crying out in the wilderness" – the words the prophet Isaiah uses to describe the role of John the Baptist in proclaiming the coming of Christ. There have been many courageous, devoted and faith-filled individuals and families who have embraced this teaching. I am thankful for the faithful who use their voice to advocate for the unborn and for the sanctity of all life. This goal must be pursued with firmness and respect. We should not mistake politeness or civility for faintheartedness. Respect and charity are the Christian manner of stating one's case, listening to what others say and responding. If we are to have any success in promoting pro-life concerns, we must commit to engaging in charitable dialogue.

"While today's decision brings much hope, tragically some will continue and even intensify their advocacy of abortion. I offer my prayers for the vitally needed conversion of minds and hearts and steadfastly ask the Holy Spirit to keep all safe during this time. With prayer and perseverance may we find the peace and abundant life that Christ offers."

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# Community/Diocesan Events



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June 17, 2022

To all Priests and Deacons in  
The Diocese of Richmond

Dear Brothers,

You've seen, no doubt, the recent release of a document drafted by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life entitled "Catechumenal Itineraries for Married Life". At present, it exists only in Italian and Spanish versions, and I'd anticipate it will take a while for the suggested curricula to make their ways into catechetical materials. Nonetheless, appropriate formation for marriage is a subject the Holy Father raised in *Amoris Laetitia*. While the new document awaits an English translation, some of its details expand directions already present in canon 1063 of the *Code*. You can read this for yourselves, but it boils down to this: marriage preparation needs to be more than a purely perfunctory meeting to "do the paperwork" or "watch the videos".

I acknowledge that, more often than not, you are apprised of upcoming nuptials long after the venue has been chosen, the food preordered, and the seeds for the flowers planted awaiting timely harvest. One can feel only slighter better than Parson Brown in the song "Winter Wonderland". It's little wonder, then, that some couples, approaching the Church with wedding plans, can receive a chilly reception, particularly when they announce their wedding *will be* at Hotel X, Winery Y, or State Park Z. It's assumed that any venue is okay! As you're aware, the pastor of the Catholic party (or parties) can give permission for this (*Cf. Priests' Handbook* [Sept. 2021], p. 16), but it can leave a pastor in an uncomfortable spot if he believes that the letter of canon 1118 §1 should be strictly observed. No one wants to be the bad guy!

In interpreting and applying §2 of that same canon, Bishop Knestout has allowed a certain latitude, particularly in COVID times. The only requirement for the "suitable place" is that consent be exchanged in or under some permanent structure in a non-sordid locale; also, a nuptial Mass is not allowed in a place that's not a church. We'd rather see the parties wed according to form, preserving an obvious link to the holiness of marriage; however, not a few of you have told me that often the celebration has begun *before* the exchange of consent in the non-church sites. At that point, dignity has departed. What to do?

This letter is not meant to infringe on a pastor's prerogatives. I merely wish to reassert the expectation of the Diocese: the wedding of two Catholics, or even a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic, should (not "must") transpire in the places indicated in canon 1118 §1: the parish church, or another church or oratory. Perhaps this would be an opportunity for some brief catechesis on your parish's website or in the parish bulletin in which one would explain these stipulated venues provide a visible reminder that Marriage is God's gift noted in Genesis, a blessing brought about and sustained by the mercy of God, and bound to our conviction that marriage can be a means toward salvation not only for the parties and their children, but a sign to the Church and world of Christ's abiding love (*Viz.* Eph. 5:32). As always, dispensations from the form of marriage (c. 1108) remain with the Ordinary, etc.

As we await further developments of the "Itineraries", I wish you well in your work with the marrying and married.

  
Chancellor



My dear brothers and sisters,

Silence is a rarity in today's modern world. We often fill our days with conversations, activities, phone calls, music, video games, podcasts...but do we ever leave room in our days to sit in silence? Ironically, it is through silence that we hear God speak to us the loudest. And I want to create an opportunity here at St. Mary's for more parishioners to have a chance to experience God's voice through true, uninterrupted, silence. Beginning in the Fall, we will hold Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Friday nights for one hour starting at 7 p.m. We will also hold a teaching Adoration in August for those have never been to one, or for those who have attended but may not have understood what was happening. This is especially important for our young parishioners to attend as I hope to see all of us actively participating in Adoration on Friday nights. I encourage everyone to bring a friend or two with you to Adoration so that they too may have an opportunity to experience the peace and power of God's voice stirring within them through silent reverence and meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We will share more information as we get closer to August, but I want you to prayerfully consider making Friday night Adoration a part of your weekly routine.

After standing before our transfigured Lord, Peter declared, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." (Matt 17:4) Come join us this Fall. It is good for us to be here in reverent silence in front of our risen Lord.

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.

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