

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 27, 2023**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**  
*(+Jane T. Larsen requested by Anna Larsen Porter)*  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**  
**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**  
*(People of the Parish)*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(Office Hours 9 AM - 1 PM Tuesday - Thursday)

Monday, August 28	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, August 29	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, August 30	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 5:30 PM Silver Rose Ceremony
Thursday, August 31	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, September 1	Church closed for cleaning in AM; <b>7:00 PM Adoration</b>
Saturday, September 2	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM MASS</b>
Sunday, September 3	<b>8:30 AM MASS</b> ; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; <b>11:00 AM MASS</b> ; Noon Religious Education Open House

# Upcoming Parish News/Events



## THE HOLY MASS EXPLAINED

The Holy Mass could be described as the ritual celebration of what Jesus fulfilled only once in history: The Last Supper on Holy Thursday, His Death on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The celebration of the Mass can be divided into four parts:

- Gathering rites
- Liturgy of the Word of God
- Liturgy of the Eucharist or Meal sharing
- Rite of Commissioning: sending out to live our experienced in the Mass.

### **Part 1: Gathering Rites:**

#### **Gathering Rites at Mass**

**Greeting:** While the entrance hymn is sung, the priest kisses the altar, which represents Christ, as a sign of surrender and adoration. Following the hymn, the Mass begins with the sign of the Cross and greeting. This greeting is significantly for wishing well to all present, in the name of the Triune God.

**Penitential Rite and Gloria:** “Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy” was the instruction of Jesus to his disciples. We, as God’s children, gathered in his House to offer the Sacrifice of Christ and to receive the heavenly gifts, we need to be worthy of presenting ourselves. Hence, we pray for inner purification. Immediately after asking for pardon, we sing the “Gloria”, a traditional hymn of praise and glory to Jesus, our Redeemer.

**Opening Prayer:** At the close of the gathering ritual, the priest invites the assembly to join him in the prayer, summarizing the theme of that particular day. At the end of the prayer, people respond “Amen”, which is a Hebrew word for “so be it”.

### **Parish Picnic Needs Volunteers**

Our annual parish picnic is tentatively scheduled for September 24, 2023, but we need your help! We're looking for a volunteer, or volunteers, to serve as the parish picnic organizer and planner. If you would like to get involved and help make this year's picnic a success, please send an email to Father Muddu at [amuddu@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:amuddu@richmonddiocese.org), or Jim Lepp at [leppfamily@gmail.com](mailto:leppfamily@gmail.com).



**COMMUNITY YARD SALE  
IN THE PARKING LOT!!!  
SAVE THE DATE:  
Saturday, September 9th,  
8:00 AM - NOON**

Sell extra household goods, Crafters welcome, Vendors welcome. \$15 per space, bring your own table. Proceeds will go toward our parish building maintenance needs. Tell your neighbors! Space is limited.

### **Silver Rose Rosary Service – Wednesday August 30th**

Please join your Knights of Columbus council for the saying of the Rosary, Readings and Reflections on Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Church!

Each year, Silver Roses are stewarded by councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We're excited to be hosting the Silver Rose again this year!



Eucharistic  
Adoration

**THIS FRIDAY:**

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

This coming Friday, September 1st at 7:00 PM we will be having our First Friday Adoration at 7:00 PM. We are hoping that parishioners, especially our teenagers, will join us this Friday and every 1st Friday night of the month in Adoration at 7:00 PM.

## RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 IS OPEN

We are doing online registration only. Please use the QR code or the link below to register.

### Directions:

Select My Own Church

Select My Education tab on side menu

It'll bring you to the Step 1: Review current family details Page (please review information before continuing).

Go to Step 2: Select Enrollment Term

Select 2023-2024 term

Then go to Step 3: Add Students

Hit the +Student tab and using the drop down tab, select student you are registering and then hit Save Student. Continue to Step 3 until all students are registered.

When all students are registered, hit Submit Registration. That will bring you to a confirmation page and the completion of the registration process. You will also receive an email when your registration has been accepted.



QR Code for Registration:

This will bring you to the login in page of our ParishSoft Home Page or you can go to [www.richmond.parishsoftfamilysuite.com](http://www.richmond.parishsoftfamilysuite.com)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 10TH 9:30 AM - 10:50 AM

We are not auto-enrolling past students, please enroll your child for class!! The social hall will be closed during the Religious Education year to ensure we comply with VIRTUS requirements and allow for classroom overflow. This year, Religious Education will be utilizing Flocknote for all communications - be sure to sign up by texting SMOTAVA to 84576

### CATECHIST ORIENTATION

Sunday, August 27th  
After 11:00 AM Mass

Lunch will be provided.  
Orientation is for ALL Catechists

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 3rd  
After 11:00 AM Mass

Come meet your child's Religious Education teacher, pick up parent packets and see the classrooms! There is a new drop-off and pick-up process this year as well!!



### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 3rd - Repair & Maintenance Fund  
September 10th - Religious Education  
September 24th - Retirement for Religious

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

28 AUGUST 2023 - MONDAY

**First Thessalonians 1:** 1-5, 8b-10; **Psalms 149:** 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; **Matthew 23:** 13-22

29 AUGUST 2023 - TUESDAY

**First Thessalonians 2:** 1-8; **Psalms 139:** 1-3, 4-6; **Mark 6:** 17-29

30 AUGUST 2023 - WEDNESDAY

**First Thessalonians 2:** 9-13; **Psalms 139:** 7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; **Matthew 23:** 27-32

31 AUGUST 2023 - THURSDAY

**First Thessalonians 3:** 7-13; **Psalms 90:** 3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; **Matthew 24:** 42-51

1 SEPTEMBER 2023 - FRIDAY

**First Thessalonians 4:** 1-8; **Psalms 97:** 1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; **Matthew 25:** 1-13

2 SEPTEMBER 2023 - SATURDAY

**First Thessalonians 4:** 9-11; **Psalms 98:** 1, 7-8, 9; **Matthew 25:** 14-30

3 SEPTEMBER 2023 - SUNDAY

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Jeremiah 20:** 7-9; **Psalms 63:** 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; **Romans 12:** 1-2; **Matthew 16:** 21-27

## QR CODES

Capital Campaign



Online Giving



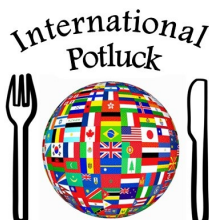
Parish Registration



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## St. Mary's International Night



Join us on Saturday, October 21 starting at 6:00 pm for an international night potluck dinner! Please bring a dish that represents your cultural or family heritage to share with your fellow parishioners. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex starting this weekend.

# Community/Diocesan Events

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That in gratitude for our gifts, we may grow them and give back with increase.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?”  
Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

## VOCATIONS

*“Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

Is God calling you to serve His Son in the priesthood?  
Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail:  
vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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



*Amber Wilber Anderson, David Arnold, Rosemary Baez, Estelle Bareford, Thad (Pete) Beach, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Barry Carrington, Aiden Christensen, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Eleanor Elletson, Michael Fisher, Jessica French, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, The Hannick Family, Laura Harris, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Alice Karkutt, Tony Ketrick, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Carly Max, Michael McFadden, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Anna Porter, Makayla Prevost, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Marjie Schwind, Kelly Searer, John Signor, William Simulcik, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, John Speck, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, The Taylor Family, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, Janie Wagner, Pedro Welsh, 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

**Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00AM to 1:00PM

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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.

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