

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



DIVINE MERCY Sunday



BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+EMT Justin Lee Howard
requested by Michael & Loretta Brindock)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(People of the Parish)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(+Camille DeVittorio requested by the DeVittorio Family)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, April 17	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, April 18	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, April 19	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS (+Duane Riden requested by Chris and Mike Nowark)
Thursday, April 20	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS (+Eugene Mimnaugh requested by Diane Dye); 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, April 21	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, April 22	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, April 23	8:30 AM MASS ; 9:30 AM - Religious Ed; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS (+Debbie Brooks requested by Chris & Mike Nowark)

Upcoming Parish News/Events



Thank you to everyone who has handed in their pledge to the capital campaign. We are few weeks away for our participation weekend. I would like to issue a challenge to the parish, we are currently at 46 gifts to the campaign and we have raised more than \$250,000, can we get another 30 gifts by April 15th? Please remember that you can always drop your pledge off in the parish office or you can use one of the two boxes in the entryway. If you would like to pick up a pledge form you can also get those in the parish office. Fr. Muddu

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

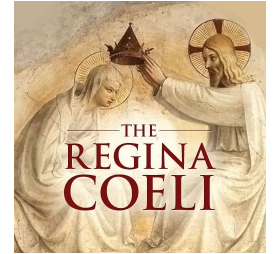
VOCATIONS

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Do you have an interest to share the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail:
vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

STARTING EASTER SUNDAY,
THE REGINA COELI WILL BE
RECITED NOT THE ANGELUS.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we help our parish create a welcoming environment where people feel included.

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Mar 26 to Apr 1		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 3,906	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,498	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 5,404	\$ 187,672
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 182,450
Over/Under	\$ 954	\$ 5,222

QR CODES

Capital Campaign



Online Giving



Parish Registration



2023 Annual Appeal



FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF
THE FOLLOWING:



INSTANT POTATOES
and
JELLY



Knights of Columbus Scholarships!

Knights of Columbus Council 7538 is now accepting applications for the Virgil S. Hicks, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. It may be used to attend a Catholic high school or any accredited college, university or school.

Applications are due May 15, 2023.

Application information and forms are available on the Knights of Columbus rack by entry to Parish Hall. Any questions, please contact Ron Wisniewski at 804-307-1615.



PRIZE BINGO IS BACK
Saturday April 29th

The games will start at 6:30 PM. Bingo Cards will be \$10/book and stampers will be sold. We are excited to bring back this fun activity. A casual dinner will be sold for \$5.00 and will include a hotdog, chips, beans and a drink. Desserts will also be available but have yet to be decided on at this time.

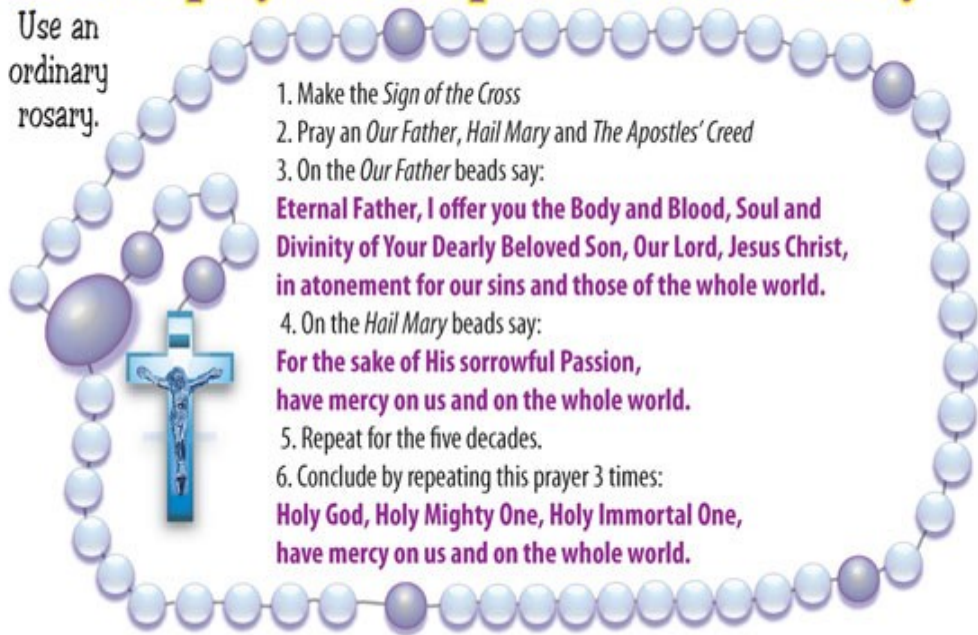
For information, contact Debbie Frank at
debbietavikfrank@aol.com

