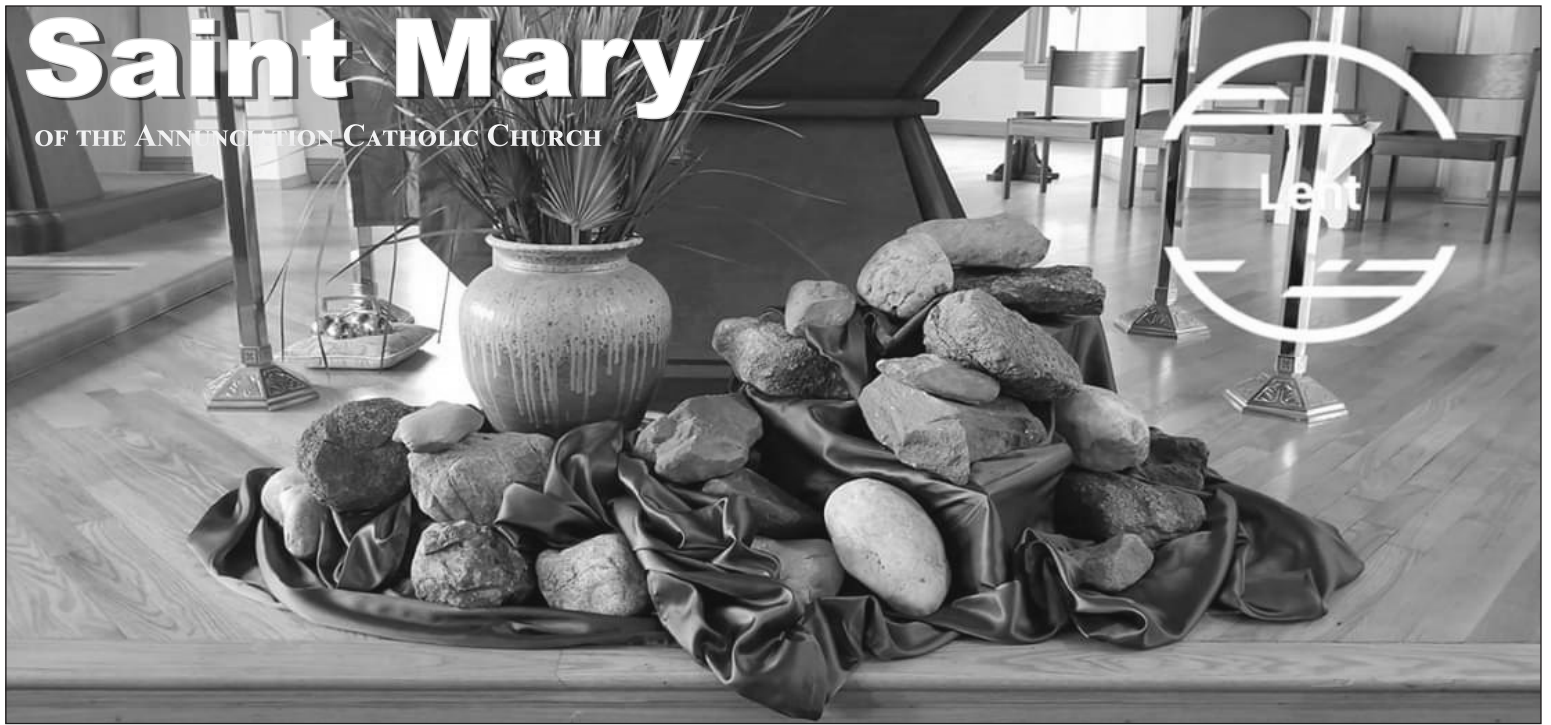


Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+Maria Joaquina Chavez requested by the Cruz Family)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(+Paul Coyne requested by John & Holly Speck)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 6	OFFICE CLOSED; 8:45 AM CCM Coop - Homeschoolers
Tuesday, March 7	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 8	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS
Thursday, March 9	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 10	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 6:00 PM - Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 11	8:00 AM First Reconciliation Retreat #2; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, March 12	8:30 AM Mass (+William Bolecek requested by Gloria Bolecek); 9:30 AM - Religious Ed; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM Mass (+Ngoc Nguyen requested by John and Holly Speck)

Upcoming Parish News/Events

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

6 MARCH 2023 - MONDAY : **Daniel 9:** 4b-10; **Psalms 79:** 8, 9, 11 and 13; **Luke 6:** 36-38
7 MARCH 2023 - TUESDAY : **Isaiah 1:** 10, 16-20; **Psalms 50:** 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; **Matthew 23:** 1-12
8 MARCH 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Jeremiah 18:** 18-20; **Psalms 31:** 5-6, 14, 15-16; **Matthew 20:** 17-28
9 MARCH 2023 - THURSDAY : **Jeremiah 17:** 5-10; **Psalms 1:** 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; **Luke 16:** 19-31
10 MARCH 2023 - FRIDAY : **Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)**
Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; **Psalms 105:** 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; **Matthew 21:** 33-43, 45-46
11 MARCH 2023 - SATURDAY : **Micah 7:** 14-15, 18-20; **Psalms 103:** 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; **Luke 15:** 1-3, 11-32
12 MARCH 2023 - SUNDAY : **Third Sunday of Lent**
Exodus 17: 3-7; **Psalms 95:** 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; **Romans 5:** 1-2, 5-8; **John 4:** 5-42

