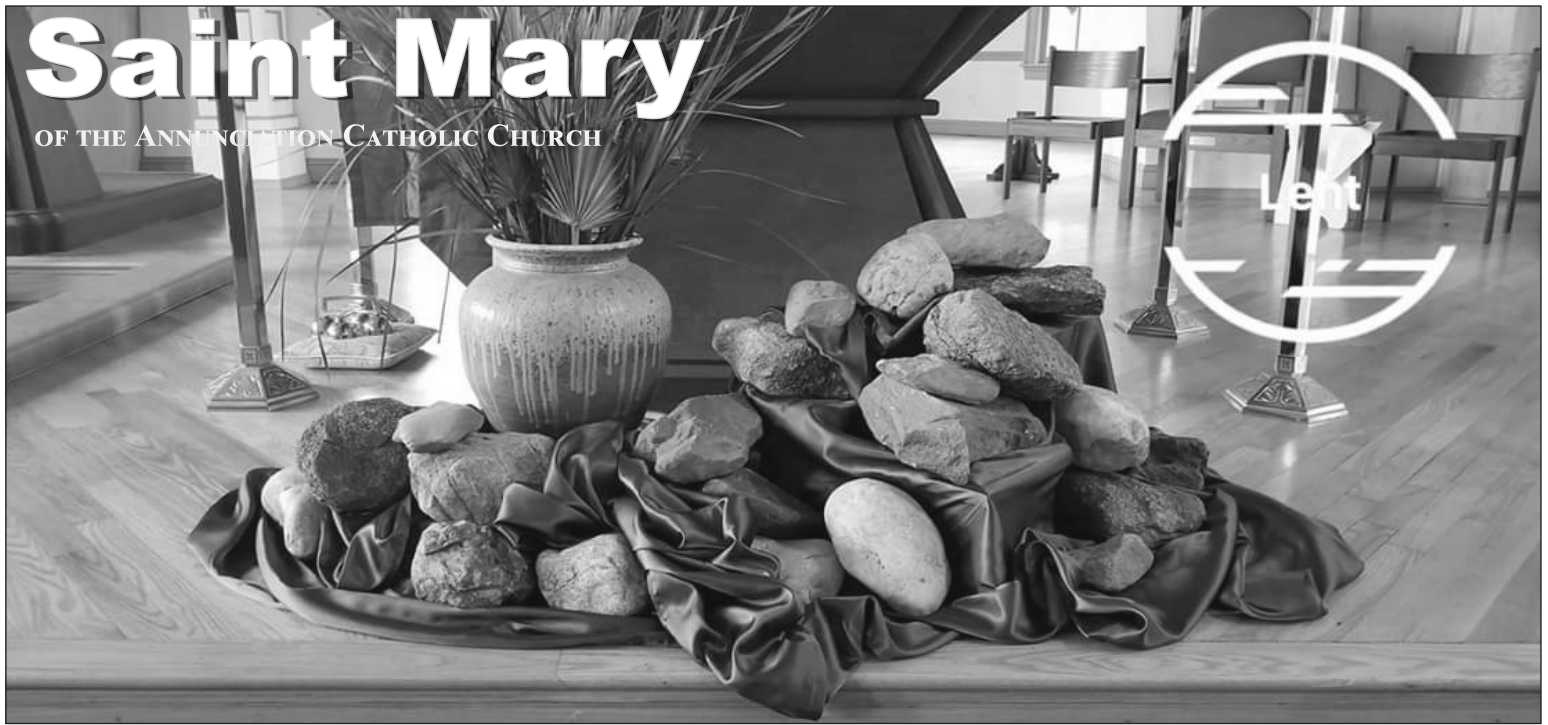


# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME  
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
VŠETCI SÚ VÍTANÍ

VITANI

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 19, 2023**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

