

AM Mass (People of the Parish)

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

14 NOVEMBER 2022 - MONDAY : Revelation 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 18: 35-43

15 NOVEMBER 2022 - TUESDAY : Revelation 3: 1-6, 14-22; Psalms 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Luke 19: 1-10

16 NOVEMBER 2022 - WEDNESDAY : Revelation 4: 1-11; Psalms 150: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 19: 11-28

17 NOVEMBER 2022 - THURSDAY : Revelation 5: 1-10; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Luke 19: 41-44

18 NOVEMBER 2022 - FRIDAY : Revelation 10: 8-11; Psalms 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111,131; Luke 19: 45-48

Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Matthew 14: 22-33

19 NOVEMBER 2022 - SATURDAY : Revelation 11: 4-12; Psalms 144: 1, 2, 9-10; Luke 20: 27-40

20 NOVEMBER 2022 - SUNDAY : CHRIST THE KING Solemnity (Thirty-fourth and Last Sunday in Ordinary Time) Second Samuel 5: 1-3; Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Colossians 1: 12-20; Luke 23: 35-43



Weekly Offertory Summary				
Sept 25 to Oct 1		YTD		
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,077			
On Line Giving	\$ 1,513			
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,590	\$	70,077	
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$	66,750	
Over/Under	\$ (1,861)	\$	3,327	



OR

Second Collections for the month of November

November 13—Repair and Maintenance November 27—Christmas Flowers

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.





LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Advent begins the last Sunday in November. Be a part of the Advent Celebration by signing up to light Advent Candles at the beginning of Mass during Advent. Signup sheets are in the Narthex. You may call the office at 804-448-9064 or email office@saintmarycc.org to sign up.

SPECIAL MASS INTENTION



FOR THE PARISHONERS TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE PARISH IMPROVEMENTS.

Polar Bear



Plunge

We will be freezing for a reason! Our 7 brave plungers will be jumping into Lake Land'Or on February 4th to benefit our food pantry. Our goal is to exceed last year's donations of \$8,813. Please show your support and consider contributing at www.mightycause.com/saintmarypbp2023. Contact Kelly Kirtley at (804) 761-7533 /

kellyekirtley@gmail.com to participate or with questions.



Capital Campaign Prayer

Almighty God, we the community of St. Mary's give thanks to you for opportunities, past and present, to worship, study, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. We thank you for the gifts of faith and fellowship that we have experienced during our history.

As we come together to commit ourselves to your direction for our future, we lift our hearts in gratitude to you, O Lord, for all those who helped prepare the way for us – for their worship, devotion, service and care of this beloved Church and property. For these and all your blessings, we give you thanks.

We pray that your Holy Spirit will guide us now as we begin this campaign for the future of St. Mary's. Trusting in your love, help us to move forward with open and willing hearts so that we can continue to grow and serve you. Guide us, so that we may continue to meet new opportunities with courage, love, and steadfastness. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.



Angel Tree

We are working with Caroline County Public Schools to arrange families to put on the Angel Tree. We will be getting 10 families. We are planning on having the tree up by November 17th. We will have the tags on the tree by November 24th and the gift distribution will be on December 14th.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Advent is a traditional season when Catholics celebrate the Lord's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, our parish reconciliation service will take place on December 16 at 7:00 PM. We will begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, followed by the opportunity for individuals to go to Confession. Fr. Muddu will lead the service that evening, assisted by Fr. Gerald Musuubire. Confessions are also available each Saturday afternoon starting at 4:00 PM or by appointment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That the joy and peace we have in our lives may encourage others to grow in their faith.

VOCATIONS

"I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking."

Are you considering a call to proclaim the gospel as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



SANTA IS COMING! SAVE THE DATE!

DECEMBER 4TH after the 11:00 AM Mass until 1:30 PM Please join us for a visit with Santa! Pictures will be taken and a pancake breakfast will be served. There is no charge for this event but donations will be accepted and donated toward children's ministry.

Many hands make light work. If you would like to help prepare pancakes for this event please meet at the Kitchen at 11:00am December 4th. Donations of shake and pour pancake mix and shelf stable juice (apple, white grape, etc) would be appreciated and there will be a box in the Narthex to leave donations. Any left over donations will be gifted to the food pantry after the event. Thank you!!

Book of Remembrance

The Parish's Book will be available from All Saints Day through Thanksgiving. Just write down the names of your dearly departed, and they will be remembered at each Mass during the month.

Remember your All Souls Day envelopes so we can place them on the Altar to remember your loved ones at our Masses during this month.

