

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(People of the Parish)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(+Debbie Brooks requested by Chris & Mike Nowark)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, April 24	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, April 25	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, April 26	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS
Thursday, April 27	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, April 28	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, April 29	8:00 AM First Communion Retreat; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS (+Jane T. Larsen requested by Anna Larsen Porter); 6:30 PM - Prize Bingo
Sunday, April 30	8:30 AM MASS ; 9:30 AM - Religious Ed; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS

Upcoming Parish News/Events



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

We are coming towards the end of the active phase of fundraising for our capital campaign. As some of you are aware this is the first time as a pastor that I have embarked on capital campaign. I am grateful to everyone in the parish for their guidance and support during this process, your input during the planning process was vitally important. I am particularly grateful for Chris Nowark, Jim Lepp, Tina Sebak, Jim Huk for the extra time and effort that they put in to make this campaign successful, especially during the town hall meetings earlier this year. I also wanted to thank the members of the Parish Council and Finance Council for volunteering their time to serve the parish. Your leadership will continue to be beneficial as we now look towards our campus enhancements.

If you attended Mass last weekend, you know that we started the weekend with \$260,000 towards our \$400,000 goal. In our in-pew fundraising effort last weekend, we raised more than \$155,000 bringing the total raised during our capital campaign to \$415,000! I am so grateful to our parishioners for their generous support of this initiative, and I am so happy that the parish will continue to be able to grow and better serve the mission of the church.

As a parish, let's be proud of all that we have done to make this project go over goal.

Members of the parish with knowledge of building and construction codes and methods are invited to join a new building committee I'm forming. This committee will assist our parish leadership with the new food pantry free standing building and classroom space to be funded and completed through the capital campaign. If you're interested in participating on this committee, please contact me at amuddu@richmonddioocese.org

Thank you, Fr. Muddu



Bake Sale

The Confirmation Class will be hosting a Bake Sale April 30th after the 8:30 and 11:00 am Mass. The bake sale gives our students an opportunity to contribute to our faith community through service. This is a by donation bake sale and proceeds will go to Children's Ministries. Please stop by and support the good works that our class is doing for our parish! Thank you!



QR CODES

Capital Campaign



Online Giving



FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



INSTANT POTATOES and JELLY



Parish Registration



2023 Annual Appeal



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!



Knights of Columbus would like to recognize:

Eric and Rita Blankenbaker for being
April's Family of the Month



**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE
MONTH OF MAY**

MAY 7—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
MAY 21—CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS
MAY 28—CEMETERY/PERPETUAL CARE FUND

SMOTA Photos – We Need Paparazzi Volunteers

Alice Lorenzo, who has taken photos at St. Mary's events, printed them, shared them, and organized many into books as the parish's own historical record for many decades, is retiring. Thank you, Alice!! Who will replace her, though?? We all will!! Got a smart phone? Use it at special events! Prefer a traditional camera? Bring it along to special Masses and parish festivities! Here is one ministry that requires nothing extra of you – just take pictures when you're already at church!

What are we documenting? What's happening in the parish! Did you take pictures that you're willing to share at the First Communion Mass? Do you participate in Prize Bingo? Did you snap any pics while helping clean up the church grounds before Easter? Are you feeling like a selfie at the weekly Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting? Whatever events you're attending are part of who we are – let's capture them!

If you have photos to share electronically, email smotaphotos@gmail.com for instructions on how to upload photos to St. Mary's Shutterfly account. It's going to take an army to continue the work Alice has been doing – are you willing to join the SMOTA paparazzi?



Saint Mary of the Annunciation Weekly Offertory Summary		
Apr 2 to Apr 8		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 2,698	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,245	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,943	\$ 192,616
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 186,900
Over/Under	\$ 493	\$ 5,716

The Religious Education program of St. Mary's is winding down for the year, but gearing up the prep work for next year!



We are currently looking for catechists and aides for next year's classes.

Please consider volunteering to be a catechist or aide for our Religious Education program!!! In order for all classes to run, we need a minimum of 20 volunteers (10 catechists, 10 aides).

Catechists and aides are paired according to the grade they feel most comfortable with and any prior experience they have had. All catechists receive VIRTUS training as well as an orientation and additional training to help them be successful throughout the year.

If you are interested or have questions, please email Kari Campbell at religioused@saintmarycc.org or call 540-424-7893

**Knights of Columbus Council
2023 Tailgate Raffle**

Package includes:

1. Weber Traveler Grille
2. Yeti Tundra 45 Cooler
3. Cornhole boards and bags
4. 2 Yeti Ramblers, 30 oz.



All items go to the winner. The retail price for the package is roughly \$950.00. The drawing is scheduled at our council's business meeting on July 10th. 300 tickets total, \$20 each.

Sales can be by cash, check or Venmo. Venmo account: [@JMJ-Council-7538](https://venmo.com/@JMJ-Council-7538). To verify Venmo payment, use: 5736. Enter buyer name, phone # and ticket #. Please contact Kennedy at 804-347-8458 or kennedyweber@comcast.net for any questions and tickets.

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

24 APRIL 2023 - MONDAY : Acts 6: 8-15; Psalms 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6: 22-29

25 APRIL 2023 - TUESDAY : First Peter 5: 5b-14; Psalms 89: 2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mark 16: 15-20

26 APRIL 2023 - WEDNESDAY : Acts 8: 1b-8; Psalms 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6: 35-40

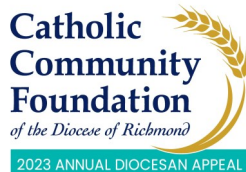
27 APRIL 2023 - THURSDAY : Acts 8: 26-40; Psalms 66: 8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6: 44-51

28 APRIL 2023 - FRIDAY : Acts 9: 1-20; Psalms 117: 1, 2; John 6: 52-59

29 APRIL 2023 - SATURDAY : Acts 9: 31-42; Psalms 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 6: 60-69

30 APRIL 2023 - SUNDAY : Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; First Peter 2: 20b-25; John 10: 1-10

Community/Diocesan Events



2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Today, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. We cannot experience him so utterly in any other way than the Eucharist. It makes a sacred union possible: God with man, man with God, one in both soul and body. What a mysterious

exchange. Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal so that we can share the delightful news that God is here and ready to commune with those who hunger and thirst for him. It is abundantly true that "the harvest is abundant" (Matthew 9:37). When you think about it, it's shocking how accessible God is through the Eucharist. Tens of thousands of parishes throughout the world offer the most profound, satisfying, intimate experience ever. Our local community's salvation is counting on us to reach out to help them. Please generously join our Appeal. Please help us help him reach them!

**WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED!**

-Thank You!

You have exceeded the parish goal for the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal!



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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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.