

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

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

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(People of the Parish)

BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Dec. 25	OFFICE CLOSED; 10:00 AM THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD <i>(+Duane Riden requested by the Newark Family)</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 26	OFFICE CLOSED; NO MASS OR ADORATION; 10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, Dec. 27	OFFICE CLOSED, NO MASS OR ADORATION
Thursday, Dec. 28	OFFICE CLOSED; NO MASS OR ADORATION; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, Dec. 29	OFFICE CLOSED; Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Dec. 30	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, Dec. 31	8:30 AM MASS; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, THE ANGEL GABRIEL SURPRISES MARY WITH SEVEN ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- I) EVEN AS A VIRGIN BETROTHED TO JOSEPH, SHE WILL BECOME A MOTHER.
- II) SHE WILL BECOME A MOTHER THROUGH *"THE HOLY SPIRIT [WHO] WILL COME UPON YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU."*
- III) THE ANGEL CONTINUES, "THEREFORE, THE CHILD TO BE BORN WILL BE CALLED HOLY, THE SON OF GOD."
- IV) SHE IS TO *"NAME THE CHILD JESUS,"* WHICH MEANS SAVIOR.
- V) GOD WILL MAKE HIM A KING AND, AS A DESCENDANT IN THE LINE OF DAVID.
- VI) *"HE WILL RULE OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER, AND OF HIS KINGDOM THERE WILL BE NO END."*
- VII) AS A DIVINE SIGN, ELIZABETH, MARY'S AGED BARREN COUSIN IS SIX MONTHS PREGNANT, *"FOR," SAYS GABRIEL, "NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!"*

THE GOSPEL NARRATIVE ALSO SURPRISES US BY REMINDING US THAT GOD'S PROMISE IS BEST FULFILLED NOT IN BUILDINGS, OR EVEN IN GREAT KINGS LIKE SOLOMON, BUT RATHER IN HUMBLE SOULS LIKE MARY WHO TRUSTED IN GOD'S PROMISE.

Saint Mary's Weekly Giving Report

Thank you for your continued support of our community. To give on line go to the St Mary Online Giving website. God Bless You All

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Oct 29 to Nov 4		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,694	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,225	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,919	\$ 67,982
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 80,100
Over/Under	\$ (1,531)	\$ (12,118)



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

DECEMBER 25—CATHOLIC CHARITIES
 DECEMBER 25—THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 DECEMBER 30—CNEWA SPECIAL DIOCESE COLLECTION

Second Collection: December 24-25, 2023

A special time to give - You can support Commonwealth Catholic Charities' programs through the Second Collection Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Your gift will help feed, house and provide hope to our neighbors in need. We greatly appreciate the ways you support us in changing peoples' lives across the Commonwealth. Simply make your check out to St. Mary's with "CCC" in the memo section.





**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
ADVENT (12/3/2023) TO NEW YEARS DAY (1/1/2024)**



Dec. 23-24	<p>Fourth Sunday of Advent :</p> <p>MASS—Saturday, 12/23, 5:00 PM</p> <p>MASS—Sunday, 12/24, 8:30 AM ONLY NO 11:00 AM MASS</p>
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	<p>3:45 PM—4:00 PM Children’s Pageant</p> <p>4:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Children’s Mass)</p> <p>6:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity</p>
Dec. 25 Christmas Day	10:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord
OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 26th THROUGH JANUARY 2	
Dec. 30-31	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Regular Mass Schedule)
Jan. 1 New Year's Day	<p>10:00 AM - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY</p> <p>9:00 AM—Mass at Saint Ann’s in Ashland</p>

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

- 24 DECEMBER 2023 - MONDAY - VIGIL : The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation/ Vigil
Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalms 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1: 1-25
- 25 DECEMBER 2023 - MONDAY - DAWN : The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation/ Dawn
Isaiah 62: 11-12; Psalms 97: 1, 6, 11-12; Titus 3: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-20
- 25 DECEMBER 2023 - MONDAY - DAY : The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation/ Day
Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Hebrews 1: 1-6; John 1: 1-18
- 25 DECEMBER 2023 - MONDAY - MIDNIGHT : The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation/ Mid-
night
Isaiah 9: 1-6; Psalms 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14
- 26 DECEMBER 2023 - TUESDAY : Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Psalms 31: 3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Matthew 10: 17-22
- 27 DECEMBER 2023 - WEDNESDAY : Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
First John 1: 1-4; Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20: 1a and 2-8
- 28 DECEMBER 2023 - THURSDAY : Holy innocents, Martyrs Feast
First John 1: 5 - 2: 2; Psalms 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2: 13-18
- 29 DECEMBER 2023 - FRIDAY : First John 2: 3-11; Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2: 22-35
- 30 DECEMBER 2023 - SATURDAY : First John 2: 12-17; Psalms 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2: 36-40
- 31 DECEMBER 2023 - SUNDAY : Holy Family Feast
Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 or Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 22-40 or Luke 2: 22, 39-40

Community/Diocesan Events



The Diocese of Richmond is having a **special collection the weekend of December 30th—31st** for the benefit of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Pontifical Mission (CNEWA). CNEWA is on the ground in the key regions of Jerusalem, Gaza, Beirut and Amman. Their goal is to support high-priority, immediate emergency needs as well as long-term emergency needs. They have launched a Holy Land Emergency Appeal aimed at helping those most in need.

CNEWA will be able to report back on the use of all funds received and donors will know where their generosity is going. In addition, it is important to note that the Holy Land Emergency Appeal will receive 100% of the funds collected.

Please write your check out to St. Mary's and put CNEWA in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.



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, Thad (Pete) Beach, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Theresa Buchanan, Emilynn Butler, 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, J. & Sketter Lambert, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Carly Max, Luke McFadden, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Edgar & Rhonda Parks, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Victoria Russell, Beverly Schnarrs, Cindy Schwind, Marjie Schwind, Helen Simulcik, William Simulcik, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, The Taylor Family, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, Janie Wagner, Pedro Welsh, Bethany Wheaton, 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.