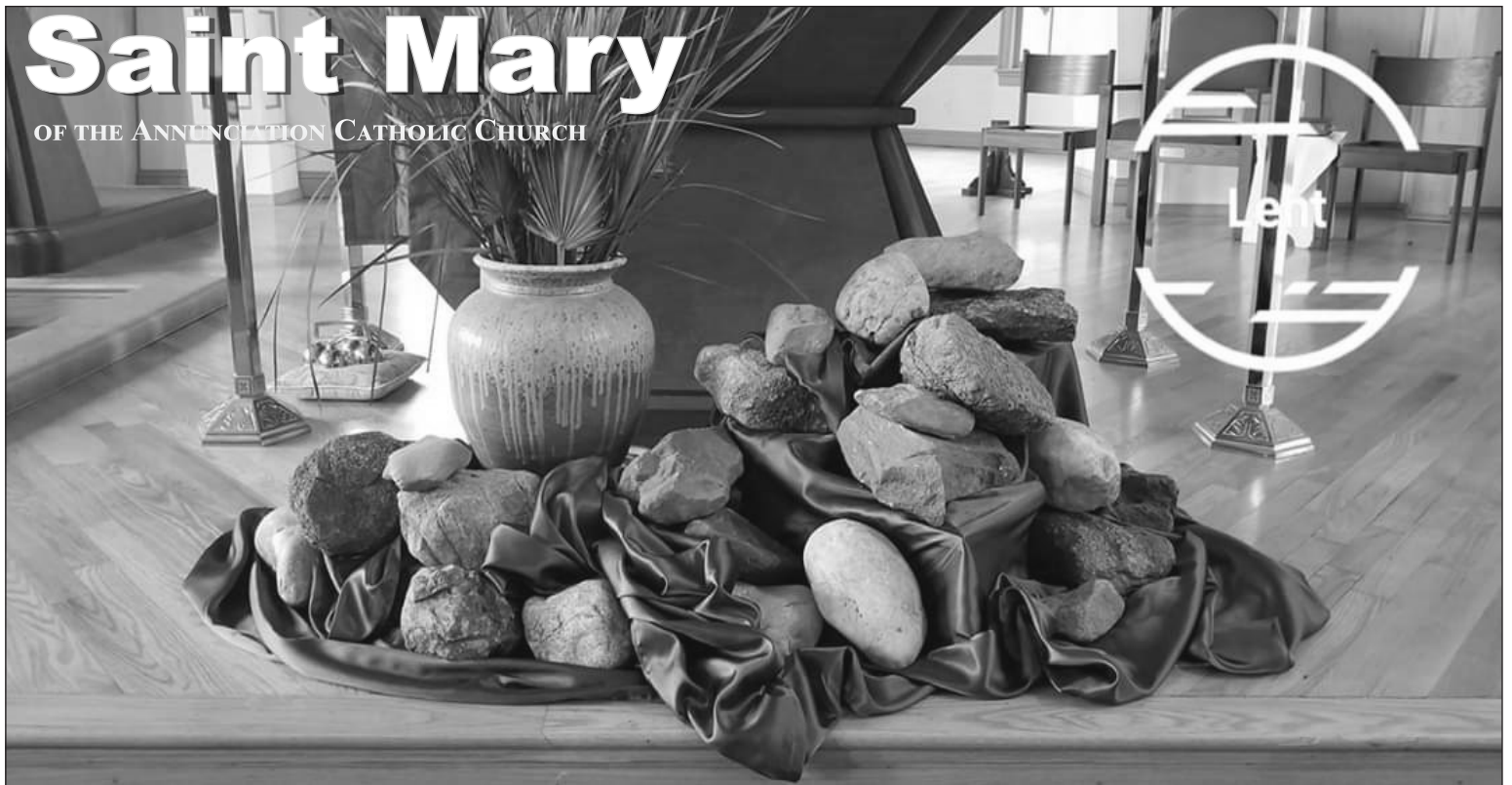


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+Linda Perry requested by Chris and Mike Nowark)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM


(+Vincent Ngoc Nguyen requested by John and Holly Specht)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 14, 2022	OFFICE CLOSED; 7:00 - 9:00 PM Lenten Retreat with Father Renninger
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM Mass followed by Lenten Retreat with Father Renninger <i>(repeat of Monday evening's Retreat)</i> ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 16, 2022	7:00 PM St. Joseph Icon Service
Thursday, March 17, 2022	HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY NO ADORATION OR MASS; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry 
Friday, March 18, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 19, 2022	3:15 PM 1st Reconciliation for 1st Communion Candidates; 4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, March 20, 2022	8:30 AM Mass <i>(+William Bolecek requested by Gloria Bolecek)</i> ; 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

