

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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ALL ARE WELCOME  
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
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**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**  
*(+Anna Trinh Ho requested by John and Holly Speck)*

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**  
*(People of the Parish)*

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**  
*(+Daniel Maida requested by Patricia Maida)*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, November 7, 2022	8:00 AM CCM HOMESCHOOLERS; <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b>
Thursday, November 10, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, November 11, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, November 12, 2022	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b>
Sunday, November 13, 2022	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> (+George Speck requested by John and Holly Speck); <b>11:00 AM Mass</b> (People of the Parish)

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

7 NOVEMBER 2022 - MONDAY : Titus 1: 1-9; Psalms 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 17: 1-6

8 NOVEMBER 2022 - TUESDAY : Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14; Psalms 37: 3-4, 18 & 23, 27 & 29; Luke 17: 7-10

9 NOVEMBER 2022 - WEDNESDAY : Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 2: 13-22

10 NOVEMBER 2022 - THURSDAY : Philemon 1: 7-20; Psalms 146: 7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Luke 17: 20-25

11 NOVEMBER 2022 - FRIDAY : Second John 1: 4-9; Psalms 119: 1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Luke 17: 26-37

12 NOVEMBER 2022 - SATURDAY : Third John 1: 5-8; Psalms 112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 18: 1-8

13 NOVEMBER 2022 - SUNDAY : THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Malachi 3: 19-20a; Psalms 98: 5-6, 7-8, 9; Second Thessalonians 3: 7-12; Luke 21: 5-19

### Don't Forget About Online Giving!

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarycc/funds>



### Saint Mary of the Annunciation

#### Weekly Offertory Summary

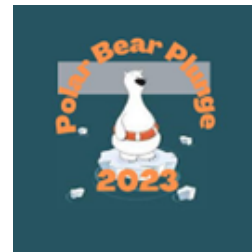
Sept 25 to Oct 1		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,077	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,513	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,590	\$ 70,077
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 66,750
Over/Under	\$ (1,861)	\$ 3,327

### 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. You may call the office at 804-448-9064 or email [office@saintmarycc.org](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org) to sign up.

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](http://www.mightycause.com/saintmarypbp2023).

Contact Kelly Kirtley at (804) 761-7533 / [kellykirtley@gmail.com](mailto:kellykirtley@gmail.com) to participate or with questions.



### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 6—ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES  
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.



### Knights of Columbus Veterans Pizza Night!

In recognition of your service, your Knights of Columbus Council would like to offer a free dinner to parishioners who are Veterans and their families on Veterans Day on November 11 at 6:00pm at St Ann's parish hall in Ashland. Pizza will be served along with beverages. Please sign up in the Narthex so a headcount can be determined.

**Thank you for your service to our nation!**

## THANKSGIVING MEAL BAGS

Please help the Food Pantry provide Thanksgiving meals to our Caroline County neighbors.

Bags are now available in the Narthex with shopping lists attached, along with the extra shopping lists that you can use with your own bags.

Items needed: Instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, canned gravy, bread/muffin mix, stuffing mix, canned yams, canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, etc.), canned cranberry sauce, and dessert mixes.

Any help will be much appreciated. Food can be left in the Narthex or brought to the Food Pantry on Tuesday or Thursday nights between 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Thank you and God bless!

**PLEASE RETURN ALL BAGS BY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**



## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That just as God shows mercy on us, we show mercy with each other.

## SPECIAL MASS INTENTION



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

## 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.*



## SANTA IS COMING! SAVE THE DATE!

**DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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!!

## VOCATIONS

*"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God."*

Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



Near death experiences, the loss of a loved one, other other out-of-body occurrences point toward the truth that we are meant to be born out of this world into a higher one, even though this transition is often a traumatic one. The reality that our mind wants not just particular truths, but the Truth Itself, indicates our orientation to God. We are our bodies, rooted in this world, but we are more than our bodies. This mysterious capacity within us the Church calls "the soul." And at the end of our earthly lives, the soul is breathed out, not into non-being, but into the hands of God.





# 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, from 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 [amuddu@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:amuddu@richmonddiocese.org).

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.” 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17*

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others.

As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others.

Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

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, 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](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). Thank you.*

God Bless

## PARISH OFFICE

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

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Knights of Columbus, *Ron Wisniewski*.....804-448-4348

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African American Cemetery Inquiries, *Joan Cormier*.....804-466-0458

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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# 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.