

Saint Mary



On June 12, 2022, I mentioned to the parish that church roof has failed according to the engineer and needed to be replaced. At the advice of the finance council the diocese was contacted after getting the necessary bids to take care of it. Hardesty roofing company embarked on replacing new shingles on the entire building which took about three weeks at a cost of \$95000 on loan.



OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
SUNDAY 11:00 AM
(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, September 5, 2022	OFFICE CLOSED *****HAPPY LABOR DAY*****
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, September 7, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS
Thursday, September 8, 2022	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00-7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, September 9, 2022	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, September 10, 2022	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass (+Anthony Hung Tam requested by John and Holly Speck)
Sunday, September 11, 2022	8:30 AM Mass; 11:00 AM Mass <i>(People of the Parish)</i>

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

5 SEPTEMBER 2022 - MONDAY : Labor Day

First Corinthians 5: 1-8; Psalms 5: 5-6, 7, 12; Luke 6: 6-11

6 SEPTEMBER 2022 - TUESDAY : First Corinthians 6: 1-11; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Luke 6: 12-19

7 SEPTEMBER 2022 - WEDNESDAY : First Corinthians 7: 25-31; Psalms 45: 11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Luke 6: 20-26

8 SEPTEMBER 2022 - THURSDAY : Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast

Micah 5: 1-4a or Romans 8: 28-30; Psalms 13: 6ab, 6c; Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23

9 SEPTEMBER 2022 - FRIDAY : First Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22b-27; Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5-6, 12; Luke 6: 39-42

10 SEPTEMBER 2022 - SATURDAY : First Corinthians 10: 14-22; Psalms 116: 12-13, 17-18; Luke 6: 43-49

11 SEPTEMBER 2022 - SUNDAY : TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; Psalms 51: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; First Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32

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		
Aug 7 to Aug 13	YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,319	
On Line Giving	\$ 3,355	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,674	\$ 41,460
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 35,600
Over/Under	\$ 224	\$ 5,860



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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts.

September 11th - Extra Collection for Religious Education!

The extra collection on Sept. 11th is to support our Religious Education program. While our families pay tuition yearly, the tuition collected only covers a portion of materials that are needed. Additional funds are needed (and used) to offset the cost of sacramental prep items and update/replace religious ed materials (such as broken or missing hands-on items). Please help our students by giving a little extra on September 11th and specifically noting your donation "For Religious Education".





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.



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4—REPAIR & MAINTENANCE
SEPTEMBER 11—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 25—RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

VOCATIONS

“Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

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

WE'RE HIRING!

Saint Mary of the Annunciation is seeking a Bookkeeper/Payroll/HR Administrator

The candidate will be familiar with bookkeeping and Payroll functions.

Qualifications:

Requirements include experience in bookkeeping using accounting software and experience managing online payroll. Working knowledge of contract negotiations and purchasing procedures is helpful. Abilities include strong interpersonal skills, project management skills, customer service orientation, computer proficiency in Microsoft Office software, strong time management and analytical skills, leadership skills, and detail orientation to projects and tasks.

A background check and completion of the Virtus Safe Environment online program is required.

This is a part-time hourly non-exempt position working approximately 10-14 hours per week.

Interested candidates should contact Fr. Alexander Muddu at amuddu@richmonddiocese.org for further information. A resume and completed Diocese of Richmond Employment Application will be required.

Greetings fellow parishioners!



We are excited to announce the return of our annual parish potluck picnic. This year's picnic will be on **Sunday, September 25** after the 11am mass.

Please stop by our table in the Narthex and sign up to bring your choice of food to share with the parish community including salad, side dish, or dessert. You can also choose to sign up to volunteer with set-up, service, and tear down.