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

Fridays Throughout Lent

Looking for a way to deepen your faith during the Lenten Season? Looking for a way to get together more often with your Parish family? Well consider spending your Friday evening here at St. Mary's



Soup Suppers - Each Friday throughout Lent starting at 6:00 PM there will be soup, salad and bread served in the Parish Hall. This is a pot-luck meal, so please watch for sign-up sheets starting after Masses on Ash Wednesday to let us know how many people you'll be bringing and what type of food. This is great meal spent with family and friends, so please consider attending! For questions, call Valerie Sparks at 804-572-1768.



Stations of the Cross each Friday starting at 7:00 PM throughout the Lenten Season. There are books provided to follow along. Please consider joining with your Parish family to follow Jesus on his journey each Friday evening.

These events are separate from each other. You can attend either or both events each Friday during Lent.

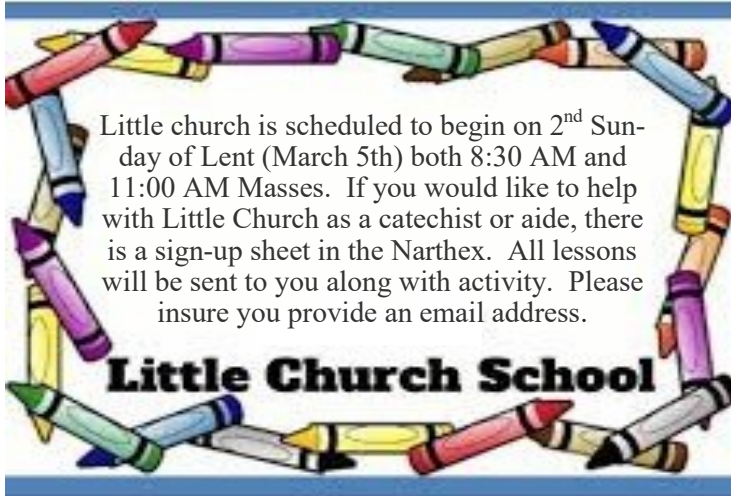
All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

****ATTENTION****

THE SHED IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CLEARED & CLEANED. WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO IDENTIFY ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE KEPT OR ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED. ITEMS TO BE KEPT SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED BY MARCH 19th. SHED CLEANING AND CLEARING WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 20th.

SPECIAL MASS INTENTION

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



Little church is scheduled to begin on 2nd 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



As we embark on this capital campaign together, please keep in mind that many of our next steps are

dependent on the pledges you make and how quickly you return them.

With this in mind, we are asking that you please return your capital campaign pledge commitments by the weekend of March 11 and 12 so we can plan for those next steps as soon as possible.

This **does not** mean you need to have all of your money in by that date, we only need YOUR PLEDGE letting us know that you plan to donate.

We will have a collection area in the narthex for you to turn in your pledges.

Your generous support will help to ensure that we take care of the needs of our parish now and well into the future.

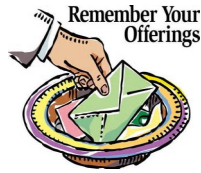
I thank you for your prayerful consideration.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE THE PLEDGE PACKAGE IN THE NARTHEX



The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking an Administrative Assistant, for the Office of Finance, to provide administrative support to the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance. For the full ad and how to apply, please click here <http://bit.ly/3XSnasW>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at

jobs@richmonddiocese.org



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

MARCH 5—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
MARCH 19—CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
MARCH 26—EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Feb 12 to Feb 18	YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,549	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,668	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,217	\$ 152,111
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 151,300
Over/Under	\$ (1,234)	\$ 811



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.

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



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.

Community/Diocesan Events

Catholic Community Foundation

of the Diocese of Richmond

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

In a profound moment, Jesus offered a taste of his divinity to Peter, James, and John in the Gospel today. Jesus made known the glory he had with the Father before the world began. These three disciples were privileged to witness the manifestation of the Transfiguration.

As powerful as the Transfiguration must have been (Peter was so awed, he didn't even know what he said), that encounter can't equal receiving the Eucharist! Receiving an image of God through one's eyes can't rival the privilege of taking God himself into one's body through the Eucharist. Our community needs to know about this. When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help our parish can get the word out: God is here! He lives in our little tabernacle! It's a secret that shouldn't be kept. God doesn't want to overpower us with his transfigured divinity every day. God's care is manifest in the Eucharist: its humble appearance enables the fragile human heart to "fill that gap" with faith.

As Saint Thomas Aquinas says, where "our feeble senses fail," faith rises (the *Tantum Ergo*). Please help our parish facilitate these privileged encounters by supporting the Appeal. Through your generosity, you'll help us provide the Eucharist to all who seek it in the quiet, human way our Lord seems to prefer.



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.saintmichaels.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 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.

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