

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME  
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
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VITANI

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 19, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS  
SATURDAY 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY 8:30 AM  
SUNDAY 11:00 AM  
*(People of the Parish)*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, February 20	OFFICE CLOSED; 8:45 AM CCM Coop - Homeschoolers
Tuesday, February 21	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, February 22	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; <b>7:00 PM Mass</b>
Thursday, February 23	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, February 24	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM - Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 25	8:00 AM First Reconciliation Retreat #1; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b>
Sunday, February 26	<b>8:30 AM Mass</b> ; 9:30 AM - Religious Ed; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; <b>11:00 AM Mass</b> <i>(People of the Parish)</i>

# Upcoming Parish News/Events

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

20 FEBRUARY 2023 - MONDAY : **Sirach 1:** 1-10; **Psalms 93:** 1ab, 1cd-2, 5; **Mark 9:** 14-29

21 FEBRUARY 2023 - TUESDAY : **Sirach 2:** 1-11; **Psalms 37:** 3-4, 18-19, 27-28,39-40; **Mark 9:** 30-37

22 FEBRUARY 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Ash Wednesday, Begin Lenten Preparation for the Easter Triduum, Not a Holy Day of Obligation, Day of Fast (Ages 18-59) and Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)**  
**Joel 2:** 12-18; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14and 17; **Second Corinthians 5:** 20 -6:2VBG; **Matthew 6:** 1-6, 16-18

23 FEBRUARY 2023 - THURSDAY : **Deuteronomy 30:** 15-20; **Psalms 1:** 1-2, 3, 4 and 6VBG; **Luke 9:** 22-25

24 FEBRUARY 2023 - FRIDAY : **Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)**  
**Isaiah 58:** 1-9a; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19VBG; **Matthew 9:** 14-15

25 FEBRUARY 2023 - SATURDAY : **Isaiah 58:** 9b-14; **Psalms 86:** 1-2, 3-4, 5-6VBG; **Luke 5:** 27-32

26 FEBRUARY 2023 - SUNDAY : **First Sunday of Lent**  
**Genesis 2:** 7-9; 3: 1-7; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; **Romans 5:** 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19VBG; **Matthew 4:**1-11

FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



**INSTANT POTATOES  
and  
JELLY**



## SPECIAL MASS INTENTION

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

**\*\*DURING THE LENTEN SEASON, DEACON DAVE TO HAVE SHORT LENTEN PRESENTATIONS IN THE NARTHEX BETWEEN 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM MASSES\*\***



### Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, February 22nd – **Ash Wednesday**  
 Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence  
 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM Masses

Every Friday, Feb 14th– March 31st  
 Obligatory day of abstinence  
 6:00 PM Meatless Soup Supper Church Hall  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 2nd - **Palm Sunday**  
 Regular Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday

Thursday, April 6th-**Holy Thursday**  
 7:00 PM Mass  
 8:00 PM to Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 3rd-**Good Friday**  
 Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence  
 2:15 PM Stations of the Cross  
 3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

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

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

Masses are at  
**10:00 AM and  
 7:00 PM**



**Lent Begins  
 Ash Wednesday**

Food Pantry would like to thank the Knights of Columbus and the parishioners for all the food donations. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Jan 22 to Feb 4		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 2,199	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,908	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,107	\$ 147,208
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 146,850
Over/Under	\$ (343)	\$ 358

Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays throughout Lent starting on 2/24/23. Soup is at 6pm; Stations of the Cross start at 7pm. Join us as we retrace the final journey of Christ to Calvary. Sign up sheets for soup and bread are in the Narthex. For questions, call Valerie Sparks at 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.