We will have more details in upcoming bulletins or feel free to speak with parish council members, Jen Kost-Phillips or Jim Lepp, for additional information. Their contact information is on the digital bulletin board in the Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS. THEY ARE MUCH APPRECIATED. WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



PANCAKE MIX and INSTANT POTATOES



Pray for the Sick of our Parish



Rosemary Baez, Susan Bennett, Monica Bell, 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, The Harrison Family, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Frank Jirik, Rodney Ketterman, Tony Ketrick, Barbaram Litten, Dawn Long, Carly Max, Bette Moore, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Bella Paradis, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Makayla Prevost, Christina Russell, Victoria Russell, John Signor, William Simulcik, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, John Speck, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, Mike Walsh, 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.

God Bless

Community/Diocesan Events

A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day,
 we thank You for the blessing of work.
 We ask for strength to complete each day.
 We ask for rest when we are weary.
 We ask Your guidance
 for everyone seeking employment,
 and we ask that
 You be with those whose faces
 we might never see
 but who work tirelessly each day
 for the good of us all.
 Amen.

Blessings from Our Sunday Visitor www.osv.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.

HISTORIC CEMETERY IDENTIFIED

An historic cemetery has been identified on church property, located half way back on the west side. History tells us that this is an African American cemetery. The cemetery has not been cared for and requires considerable restoration.

A few parishioners have formed a committee to develop a plan to apply for a grant(s) to obtain funds to:
 create a walkway to the cemetery from the church
 restore and protect the cemetery
 do historical research on who is buried in the cemetery.

Funding for this project will be from grants and money specifically donated to this project. No church funds will be used. No funds donated for the upkeep to the two St. Mary cemeteries will be used for the historical cemetery on church grounds.

Until completion ONLY people involved with the project will be allowed to visit this cemetery. This is a long-term project that needs to be carried out in a systematic way.

If there are any parishioners who have any connections (including education) relating to cemeteries, historical properties, landscape architecture or historical architecture please let the office know.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.



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

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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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AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERY

Hello! My name is Anna Porter and I am on a committee to research, restore, preserve, and make accessible an historic African American cemetery that is in the woods on our church property. We have received full support and approval from the Diocese for this project, and they think it is a great tool to bring communities together, both within and outside of our parish. We are accepting donations and applying for grants which will be specifically earmarked for our cemetery project, the first being from Rappahannock Electric Cooperative's The Power of Change fund. ABSOLUTELY NO CHURCH FUNDS WHATSOEVER WILL EVER BE USED FOR THIS PROJECT.

We are receiving help and advice from an archaeologist who specializes in restoring African American cemeteries, as well as the cemetery restoration department of the University of Richmond.

We estimate this project to take between 2-3 years, due to its complexity and the amount of research and work involved.

We have recorded the cemetery with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, so it is officially an historic site!

This historic cemetery has many burials; we counted over 160 and is believed to be over 160 years old. At this time, access to the cemetery across our church grounds is unsafe because there is no path through the woods. Descendants have been accessing the cemetery through the property adjacent to us, but this is becoming difficult due to new vegetation growth. In addition, if the property next door ever changes hands, new owners might deny access. VA law requires us to allow access to the cemetery by descendants.

A cemetery is a sacred place and should be honored. In addition, our African American neighbors, who live all around our church, have ancestors buried here, and as Christians, we want them to feel welcome to visit. However, our project is about much more than just a path. Our purpose in life is to be the face of Jesus, and one way to do this is to reach across denomination and racial lines and welcome our neighbors. Our contact with the African American community, as we work together with them on this project, has been so positive. We will include the whole community with both research and ideas for the restoration, both for community and historical purposes. This community burial ground is an important historical and sacred site and should not be forgotten, and left to the ravages and destruction caused by time and nature.

Our 5-member committee began at the end of February and includes:

Gloria Bolecek

Joan Cormier

Jean Cuthbertson

Anna Porter

Ray Slaughter

and former member Paul Bottorff

However, this is a CHURCH project and anyone who wishes to be included, who wants to help with ideas, research, or labor is welcome to join us. We as a church family are proud to undertake this very sacred endeavor and it is a group effort. We want Saint Mary of the Annunciation to be a shining star in the community. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please reach out to one of the committee members.

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