For individual Mass Intentions, please contact the office.



We will continue to say the Spanish Rosary in between the 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Mass every Sunday.

Please join us as we gather around 9:45 AM in the church to recite the Rosary together.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

Community/Diocesan Events



PART TIME MUSIC MINISTRY/ ACCOMPANIST

We are seeking an ACCOMPANIST for Sunday morning Masses at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM, with one scheduled weekday rehearsal. Candidate will be comfortable on piano and organ, and will be versed in diverse musical repertory, rom chant to classical hymnody to gospel to contemporary. Familiarity with Catholic liturgy is a plus. Could evolve into a Music Minister / Choir Director / Accompanist position. Interested candidates should contact Fr. Alexander Muddu 804-448-9064 or <u>amuddu@richmonddiocese.org</u>.



Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School offers Shadow Days and tours for interested families. Early enrollment discount ends 12/31. Schedule your visit today! www.saintmichaelhs.org



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



Rosemary Baez, Estelle Bareford, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., 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, Laura Harris, The Jayger Family, Alice Karkutt, Rodney Ketterman, Tony Ketrick, Jenny Kolenda, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Carly Max, Bette Moore, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Makayla Prevost, Ritchie Rodebaugh, John Signor, William Simulcik, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, John Speck, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams, Judy Yanes

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.

PARISH OFFICE

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St. Mary of the Annunciation Capital Campaign Q&A's

Based on feedback and questions from the distributed parishioner surveys along with town hall questions, here are a list of questions and answers related to the capital campaign. The church councils, committees and ministries are hopeful that this will provide some additional clarity related to the campaign.

- 1. Regarding the construction of the new building, why can't it just be all religious education? The documented purpose of the Living Our Mission (LOM) campaign under the direction of Father Biber was to build a separate, stand-alone space for the food pantry, a nursery, and meeting space. Unless we completely exclude the LOM campaign money collected, that money must be used for the purpose stated in the original campaign.
- 2. Can we put the new building on the kitchen side of the church, in the courtyard or just build a second story onto our existing parish hall space? When reviewing the option of building on the kitchen side with the Diocese Building and Architecture Review Committee (BARC) committee, it was rejected. This is due to the fact that the only way to access the back of the Hall building or back of our property is along that side of the building. There were other logistical issues such as the potential loss of parking in the circle and having to move the Stations of the cross. Adding a floor to the Hall was also investigated including a review by the Architect that we hired to develop our plans. We started with a review of the current structure and blueprints. A couple of simple issues came up immediately: the limited options for a location for an elevator to meet accessibility requirements (the location of stairs was also challenging) and the pitch of the roof when building our classrooms. Based on the requirements of the Food Pantry it couldn't be located upstairs.
- **3. If we build a food pantry to USDA standards, does that make the building a government building and does it suddenly come under the control of government regulations?** The facility does need to comply with county and state regulations with regard to food preparation and storage. The church already is working closely with the county to comply with all existing regulations. The USDA approval simply provides money to offset the cost of food and does not suddenly make the building USDA or government property.
- 4. Does the price of the new building stated at the town hall include all water, electricity and excavation costs? Yes.
- **5. What if we don't agree with the items included in the capital campaign?** The initial case items were identified by parish leadership along with Fr. Alex. While project priorities and feedback from the parish surveys is still being reviewed and considered, eventually a decision will be finalized on which projects will be supported by the campaign. While some parishioners may not agree with the prioritization, the hope is that they would consider supporting the campaign to build a strong and more vibrant future for the parish. At the end of the day each individual or family is free to support the campaign or not. The parish will not force anyone to support the campaign and there will be no internal pressure to make families feel like they are obligated to do anything they do not want to do. We are asking families to make a decision of faith and to pray about how they could best support their parish.
- 6. What dollar threshold must we meet for each particular item in the campaign before work can begin on that project? We do not need to wait for a certain threshold or for the completion of the five years of the campaign before beginning the construction process. Tim, from Greater Mission, advises that the Parish Council and Finance Council discuss when they would like to proceed. Typically, parishes get short-term financing from the diocese or from a local bank. Since the parish has some funds already on hand, there is a possibility that we could begin the first phase of construction within the next 12 months. More communication would be provided if we chose this route.
- 7. What if we go over the amount requested? Greater Mission will ensure that a line is devoted to the campaign document stating that any funds raised above the campaign total will be allocated to the parishes general maintenance funds to be used for maintenance projects as determined by the parish.