BINGO PRIZES

As per our tradition, Saint Mary's hosts Prize Bingo! If you have any new or gently used items that might be good as a prize for Bingo, please put them in the donation box in the Narthex (household/decorative items or toys). We appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness in making Prize Bingo fun and Thank You in advance for your donation!

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

5. Repeat for the five decades.

6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Come To The Feast Of Divine Mercy!

Join us for the Feast of Divine Mercy
Sunday, April, 16th, 3:00 PM

The Image of the Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. We will also have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins;
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus;
4. Go to confession, preferably before that Sunday;
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;
6. Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy;
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.



“Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy. ... I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it” (Diary of St. Faustina, 742).

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

17 APRIL 2023 - MONDAY : **Acts 4:** 23-31; **Psalms 2:** 1-3, 4-6, 7-9; **John 3:** 1-8

18 APRIL 2023 - TUESDAY : **Acts 4:** 32-37; **Psalms 93:** 1ab, 1cd-2, 5; **John 3:** 7b-15

19 APRIL 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Acts 5:** 17-26; **Psalms 34:** 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; **John 3:** 16-21

20 APRIL 2023 - THURSDAY : **Acts 5:** 27-33; **Psalms 34:** 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; **John 3:** 31-36

21 APRIL 2023 - FRIDAY : **Acts 5:** 34-42; **Psalms 27:** 1, 4, 13-14; **John 6:** 1-15

22 APRIL 2023 - SATURDAY : **Acts 6:** 1-7; **Psalms 33:** 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; **John 6:** 16-21

23 APRIL 2023 - SUNDAY : **Third Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2: 14, 22-33; **Psalms 16:** 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; **First Peter 1:** 17-21; **Luke 24:** 13-35

Community/Diocesan Events



Today Jesus specifically blesses “those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). If you haven’t seen Jesus, you have a special potential for blessedness. That’s us!

It’s a special joy that comes from hope. Confidently hoping for the fulfillment of our desire is a joyful state. Enduring in such hope *increases* our capacity for joy.

Oh, joy upon joy! Indeed, “All the way to heaven is heaven,” as a saying attributed to St. Catherine of Siena goes. Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal so we can help others access this joy. As a parish, we rejoice to have such a massive hope for one another. Please help us reach souls who labor in quiet despair because without you, we can’t reach them. Pray, donate, and sacrifice for our Appeal. By giving with the confidence that “gifts will be given to you” (Luke 6:38). *Blessed* are those who have not seen and have believed. *Believe* in what Christ can do through our parish for this local community. Believe because “Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5). Alleluia!

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



David Arnold, Rosemary Baez, Estelle Bareford, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Bob Buchanan, Barry Carrington, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Michael Fisher, Jessica French, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, The Hannick Family, Paula Hass, Laura Harris, The Jayger Family, Alice Karkutt, Rodney Ketterman, Tony Ketrick, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Carly Max, Michael McFadden, Bette Moore, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Makayla Prevost, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Kelly Searer, 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.

GOD BLESS

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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 prepara-
 tion is typical), and Anointing of the Sick, or to receive a home visit
 or home blessing, Call the office at 804-448-9064.