

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 2, 2023**

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)



**BIENVENIDOS**

ALL ARE WELCOME  
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
VŠETCI SÚ VÍTANÍ

**VITANI**

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, April 3	OFFICE CLOSED; 8:45 AM CCM Coop - Homeschoolers
Tuesday, April 4	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, April 5	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> (+Harold A. Larsen requested by Anna Larsen Porter)
Thursday, April 6	<b>Holy Thursday MASS at 7:00 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight</b>
Friday, April 7	Church closed for cleaning in AM; <b>2:15 PM Stations of the Cross; 3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross</b>
Saturday, April 8	<b>Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM</b>
Sunday, April 9	<b>Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM</b>

# 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

## HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY - MAUNDY THURSDAY - GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER SUNDAY



**Saturday & Sunday, April 1st & 2nd** - Palm Sunday Mass-Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday -8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**Monday, April 3rd** - no services scheduled

**Tuesday, April 4th** - Adoration at 9:00 AM; Mass at 10:00AM

**Wednesday, April 5th** - Adoration at 9:00 AM; Mass at 10:00AM

**Thursday, April 6th** - Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 PM; Eucharistic Adoration immediately following Mass until Midnight

**Friday, April 7th** - Good Friday - Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence—Stations of the Cross - 2:15 PM (outside weather permitting); Veneration of the Cross - 3:00 PM

**Saturday, April 8th** - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 PM

**Sunday, April 9th** - Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

## QR CODES

Capital Campaign



Online Giving



Parish Registration



2023 Annual Appeal



\*\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*\*

The Shed clearing and cleaning will begin after Easter. If there is anything you wish us to keep, please contact Rita Blankenbaker at 804-475-6823 or Deacon Dave at [djgeary4531@comcast.net](mailto:djgeary4531@comcast.net)

**TAKE NOTE:** If you signed up for Flocknote and are having trouble receiving emails, please put your name and email address on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. We will be working directly with Flocknote to resolve this problem.

**FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:**



**INSTANT POTATOES and JELLY**



**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](mailto: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!

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. Donations of candy are needed - there is a bin in the Narthex. Assistance is also needed to stuff eggs and to set up on Easter morning. If you can help, please contact Valerie Sparks, 804-572-1768.



**Fasting Guidelines**

**Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.** \*Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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

Dear parishioners,  
The requirements from the safe environment office explain clearly that adults should not be socializing in areas (kitchen inclusive) where youth are participating in religious education classes, as they would not in a school setting. Only adult volunteers that is catechists serving in the religious education who have completed Virtus training are allowed for that matter. The Narthex is big enough to accommodate everyone after mass since the coffee and donuts are also served in the same area. Please make use of the area.

Thank you,  
Father Muddu



**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE  
MONTH OF APRIL**  
APRIL 7—GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 9—EASTER  
APRIL 9—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Feb 26 to Mar 4		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 2,251	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,050	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,301	\$ 165,144
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 160,200
Over/Under	\$ (150)	\$ 4,944

\*\*\*\*\*VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU(S)\*\*\*\*\*



The **Food Pantry and Homeless Ministry** would like to thank The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for awarding Saint Mary of the Annunciation \$1,500.00 from the Fuel and Hunger Fund. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the people of the Diocese. They are for the direct assistance providing food to the Food Pantry and the meal program of our Homeless Ministry. Also, a special thank you to all those who volunteer to make those programs possible!

The **Food Pantry and Homeless Ministry** has also received a generous grant for \$4,000 from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia/Catherine and J. Hamilton Lambert Fund for Northern Virginia for the purchase of Food Pantry equipment. This grant embodies our faithful belief that the Lord will provide!

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia/Catherine and J. Hamilton Lambert Fund for Northern Virginia also provided a generous grant to our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** in the amount of \$1,000.

Please pray for the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia/Catherine and J. Hamilton Lambert Fund for Northern Virginia in thanksgiving. And as always give praise and thanks to the Lord.

**WEEKLY MASS READINGS**

- 3 APRIL 2023 - **Monday of Holy Week**  
**Isaiah 42:** 1-7; **Psalms 27:** 1, 2, 3, 13-14; **John 12:** 1-11
- 4 APRIL 2023 - **Tuesday of Holy Week**  
**Isaiah 49:** 1-6; **Psalms 71:** 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; **John 13:** 21-33, 36-38
- 5 APRIL 2023 - **Wednesday of Holy Week**  
**Isaiah 50:** 4-9a; **Psalms 69:** 8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; **Matthew 26:** 14-25
- 6 APRIL 2023 - **Holy Thursday, At Evening, Begin Easter Triduum of the Lord' Solemnity Passion, Death and Resurrection**  
**Exodus 12:** 1-8, 11-14; **Psalms 116:** 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; **First Corinthians 11:** 23-26; **John 13:** 1-15
- 7 APRIL 2023 - **Good Friday, Day of Fast (Ages 18-59) and Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)**  
**Isaiah 52:** 13 - 53: 12; **Psalms 31:** 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; **Hebrews 4:** 14-16; 5: 7-9; **John 18:** 1 - 19: 42
- 8 APRIL 2023 - **Holy Saturday**  
**Genesis 1:** 1 - 2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a; **Psalms 104:** 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or **Psalms 33:** 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; **Genesis 22:** 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; **Psalms 16:** 5, 8, 9-10, 11; **Exodus 14:** 15 - 15: 1; **Exodus 15:** 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; **Isaiah 54:** 5-14; **Psalms 30:** 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; **Isaiah 55:** 1-11; **Isaiah 12:** 2-3, 4, 5-6; **Baruch 3:** 9-15, 32 - 4: 4; **Psalms 19:** 8, 9, 10, 11; **Ezekiel 36:** 16-17a, 18-28; **Psalms 42:** 3, 5; 43: 3, 4 or **Isaiah 12:** 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or **Psalms 51:** 12-13, 14-15, 18-19; **Romans 6:** 3-11; **Psalms 118:** 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; **Matthew 28:** 1-10
- 9 APRIL 2023 - **Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**  
**Acts 10:** 34a, 37-43; **Psalms 118:** 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; **Colossians 3:** 1-4 or **First Corinthians 5:** 6b-8; **John 20:** 1-9 or **Matthew 28:** 1- 10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, **Luke 24:** 13-35

# Community/Diocesan Events



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, he initiated the chain of events that would lead to his execution. Palm Sunday is also our entrance into Holy Week. Lift your palm branches today in joy against the coming darkness. Find strength in praise of God to endure the Triduum's trial close by our Savior's side.

Possibly the bitterest truth of Holy Week is that we are complicit in Jesus' crucifixion. "All have sinned," Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans (3:23). Sadly, we can identify with Judas because we betray Jesus when we sin and avoid speaking about Him out of fear. We can identify with the crowd shouting "Crucify him!" because we condemn Jesus when we judge others.

Join our Annual Diocesan Appeal so that our neighbors find the hope that comes from knowing that God can even use our sins for our salvation. The mercy of God has no limits, and our hearts cannot anticipate his dynamic goodness. Give to our Annual Appeal so that others may find hope in him this Easter. He is returning to us soon; take heart!



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, 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, 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**

## PARISH OFFICE

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.