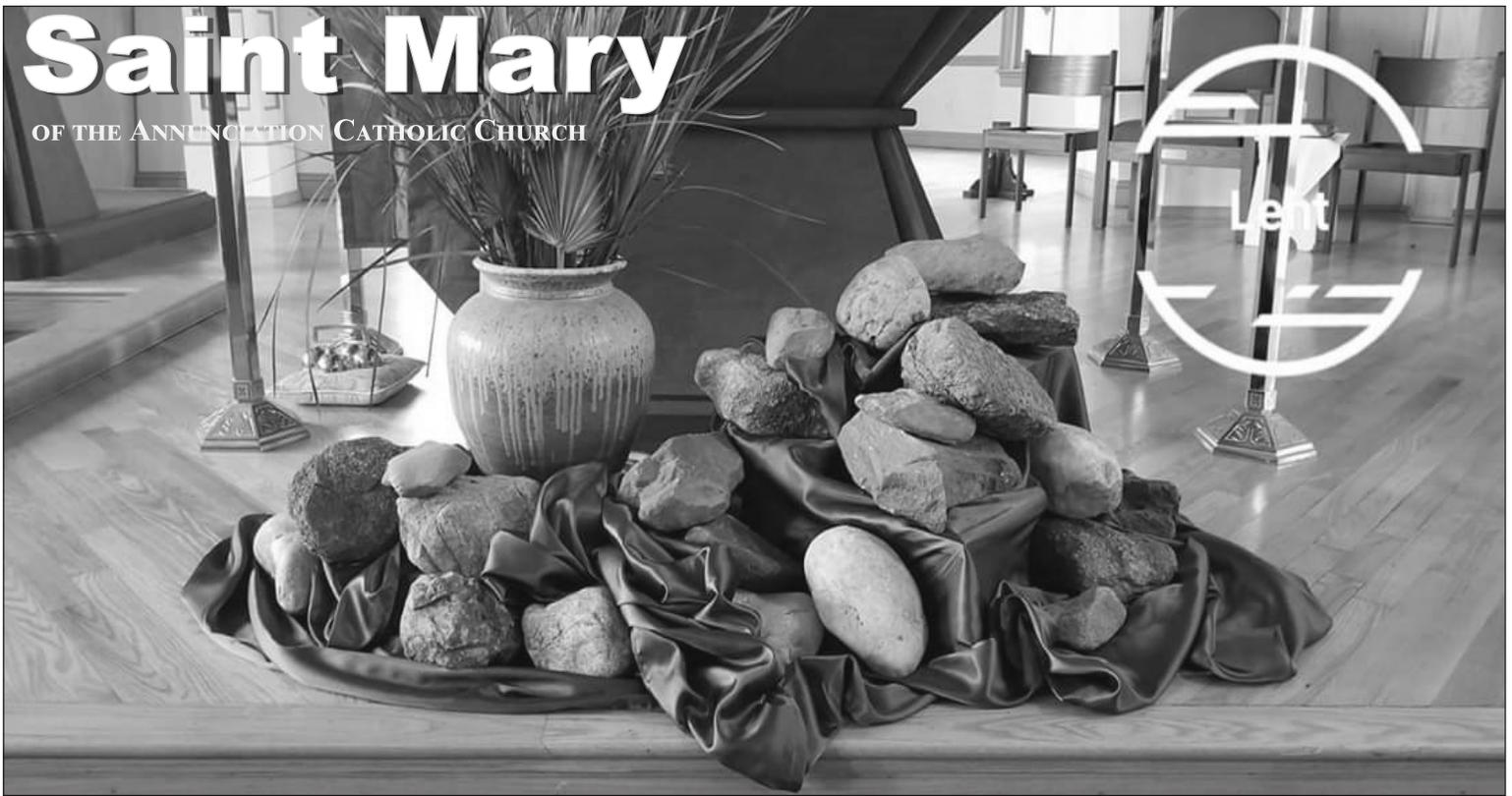


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(Jessica Demick requested by John and Holly Specht)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+Arlene Flower requested by Carolyn Clarke)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 28, 2022	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, March 29, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry; 7:00 PM Reconciliation Service at St. Ann's in Ashland
Wednesday, March 30, 2022	NO ADORATION OR MASS
Thursday, March 31, 2022	NO ADORATION OR MASS ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, April 1, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 2, 2022	3:00 - 4:50 PM Confessions ; 5:00 PM Mass (+Hal Larsen requested by Ann Larsen Porter)
Sunday, April 3, 2022	8:30 AM Mass (+James Fulcherino requested by Theresa Fulcherino); 9:45 AM - Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall); 9:45 AM - Religious Education (Parish Hall and Conference Rooms); 11:00 AM Mass (People of the Parish)

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

28 MARCH 2022 - MONDAY : **Isaiah 65:** 17-21; **Psalms 30:** 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; **John 4:** 43-54

29 MARCH 2022 - TUESDAY : **Ezekiel 47:** 1-9, 12; **Psalms 46:** 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; **John 5:** 1-16

30 MARCH 2022 - WEDNESDAY : **Isaiah 49:** 8-15; **Psalms 145:** 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; **John 5:** 17-30

31 MARCH 2022 - THURSDAY : **Exodus 32:** 7-14; **Psalms 106:** 19-20, 21-22, 23; **John 5:** 31-47

1 APRIL 2022 - FRIDAY : **Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)**
Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22; **Psalms 34:** 17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; **John 7:** 1-2, 10, 25-30

2 APRIL 2022 - SATURDAY : **Jeremiah 11:** 18-20; **Psalms 7:** 2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; **John 7:** 40-53

3 APRIL 2022 - SUNDAY : **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Ezekiel 37: 12-14; **Psalms 130:** 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; **Romans 8:** 8-11; **John 11:** 1-45

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 13 to Feb 19		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,595	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,063	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,658	\$ 151,721
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 151,300
Over/Under	\$ (793)	\$ 421

VOCATIONS

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord."

Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.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.



This weekend, 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. 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!





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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we trust that God will provide all that we need.



Have you ever wanted to live more liturgically but not know 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>



EXPANDED HOURS FOR CONFESSIONS

Our parish was not able to host the Communal Penance Service which had been scheduled for March 24. Due to illness, several of the priests who were scheduled to help us that evening were unavailable. Since we were not able to offer this opportunity for parishioners to go to Confession, we have expanded the hours when this Sacrament will be available on Saturdays. Please note that the Sacrament of Confession will be available from 3:00 PM to 4:45 PM in our church on April 2nd and April 9.

Please be aware that a communal Penance service will take place at St. Ann's parish in Ashland on March 29 at 7:00 PM



Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. Donations of candy are needed - there is a bin in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Valerie Sparks, 804-572-1768.



Lenten Schedule

- Tuesday, March 29th
7:00 PM Reconciliation Service at St. Ann's
- Saturday, April 2nd
3:00 - 4:45 PM—Confessions
- Saturday, April 9th
3:00 - 4:45 PM—Confessions
- 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



Food Pantry is in need of Cereal and Pancake Syrup



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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)
Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

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

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

CAMPUS FOR LIFE: Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School cordially invites YOU to our "Hope for the Future Capital" Campaign reception on Tuesday, April 12 from 6:00-7:30pm. Learn about our planned 26 acre campus with an expanded school, new chapel, library, and athletic center. We're building the next generation of Pro-Life Warriors! Learn more at www.campusforlife.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.