

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+Carlos Ortiz, Jr., requested by Carlos & Eva Ortiz)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

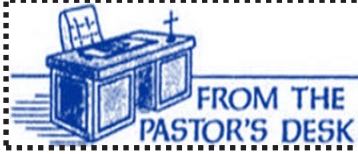
(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, May 8	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, May 9	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, May 10	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 1:00 PM Funeral Mass for Edward Miskin (Noon - Viewing)
Thursday, May 11	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, May 12	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, May 13	1:00 PM First Communion Retreat; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, May 14	8:30 AM MASS ; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS

Upcoming Parish News/Events



Why is May the Month of Mary?

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ.

The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy *Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops"

Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death

Amen.

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Capital Campaign



Online Giving



Parish Registration



2023 Annual Appeal



Knights of Columbus Scholarships!

Knights of Columbus Council 7538 is now accepting applications for the Virgil S. Hicks, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. It may be used to attend a Catholic high school or any accredited college, university or school.

Applications are due May 15, 2023.

Application information and forms are available on the Knights of Columbus rack by entry to Parish Hall. Any questions, please contact Ron Wisniewski at 804-307-1615.



WEEKLY MASS READINGS

8 MAY 2023 - MONDAY : **Acts 14:** 5-18;
Psalms 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; **John 14:** 21-26

9 MAY 2023 - TUESDAY : **Acts 14:** 19-28;
Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; **John 14:** 27-31a

10 MAY 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Acts 15:** 1-6;
Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; **John 15:** 1-8

11 MAY 2023 - THURSDAY : **Acts 15:** 7-21;
Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; **John 15:** 9-11

12 MAY 2023 - FRIDAY : **Acts 15:** 22-31;
Psalms 57: 8-9, 10 and 12; **John 15:** 12-17

13 MAY 2023 - SATURDAY : **Our Lady of Fatima**
Acts 16: 1-10; **Psalms 100:** 2, 3, 5; **John 15:** 18-21

14 MAY 2023 - SUNDAY : **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; **Psalms 66:** 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; **First Peter 3:** 15-18; **John 14:** 15-21



I would just like to shout out to those folks who helped with bingo last weekend. The Blakenbaker, Ortiz and Lepp families as well as Pat Johnson were all a huge help with set up, serving and clean up! Also thank you to all who sent in such awesome gifts! Prize bingo was a success!!

Additionally I would like to thank all the families of our confirmation class that baked for our bake sale last weekend. everything was delicious.

Both events were a huge success because of your help and support! Thanks also goes out to our wonderful parish who came out and played bingo and who supported all of our sweet treats!

The proceeds from both events were donated to children's ministry here at St. Mary's. God Bless!
Thank you!
Debbie Frank



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

MAY 7—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
MAY 21—CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS
MAY 28—CEMETERY/PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Apr 16 to Apr 22	YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,580	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,363	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,943	\$ 202,029
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 195,800
Over/Under	\$ (508)	\$ 6,229

**Lector Training is TODAY
Sunday May 7th**

We are offering a session to welcome and train interested adults and youth in becoming Lectors. We are also encouraging those previously involved as Lectors to reconnect with the Ministry. Training will be TODAY, Sunday May 7th at 1:00 PM and "All are Welcome".

For questions or more information contact Deacon Frank Leaming at fnleaming@aol.com or Tina Sebak at tmtbug4@msn.com.



The Religious Education program of St. Mary's is winding down for the year, but gearing up the prep work for next year!



We are currently looking for catechists and aides for next year's classes.

Please consider volunteering to be a catechist or aide for our Religious Education program!!! In order for all classes to run, we need a minimum of 20 volunteers (10 catechists, 10 aides).

Catechists and aides are paired according to the grade they feel most comfortable with and any prior experience they have had. All catechists receive VIRTUS training as well as an orientation and additional training to help them be successful throughout the year.

If you are interested or have questions, please email Kari Campbell at religioused@saintmarycc.org or call 540-424-7893

**Knights of Columbus Council
2023 Tailgate Raffle**

Package includes:

1. Weber Traveler Grille
2. Yeti Tundra 45 Cooler
3. Cornhole boards and bags
4. 2 Yeti Ramblers, 30 oz.



All items go to the winner. The retail price for the package is roughly \$950.00. The drawing is scheduled at our council's business meeting on July 10th. 300 tickets total, \$20 each.

Sales can be by cash, check or Venmo. Venmo account: [@JMJ-Council-7538](https://venmo.com/JMJ-Council-7538). To verify Venmo payment, use: 5736. Enter buyer name, phone # and ticket #. Please contact Kennedy at 804-347-8458 or kenedyweber@comcast.net for any questions and tickets.



NOW ON SALE IN THE NARTHEX!

BARBEQUE DINNER

June 3rd

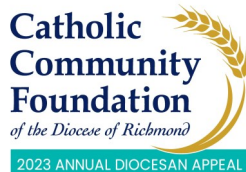
4:00 –7:00 pm

The Bingaman's are BACK! Dinner is Served!

Please join us June 3rd as the Bingaman's bring back our first parish dinner since Covid! We are excited to offer you a barbeque dinner to include a pork barbeque sandwich, barbeque beans, applesauce, cole-slaw, and a dessert. Dinner will be served from 4-7pm and it will be \$10 a person (advance ticket) and \$12 at the door. Tickets will be on sale starting this weekend.

There is a minimum number of 60 tickets that must be sold for the event to occur. All proceeds will go to the church maintenance fund! Can't wait to join in the fun! What a great way to kick off summer with a barbeque!!

Community/Diocesan Events



In last week's Gospel, Jesus gave us the comforting news that we can securely follow his voice. In today's Gospel, he explains where he's taking us: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2).

What security to know that the *good* shepherd has prepared homes unique for each of us. Such knowledge gives us the freedom to let go of worry since he's already taken care of our needs. With that freedom, we can serve his kingdom first.

Even more exciting is that he gave us power in his service: "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these" (John 14:12). He gave our parish the gift of a mission to carry out his works here. Please give to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through it, we can do His works!

He gave us the power to draw souls into his eternal family through Baptism. He gave us the ability to offer forgiveness through Confession. He gave us the power to fill souls with peace, warmth, and strength through the Eucharist. Please help us continue to accomplish these works by supporting our Annual Appeal. Your brothers and sisters in Christ will thank you in this life or the next. Let's get to work!

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, Thad (Pete) Beach, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Bob Buchanan, 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, 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, Scott Trice, 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.