

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

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TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 23, 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, July 24	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, July 25	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, July 26	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b>
Thursday, July 27	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, July 28	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, July 29	8:00 AM—Summer Garden Clean Up Day; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM MASS</b>
Sunday, July 30	<b>8:30 AM MASS</b> ; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; <b>11:00 AM MASS</b>

# Upcoming Parish News/Events



## THE HOLY MASS EXPLAINED

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Mass is the center of our faith and the source of divine life. Hence, the Church teaches us to participate in the Holy Mass regularly on Sundays and on Holydays of obligation and also on weekdays, whenever possible. If we understand the value of the Mass, we will certainly participate in it actively and regularly. I feel that a simple explanation on each part of the Mass may help you to recognize the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

### Jesus offers Himself:

The Holy Mass is, first of all, a holy celebration, because it is Christ who acts in the person of a priest. Jesus Christ offers himself for us, as he offered on the Cross. Hence, we say that Mass is the same sacrifice of Jesus Christ, offered on the altar in an unbloody manner. Just like Jesus offered his body and blood on the Cross, he offers for us on the altar. The difference is that Jesus offered himself visibly on the Cross but on our altar, He offers himself invisibly and in an unbloody manner, hidden under the appearance of bread and wine.

### Faith matters:

A Catholic, who says that he/she loves Christ would not fail to love the Mass. To love the Mass does not mean just being present and nothing more; it means to be present with faith and devotion and to take part actively in the Mass realizing that it is the Sacrifice of the Cross being renewed on the altar. Participation in the Mass involves basically our faith. Without faith, all that one would see on the altar is just bread and wine; just gestures, symbols and nothing more. It is only through faith, we acknowledge that at the consecration of the bread and wine, they are changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If one would come for Mass without faith, the person would easily feel bored or get distracted. Without faith, one would fail to understand what Christ's death on the Cross would mean for us. Hence Faith is the most required disposition when we come to participate in the Mass.

This August and September, I will start explaining the Holy Mass for your benefit and for the benefit of your children. Through my simple effort, I would like that you may be enlightened so as to understand the value of the Holy Mass.



### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

August 6—Repair and Maintenance  
August 15— Assumption

### \*\*\*FOOD PANTRY UPDATE\*\*\*

We are in the process of updating our email list and would like to hear from our Food Pantry Volunteers. If you wish to remain on the email list, please email Anna Porter at [annatrublue@aol.com](mailto:annatrublue@aol.com) and let her know. Thank you for your service.

### CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

With the assistance of the Director of Real Estate from the Diocese of Richmond, we are taking the necessary steps to get the new building that will be used for the Food Pantry and additional classrooms underway. Many tests will need to be conducted, such as electrical, sanitary, mechanical, etc., and a civil plan completed before we can move to the construction phase of the project.

The building may exceed the \$400,000 construction budget as currently conceptualized, so we will need to modify our plans as necessary. More will be known in this regard as more detailed plans are drawn up. With the involvement of the Diocesan Building and Architectural Review Committee (BARC), we will get the needed guidance for the funding process of a short-term loan for the project, if required.

Century Construction Company will act as the contracted preconstruction services project manager but the parish will be free to solicit several bids from various general contractors without being solely obligated to Century Construction. They will provide the parish with a detailed proposal soon that outlines their preconstruction services.



## Religious Ed is expanding their team!

Do you want to help at church and are not sure where? Come join the Religious Ed Team! We are in need of more than just teachers.

### Positions:

- Virtus (child abuse) trainer
  - involves certification
- Social media and advertising
- Retreat coordinator
  - First communion
  - Confirmation
  - Vacation Bible School
- Administrative Assistant

Applicants must have completed confirmation, be a member of the church, and fulfill additional training as needed. If you are interested or would like more information, please email Kari or Gina at [religioused@saintmarycc.org](mailto:religioused@saintmarycc.org)

## VIRTUS ADMINISTRATOR

What is VIRTUS? VIRTUS focuses on educating teachers, parents, volunteers and other adults who interact with children about sexual abuse and providing them with information to help prevent abuse.

We are looking for a VIRTUS Administrator for our church. The Administrator will oversee training and monitor ongoing compliance through the VIRTUS database. The Administrator is responsible for background checks and periodically checks the database to verify all volunteers complete the monthly online training bulletins. All training can be done online. Please contact the office at 804-448-9064 or [office@saintmarycc.org](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org) if you are interested.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may allow stewardship to blossom in our hearts and joyfully share our gifts.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING— TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 23, AFTER 11:00 AM MASS

With the resumption of receiving the Precious Blood of Christ from the Cup, we will be offering refresher training for our Extraordinary Ministers and those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Training will be held TODAY, Sunday July 23rd, after the 11:00 AM Mass. At a minimum, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist must be Confirmed and in good standing with the Church.

Questions? Please contact Deacon Frank Leaming, [fnleaming@aol.com](mailto:fnleaming@aol.com) or 804-761-5714.

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

24 JULY 2023 - MONDAY: **Exodus 14:** 5-18; **Exodus 15:** 1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; **Matthew 12:** 38-42

25 JULY 2023 - TUESDAY : **Second Corinthians 4:** 7-15; **Psalms 126:** 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4- 5, 6; **Matthew 20:** 20-28

26 JULY 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Exodus 16:** 1-5, 9-15; **Psalms 78:** 18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; **Matthew 13:** 1-9

27 JULY 2023 - THURSDAY : **Exodus 19:** 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; **Daniel 3:** 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; **Matthew 13:** 10-17

28 JULY 2023 - FRIDAY : **Exodus 20:** 1-17; **Psalms 19:** 8, 9, 10, 11; **Matthew 13:** 18-23

29 JULY 2023 - SATURDAY : **Exodus 24:** 3-8; **Psalms 50:** 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; **John 11:** 19-27 or **Luke 10:** 38-42

30 JULY 2023 - SUNDAY : **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**First Kings 3:** 5, 7-12; **Psalms 119:** 57, 72, 76-77, 127- 128, 129-130; **Romans 8:** 28-30; **Matthew 13:** 44-52



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38*

As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



# Community/Diocesan Events

## QR CODES

### Capital Campaign



### Online Giving



### Parish Registration



### FORMED



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, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, 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, 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, Janie Wagner, 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.



## Religious Ed Registration

Religious Education Registration for 2023-2024 is open.

We are doing online registration only, please use the QR reader or the link below to register.

Directions: Select My Own Church

Select my education tab on the 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 and

select student that you are registering and then hit save

Student. Continue step 3 until all students are registered.

When all students have been 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 page of our ParishSOFT home page or you can go to the website: <https://richmond.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>



## Religious Ed Payments

Payments are to be made online through the QR reader or the link below.

**WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING CASH OR CHECK.**



or

<https://osvhub.com/saintmarycc/giving/funds>

This will bring you to the online giving offering page.

Scroll down and select Religious Education (Tuition). This is under/next to Religious Education (Donations) so please make sure you select the right tab.

Pick the amount \$25.00 for one child, \$40.00 for 2 children, and \$55.00 for 3 or more children. Select One time option on the drop down and hit continue. This will bring you to the Your Information page, fill out the form and hit submit your gift tab and you're done.