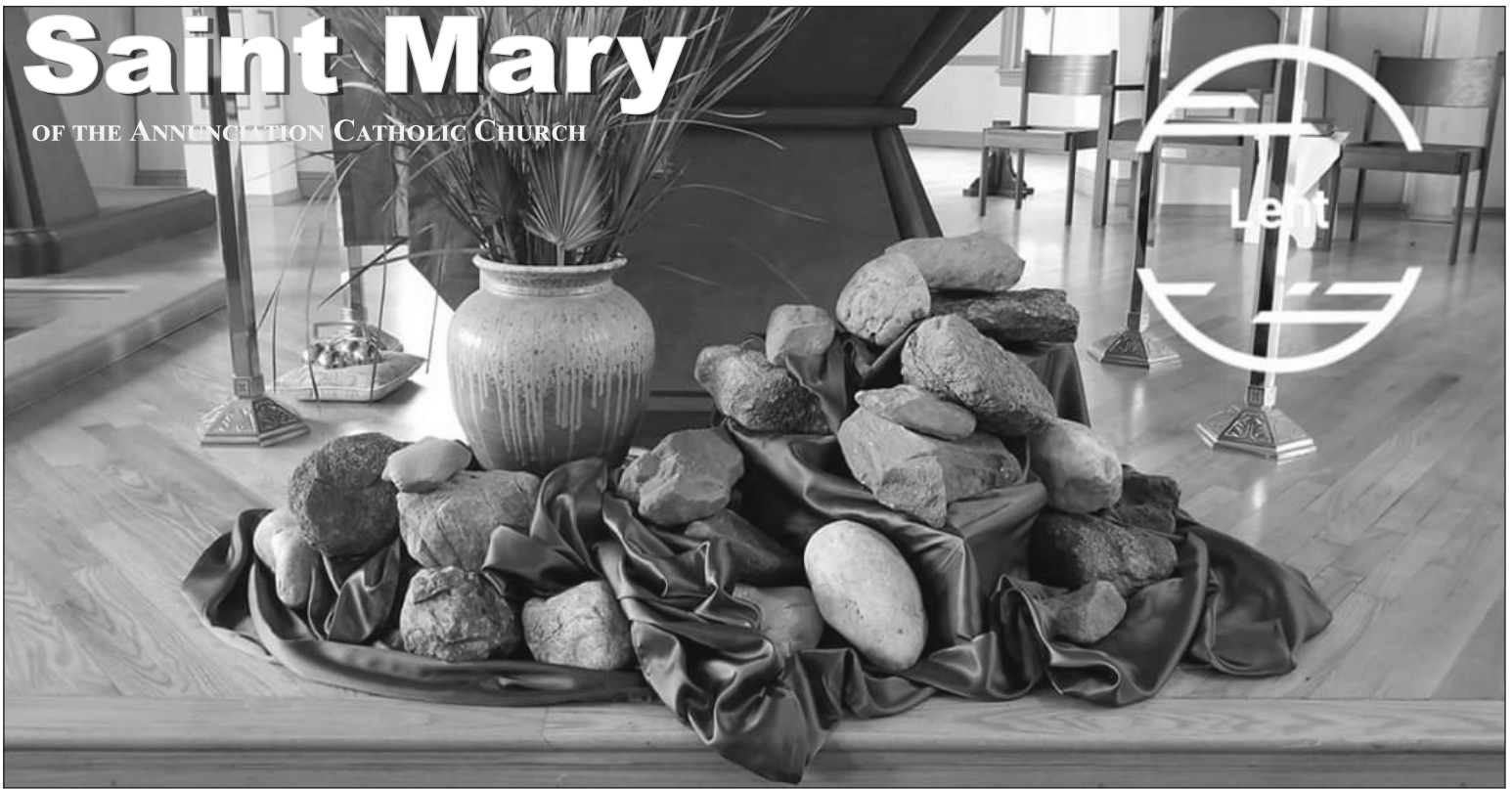


# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



**March 6, 2022**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**MASS**

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

*(Angelica Demick requested by John and Holly Speck)*

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

*(People of the Parish)*

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

*(+Louise Fedder Whitfield requested by Betsy & Pepper Tingler)*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 7, 2022	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE</b> ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 9, 2022	<b>NO ADORATION OR MASS</b>
Thursday, March 10, 2022	<b>NO ADORATION OR MASS</b> ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 11, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 12, 2022	4:10 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b> (+Linda Perry requested by Chris and Mike Newark)
Sunday, March 13, 2022	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> (+Vincent Ngoc Nguyen requested by John and Holly Specht) ; 9:45 AM - Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall); 9:45 AM - Religious Education (Parish Hall and Conference Rooms); <b>11:00 AM Mass</b> (People of the Parish)

