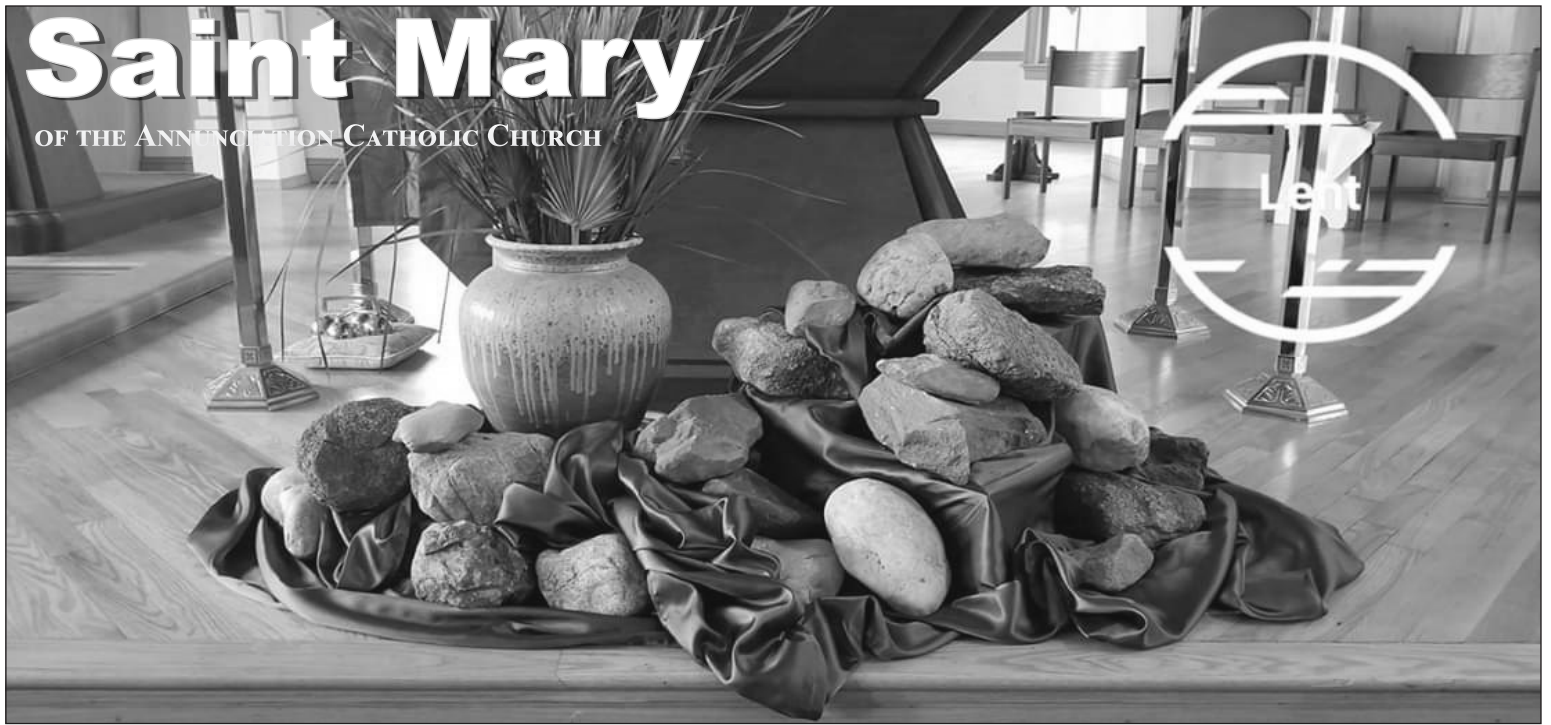


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 26, 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)

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| Monday, March 27 | OFFICE CLOSED; 8:45 AM CCM Coop - Homeschoolers |
| Tuesday, March 28 | 9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry |
| Wednesday, March 29 | 9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM African American Cemetery Meeting |
| Thursday, March 30 | 9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry |
| Friday, March 31 | Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM - Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, April 1 | 8:30 AM - Spring Clean Up; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass |
| Sunday, April 2 | 8:30 AM Mass ; 9:30 AM - Religious Ed; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM Mass <i>(People of the Parish)</i> |

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

27 MARCH 2023 - MONDAY : Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Daniel 13: 41c-62; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8: 1-11

28 MARCH 2023 - TUESDAY : Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalms 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8: 21-30

29 MARCH 2023 - WEDNESDAY : Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8: 31-42

30 MARCH 2023 - THURSDAY : Genesis 17: 3-9; Psalms 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8: 51-59

31 MARCH 2023 - FRIDAY : Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)

Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalms 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 10: 31-42

1 APRIL 2023 - SATURDAY : Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12, 13; John 11: 45-56

2 APRIL 2023 - SUNDAY : "Palm Sunday of the Lord' Solemnity Passion

Procession: Matthew 21: 1-11; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2: 6-11; Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66 or Matthew 27: 11-54



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

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

Thank you for your generous for the Catholic Relief Fund collection last weekend. Learn more about the collection at 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.

QR CODES

Capital Campaign



Online Giving



Parish Registration





Let's Celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation! Weekend of March 25-26

The Annunciation reminds us to pause and marvel that God is with us. This feast day we celebrate Jesus' entrance into our world through Mary's willingness to accept the angel Gabriel's invitation. In his book Meditations and Devotions, Cardinal John Henry Newman mentioned that "Mary is called the Gate of Heaven, because it was through her that our Lord passed from heaven to earth." The Annunciation is the beginning of our salvation. It is a day of hope that we might be restored to relationship with the Father through the Incarnation.

All are invited to a celebration of the Annunciation after Masses this weekend, A cake will be cut in thanks to all of our parishioners who have made a pledge to the capital campaign. I am very pleased to announce that we are 62% of our goal and we have now raised over \$250,000 from 45 families. We are so grateful to all our families who have supported the campaign. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in making this campaign a tremendous success."

Fr. Muddu



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH
MARCH 26—EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

MONTH OF APRIL
APRIL 7—GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 9—EASTER
APRIL 9—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

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

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.

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.

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



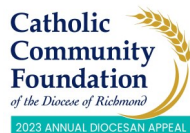
*****DATE CHANGE***
Saturday April 1st @ 8:30AM**

"Lunch Will Be Provided"

- 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.
- We need a few volunteers dedicated to blowing leaves around the perimeter of the church, edge of the woods and at the playground/pavilion.
- We will need a lot of assistance with a large pile of brush from the tree trimming that took place last week.
- The "Stations of the Cross" trail and stations need to be tidied up. The stations are dirty and full of webs and need to be wiped down.
- We will have extra work gloves available if needed.
- We will not have an organized cleaning crew inside this year, but feel free to clean anything you would like. There are many areas that could use some attention.
- Someone will email/call prior if the weather looks unsuitable.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!

Community/Diocesan Events



In today's Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. In doing so, he forecasts two events: his return from the dead and ours.

Death, and the events that follow, are challenging and often hide at the edge of our consciousness. It drives us to avoid aggressive drivers, work harder, or hold close the ones we love at goodbyes.

As difficult as death is, the Resurrection is our hope and Lent is our time to pray, give and spread the word! "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says Jesus (John 11:25). When you support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you enable us to deliver this same hope and mercy to those in need.

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

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. 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.