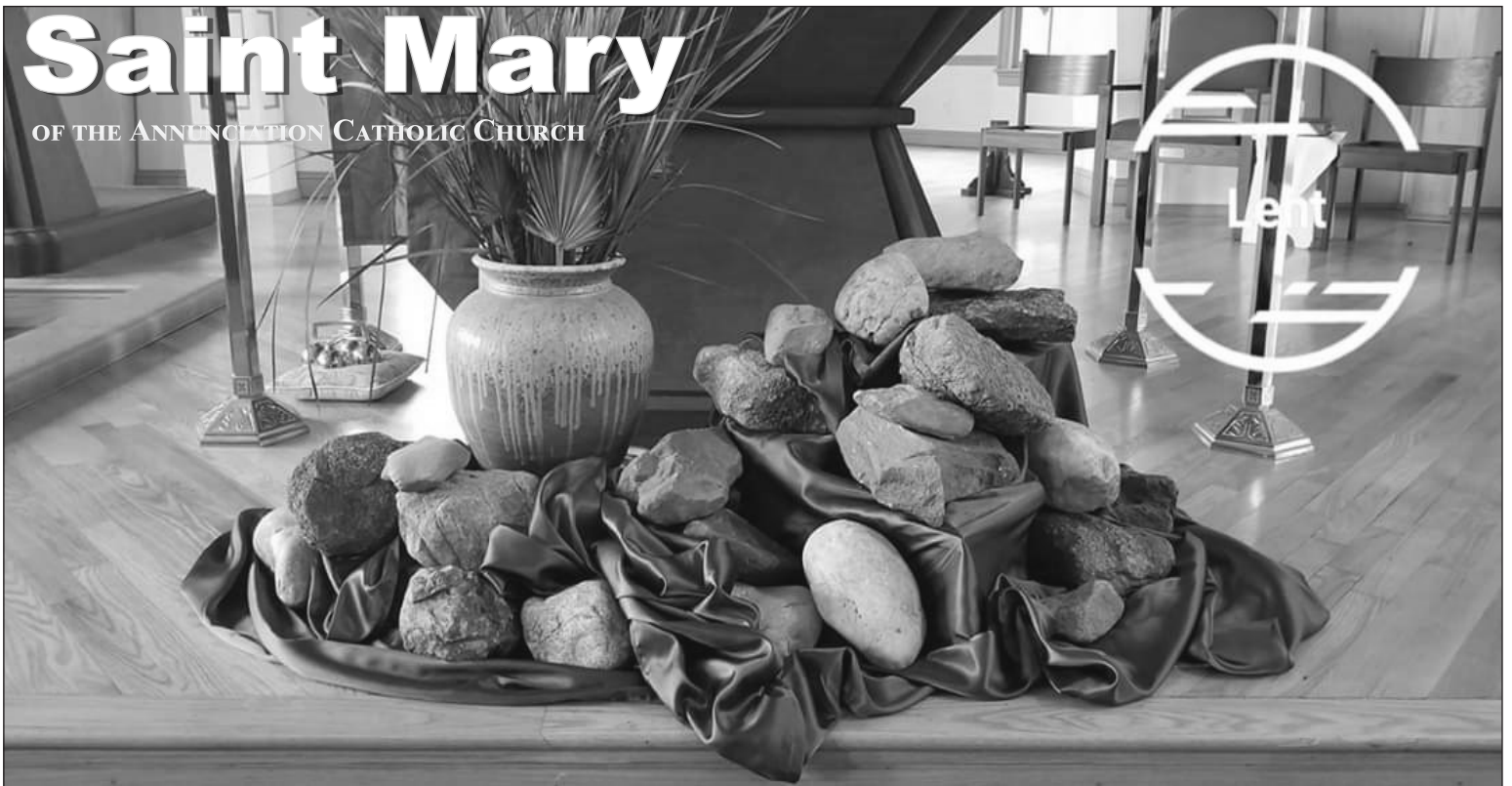


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+William Bolecek requested by Gloria Bolecek)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 21, 2022	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, March 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, March 23, 2022	NO ADORATION OR MASS
Thursday, March 24, 2022	NO ADORATION OR MASS; FOOD PANTRY CLOSED ; 7:00 PM Lenten Reconciliation Service
Friday, March 25, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 26, 2022	4:10 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (<i>Jessica Demick requested by John and Holly Specht</i>)
Sunday, March 27, 2022	8:30 AM Mass (<i>+Arlene Flower requested by Carolyn Clarke</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