Knights of Columbus would like to recognize:

Alex and Diane Sinlock for being February's Family of the Month

Dear all,  
In case you did not get chance to join us in the first town hall meeting for the anticipated parish capital campaign here comes another opportunity to visit  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuCAHjEREGk&feature=youtu.be>



Biblical Reasons for Giving & Generosity:  
Exodus 35 - THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE: The Israelite people were freed from Egyptian bondage and began the journey to the Promised Land. They were told to build a place of worship, the Tabernacle. When provided the opportunity to give, these former slaves gave so freely and abundantly that they were eventually asked to stop giving. They had completely met the needs for their place of worship.  
I Chronicles 29- THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE: King David began preparing for this magnificent building that his son, Solomon, would actually construct. Beginning with his own sacrificial gift and challenging the leaders and people to give, he raised a great sum of money to provide for this temple.  
Acts 4 - EARLY CHURCH EXPERIENCES THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY: At Pentecost, a spirit of generosity swept through the church to such an extent that it was reported in Acts 4 that "no one claimed private ownership of any possessions." Barnabas personified the spirit of giving by donating his personal property and giving the receipts to the church in order to meet the needs of other Christians.  
II Corinthians 8-9 - A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JERUSALEM CHRISTIANS: Paul instructed the first known donor consultant, Titus, to lead the Corinthian church in a giving campaign for the poverty-stricken Christians in Jerusalem. Using the example of the Macedonian Christians, these members of the Corinthian church were challenged to give joyfully and intentionally.  
**I pray that we the parishioners prayerfully consider supporting the parish capital campaign to pay off the roof that was replaced, expansion of our meeting space for fellowship and classrooms for religious education, renovation of bathrooms in the narthex, expansion of the food pantry to serve the poor among other parish renovation needs.**

### Looking for something to "give up" for Lent

Most want to give up something for lent. Here are some suggestions:

1. In addition to giving up something, do something such as attend Adoration and Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Adoration is at 9:00 AM and Mass is at 10:00 AM.
2. Every Friday is Soup Suppers at 6:00 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.
3. Read the Bible. 2 ½ chapters of Mark's Gospel will take you through the entire Gospel during the 6 weeks of Lent devoting only 15 minutes a day.

Little church is scheduled to begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (March 5th) both 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. If you would like to help with Little Church as a catechist or aide, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. All lessons will be sent to you along with activity. Please insure you provide an email address.

## Little Church School



### Altar Server Training

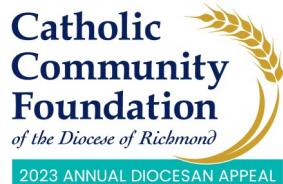
Altar server training will be conducted after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Training will last about 20 minutes. The training is for current and new servers and is focused on all aspects of altar server assistance at Mass and will also prepare servers for the Lenten and Easter season.



### PART TIME MUSIC MINISTRY/ ACCOMPANIST

We are seeking an ACCOMPANIST for Sunday morning Masses at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM, with one scheduled weekday rehearsal. Candidate will be comfortable on piano and organ, and will be versed in diverse musical repertory, from chant to classical hymnody to gospel to contemporary. Familiarity with Catholic liturgy is a plus. Could evolve into a Music Minister / Choir Director / Accompanist position. Interested candidates should contact Fr. Alexander Muddu 804-448-9064 or [amuddu@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:amuddu@richmonddiocese.org).

# Community/Diocesan Events



In today's Gospel, Jesus gave a radical commandment – "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). Today, it is cliché and remains radical, because it has the power to change hearts and nations.

Ask Gandhi. Even though he wasn't Catholic, Gandhi leveraged the power of nonviolence to bring about a new kind of revolution. His peaceful tactics inaugurated a massive movement which eventually resulted in economic independence for India.

With that we might also reveal the power of such a disposition in our lives! Christ himself did not hide his face "from insults and spitting" (Isaiah 50:6). We all experience being "struck on the cheek" in various ways. We want our parish and diocese to be a haven where people can find the strength to face the evils in their lives. When you support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help increase our ability to heal and sustain the bruised and weary. Through your generosity of prayer, gifts, and good words, we can continue to offer the bread of angels to the hungry and make the Annual Appeal shine brightly! God bless you.

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