14 MARCH 2022 - MONDAY : **Daniel 9:** 4b-10; **Psalms 79:** 8, 9, 11 and 13; **Luke 6:** 36-38

15 MARCH 2022 - TUESDAY : **Isaiah 1:** 10, 16-20; **Psalms 50:** 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; **Matthew 23:** 1-12

16 MARCH 2022 - WEDNESDAY : **Jeremiah 18:** 18-20; **Psalms 31:** 5-6, 14, 15-16; **Matthew 20:** 17-28

17 MARCH 2022 - THURSDAY : **St. Patrick, Bishop, Missionary**
Jeremiah 17: 5-10; **Psalms 1:** 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; **Luke 16:** 19-31

18 MARCH 2022 - FRIDAY : **Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)**
Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; **Psalms 105:** 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; **Matthew 21:** 33-43, 45-46

19 MARCH 2022 - SATURDAY : **JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY Solemnity**
Second Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; **Psalms 89:** 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; **Matthew 1:** 16, 18-21, 24 or **Luke 2:** 41-51a

20 MARCH 2022 - SUNDAY : **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Exodus 17: 3-7; **Psalms 95:** 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; **Romans 5:** 1-2, 5-8; **John 4:** 5-42

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 30 to Feb 5	YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,871	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,043	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,914	\$ 137,897
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 142,400
Over/Under	\$ (537)	\$ (4,503)
January Debt Reduction		\$ 4,143
Collection Total		

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we invest equally in our heavenly home as we do in our earthly home.

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.



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>



Join in the Fun on April 2nd!

It's once again time for outdoor contests and pizza! We have weed pulling and mulch moving contests, wheelbarrow races and more! The winners get free pizza! OK everyone gets free pizza and it's really not so much of a contest as cleaning stuff up, but doesn't it sound like fun to get out of the house into the fresh air and beautify the church for Easter!

Now that you are probably excited to jump in here are the details. We're meeting at the church at 8:30am for a brief prayer service and then we'll break into teams.

Outside we need people to cleanout and weed the flower beds with others that can haul away everything in wheelbarrows. When the cleanup is done, we'll be laying down some compost and then mulching. We'll also be doing work in the pavilion requiring the picnic tables to be moved for power washing. **Inside** we need people to polish the pews and do general cleanup in the Church and Narthex.

We'll be ordering pizza for the crew for lunch! Signups we'll be in the Narthex. You'll be able to let us know if you have wheelbarrows and various gardening tools when you sign up. Please consider helping. If you can you come by for a couple of hours or part of the day that's great – All Are Welcome!





BE RECONCILED TO GOD!

The Season of Lent is a traditional time when Catholics experience the Lord's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Here at Saint Mary of the Annunciation church, this Sacrament is available each Saturday from 4:10 PM to 4:45 PM. **On Thursday, March 24, we will gather in our church at 7:00 PM for a Lenten Reconciliation celebration.** We begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, and then three priests will be available for individual Confessions. Please join us during this holy season as we proclaim God's mercy!

Fasting... For Saint Francis Home

The COVID crisis has created specific challenges for Saint Francis Home. Supply chain issues and rampant grocery inflation have made it difficult for the Home to find adequate funding for the daily nutritional needs of their residents.

SO... we are asking each parishioner and family at Saint Mary of the Annunciation to follow the ancient practice of fasting during Lent. Spend less on yourself. Save some money. Set it aside.

And then... by Palm Sunday, Go to Walmart and purchase gift cards. Place them in an envelope, and write "Saint Francis Home" on the outside of the envelope. Place your envelope in the Sunday collection, or drop it off at the parish office.

On Holy Thursday, the day when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will deliver all of these gift cards to the staff at Saint Francis Home so that they can use YOUR gift cards to go to Walmart to purchase food items for the nourishment of their residents.

You can also give online at <https://saintfrancishome.org>
If you have any questions about this Lenten activity, please feel free to contact Fr. Michael Renninger at mrenninger@richmonddiocese.org



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.

Words of Love from Calvary:

A Parish Retreat for the Season of Lent

This Lent, Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church is pleased to welcome Fr. Michael Renninger who will lead a retreat focused on "The Seven Last Words of Jesus." As we ponder these *Words of Love from Calvary*, we will have the opportunity to understand what Jesus was trying to tell us in those crucial hours, allowing his final words to deepen our faith during this holy season of Lent. This retreat will be offered on **Monday evening, March 14, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** in our church.

The same program will be offered on **Tuesday, March 15 starting with Mass at 10:00 AM and concluding at noon.** Watch the bulletin and *flocknotes* for more information!

Lenten Schedule

- Monday, March 14th
7:00 PM Lenten Retreat
- Tuesday, March 15th
10:00 AM Mass followed by 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
6:00 PM Meatless Soup Supper in Church Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross



Food Pantry is in need of Cereal and Pancake Syrup



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, 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

VOCATIONS

"This is my beloved Son, hear him."

Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.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.