21 MARCH 2022 - MONDAY : **Second Kings 5:** 1-15; **Psalms 42:** 2, 3; 43: 3, 4; **Luke 4:** 24-30

22 MARCH 2022 - TUESDAY : **Daniel 3:** 25, 34-43; **Psalms 25:** 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,8-9; **Matthew 18:** 21-35

23 MARCH 2022 - WEDNESDAY : **Deuteronomy 4:**1, 5-9; **Psalms 147:** 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; **Matthew 5:** 17-19

24 MARCH 2022 - THURSDAY : **Jeremiah 7:** 23-28; **Psalms 95:** 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; **Luke 11:** 14-23

25 MARCH 2022 - FRIDAY : **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Solemnity**
Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10; **Psalms 40:** 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; **Hebrews 10:** 4-10; **Luke 1:** 26-38

26 MARCH 2022 - SATURDAY : **Hosea 6:** 1-6; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; **Luke 18:** 9-14

27 MARCH 2022 - SUNDAY : **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12; **Psalms 34:** 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; **Second Corinthians 5:**17-21; **Luke 15:** 1-3,11-32

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 6 to Feb 12		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 6,972	
On Line Giving	\$ 3,195	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 10,167	\$ 148,063
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 146,850
Over/Under	\$ 5,717	\$ 1,213
January Debt Reduction		\$ 4,143
Collection Total		

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we are generous with all of our gifts and nurture and develop them to return with increase.

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.



Next week, our second collection will be for The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to this collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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 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!



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.

Food Pantry is in need of Cereal and Pancake Syrup

Lenten Schedule

- 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
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



WE RESPOND TO THE INVASION OF UKRAINE

In recent days many people have asked, "How is a Christian supposed to respond to the invasion of Ukraine?" In his Letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul says, "**Pray** about everything" (4:6). Each Tuesday during Lent, our parish hosts an hour of Eucharistic Adoration (9:00 AM) prior to our Communion Service (10:00 AM). During this hour of prayer, the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar. Parishes around the diocese are inviting parishioners to come to church during Lenten Adoration. Pray the Rosary, asking the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for peace. Spend time in silent prayer, asking God's blessing on our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Pray for all those who are seeking to aid refugees and suffering people. During this time of prayer, ask God to turn the hearts of world leaders toward God's ways of peace. We hope that you can join us on Tuesdays for this special time of **prayer**. How else are Christians called to respond to the events in Ukraine? Well, in Matthew's Gospel Jesus says, "**whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me**" (Mt. 25:40). Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are facing terror, violence and fear on a daily basis. They are hungry and thirsty. They are injured and in need of medical care. Many are fleeing to places like Poland to seek refuge from the violence of Russian troops. Whatever we do for these brothers and sisters, *we do for Christ*. In times like this, it can be hard to know which charities can be trusted to actually deliver help to the people who need it the most. If you feel inspired by the Holy Spirit to offer concrete assistance to those who are suffering due to this invasion, Fr. Renninger recommends a charitable organization called "**Aid to the Church in Need**." This charity was founded by a Catholic priest after the Second World War, with a focus on bringing direct aid to Christians living under Communist rule in Eastern Europe. Throughout the following decades, **Aid to the Church in Need** became a Papal Charity, and its works on behalf of Eastern European Christians have given it a presence in every area that is currently being impacted by the war. For more information about the work of **Aid to the Church in Need**, follow this link: <https://www.churchinneed.org/> Another outstanding charity which is already 'on the ground' in Ukraine and Poland is Catholic Relief Services. This international charity has an outstanding reputation for delivering direct care to people in need. Catholic Relief Services has very low administrative costs, so you can have confidence that almost every penny you donate will get to the people who are suffering to the most. For more information, go to : https://www.crs.org/?_ga=2.127456525.1491644453.1646700020-713198989.1646700020&_gac=1.24024776.1646700020.Cj0KCCQiA95aRBhCsARIsAC2xvfz_ZSU03b5aV61M2xuZM-C0CadLBqTnc_rBGpRucfn2r8pZCrL-E-4aAvNwEALw_wcB

As this crisis continues to unfold, we will provide further opportunities for our parish community to **pray** and to **serve**.

Mary, Queen of Peace... pray for us.

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, 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

"I AM sent me to you."

Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

PARISH OFFICE

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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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