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

7 MARCH 2022 - MONDAY: **Leviticus 19:** 1-2, 11-18; **Psalms 19:** 8, 9, 10, 15; **Matthew 25:** 31-46

8 MARCH 2022 - TUESDAY : **Isaiah 55:** 10-11; **Psalms 34:** 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; **Matthew 6:** 7-15

9 MARCH 2022 - WEDNESDAY : **Jonah 3:** 1-10; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 12-13, 18-19; **Luke 11:** 29-32

10 MARCH 2022 - THURSDAY : **Esther C:** 12, 14-16, 23-25; **Psalms 138:** 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; **Matthew 7:** 7-12

11 MARCH 2022 - FRIDAY : **Lenten Weekday, Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)**  
**Ezekiel 18:** 21-28; **Psalms 130:** 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; **Matthew 5:** 20-26

12 MARCH 2022 - SATURDAY : **Deuteronomy 26:** 16-19; **Psalms 119:** 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; **Matthew 5:** 43-48

13 MARCH 2022 - SUNDAY : **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Genesis 15:** 5-12, 17-18; **Psalms 27:** 1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; **Philippians 3:** 17 - 4: 1 or 3: 20 - 4: 1; **Luke 9:** 28b-36

### 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 23 to Jan 29		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,811	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,753	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,564	\$ 133,983
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 137,950
Over/Under	\$ (887)	\$ (3,967)

### Catholic Community Foundation

of the Diocese of Richmond

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

It can be easy to read today's Gospel primarily as an account of Jesus saying "no." No to the devil's temptations of earthly comfort, no to idols of power and glory, and no to arrogantly manipulating God's will.

But this Gospel passage is as much about what Jesus is saying "yes" to as it is what he's saying "no" to. Each denial of the devil is really a profound affirmation of Christ's identity as the Son of God. Jesus rejects these temptations, not because things like bread or even ruling are bad, but because they're being offered to him on the condition that He turns away from God the Father. In fact, Jesus's relationship with the Father is the source of his resistance to the devil's temptations. He isn't "going it alone." Instead, he's relying upon the strength of the Father to carry him through. It's relationship, not isolated "willpower," that is the source of His strength.

This is such an important lesson for us as we begin our Lenten season. Lenten disciplines are not about proving our "spiritual toughness." They're about abandoning ourselves more fully to the Father, so that we might not "live on bread alone." One way we do this during Lent is through the practice of *almsgiving*—giving to the poor or to some other worthy cause. One cause our parish is striving to support is the Annual Diocesan Appeal. At the beginning of this Lenten season, let's embrace almsgiving as an opportunity to say "yes" to the Father and our relationship with Him.



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.

### 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 [fnleaming@aol.com](mailto:fnleaming@aol.com) or call 804-761-5714.

**Words of Love from Calvary:**  
*A Parish Retreat for the Season of Lent*

“What was the last thing she said to you before she died?”  
 “What was the last thing he told before he passed away?”  
 We often treasure the last words that a loved one was able to speak to us prior to their death.

The Church, too, treasures the last words that Jesus spoke to us. According to the Gospel accounts, Jesus was able to speak seven times as he hung upon the Cross on Good Friday. Over the centuries, the Church developed a devotion to “The Seven Last Words of Christ,” giving us an opportunity to focus on the seven statements Jesus made as he died for us. You know many of these statements: “Father, forgive them. They know not what they do.” And “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

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 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!



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**

*“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

**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 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). Thank you.*

God Bless

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we give God the "first fruits" of our gifts – our first and best time in prayer, charitable works in ministry participation and financial support of our parish mission and community outreach.

### PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
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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.