*(+Arlene Flower requested by Carolyn Clarke)*

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

*(People of the Parish)*

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 20, 2023	OFFICE CLOSED; 8:45 AM CCM Coop - Homeschoolers
Tuesday, March 21, 2023	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, March 22, 2023	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b>
Thursday, March 23, 2023	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 11:00 AM African American Cemetery Meeting; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry; <b>7:00 PM Reconciliation Service</b>
Friday, March 24, 2023	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 1:30 PM African American Cemetery Meeting; 6:00 PM - Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 25, 2023	8:30 AM Spring Clean Up; 10:00 AM Funeral; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM Mass</b>
Sunday, March 26, 2023	<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 MARCH 2023 - MONDAY : **St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Solemnity**  
**Second Samuel 7:** 4-5a, 12-14a,16; **Psalms 89:** 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; **Romans 4:** 13, 16-18, 22; **Matthew 1:** 16, 18-21, 24 or **Luke 2:** 41-51a
- 21 MARCH 2023 - TUESDAY : **Ezekiel 47:** 1-9, 12; **Psalms 46:** 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; **John 5:** 1-16
- 22 MARCH 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Isaiah 49:** 8-15; **Psalms 145:** 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; **John 5:** 17-30
- 23 MARCH 2023 - THURSDAY : **Exodus 32:** 7-14; **Psalms 106:** 19-20, 21-22, 23; **John 5:** 31-47
- 24 MARCH 2023 - FRIDAY : **Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)**  
**Wisdom 2:** 1a, 12-22; **Psalms 34:** 17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; **John 7:** 1-2, 10, 25-30
- 25 MARCH 2023 - SATURDAY : **Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity**  
**Isaiah 7:** 10-14; 8: 10; **Psalms 40:** 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; **Hebrews 10:** 4-10; **Luke 1:** 26-38
- 26 MARCH 2023 - SUNDAY : **Fifth Sunday of Lent, Third Scrutiny of the Elect**  
**Ezekiel 37:** 12-14; **Psalms 130:** 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; **Romans 8:** 8-11; **John 11:** 1-45

FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF  
THE FOLLOWING:



**INSTANT POTATOES  
and  
JELLY**



### 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.



## LENT

### Lenten Schedule

- 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
- Thursday, March 23rd  
7:00 PM **Reconciliation Service**
- 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 7th -**Good Friday**  
Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence  
2:15 PM Stations of the Cross—outside, weather permitting  
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

**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.

### QR CODES

#### Capital Campaign



#### Online Giving



#### Parish Registration

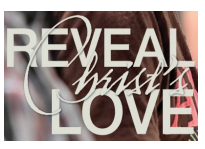




"I am happy to report that we have raised more than \$210,000 from 38 donors. We are officially over 50% of our \$400,000 goal. As a reminder, we would encourage everyone to consider making a pledge prior to Easter. Thank you so much for your continued support for this project, I am so grateful to each of you."  
Fr. Muddu

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

Our second collection TODAY, Sunday, March 19th, will be for The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to this collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



**LITTLE CHURCH**

Little church catechists and aides, please use sign up sheet in Narthex to choose Mass time and date you wish to lead or assist during little church.

**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.



**ALTAR SERVERS**

Please use sign sheet in Narthex to choose the Mass time and date you wish to serve. Training will be conducted after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Training will last about 20 minutes. We will begin training for Holy Week.

**\*\*\*\*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)



**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

MARCH 19—CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES  
MARCH 26—EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

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



**Lenten Service of Penance and Reconciliation**  
**7:00 PM this Thursday, March 23rd**

A service of prayer with individual confessions will be lead by Father Muddu, along with Fr. Gerald Musubire, Pastor of Saint Timothy

**Spring CLEAN UP**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30AM**

"Lunch Will Be Provided"

Please call/text Rita @ (804) 475-6823 with any allergies/diet restrictions.

- We need a few people dedicated to loading wheelbarrows with mulch, a few to haul the mulch to various locations and a few to spread the mulch into the areas. No weeding this year unless you want to! 😊
- We need at least 2 people dedicated to blowing leaves and at least 2 people to tidy up the "Stations of the Cross" trail.
- We need a large team to carry tree limbs & debris into the woods. (Tree trimming will be completed prior to Saturday.)
- We will have extra work gloves available if needed.
- We will not have an organized cleaning crew inside this year, but please feel free to do so if you'd like! There are certainly areas that could use some attention indoors.
- I will email/call the day before if the weather looks unsuitable.
- A Grounds Committee is presently forming with similar future projects. More to be announced!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!**

# Community/Diocesan Events



Sight is easy to take for granted. For the Pharisees in today's Gospel, the possibility that they might be missing something, despite having sight, authority, and education bothers them: "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" (John 9:40)

When we walk through a house, we automatically look for the light switch if it's dark. It's difficult to do anything in the dark. "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day," Jesus said in John 9:4. "Night is coming when no one can work."

The works of God cry out to be accomplished, including the ministries supported by our Annual Diocesan Appeal. We must not delay. Christ is here. He is the daylight only by which we can work. We need him, and we need you. We ask him to guide our efforts throughout the Appeal. Please support our Appeal. We ask him to enlighten your discernment of how to do so. He will not let you walk in darkness when doing the works of God. He will be your light. God bless you abundantly for your gifts and prayers for our Appeal!

QR Code for 2023 Annual Appeal



**Saint Michael Catholic High School is hosting their Spring Open House on Wednesday, March 29 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Tour the school, meet teachers and staff, and find out what it's like to be a Warrior!**  
[www.saintmichaelhs.org/open-house](http://www.saintmichaelhs.org/open-house)

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](mailto:office@saintmarycc.org). Thank you.*

**GOD BLESS**

## PARISH OFFICE

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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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