

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

ALL ARE WELCOME
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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

Tuesday, November 21st—**10:00 AM— COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY**

Wednesday, November 22nd—**NO ADORATION OR MASS**

Thursday, November 23rd—**HAPPY THANKSGIVING—OFFICE AND CHURCH CLOSED**

Friday, November 24th—**OFFICE AND CHURCH CLOSED**

Saturday, November 25th and Sunday, November 26th—**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

(+Estelle Bareford requested by Ron Wisniewski)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(Office Hours 9 AM - 1 PM Tuesday - Thursday)

Monday, Nov. 20	OFFICE CLOSED; 7:00 PM Religious Education for 10th Grade
Tuesday, Nov. 21	10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, Nov. 22	NO MASS OR ADORATION
Thursday, Nov. 23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING; NO ADORATION OR MASS; OFFICE CLOSED; FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Friday, Nov. 24	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Nov. 25	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, Nov. 26	8:30 AM MASS (+Wayne Scott requested by Carol Scott); 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS (Margarita Martinez requested by Carmen & Rene Martinez)



Themes for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A are a call to do the work of the Kingdom of God with the gifts we have been given. The first reading sings the praises of the worthy wife who uses her talents to labor for good. The psalm tells us that those who follow the Lord are blessed. The second reading reminds us that we are children of light and goodness. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the talents and praises the servants who used their resources wisely.

- **Stewardship:** The passage emphasizes the importance of wisely managing resources or gifts given by God.
- **Accountability:** Each servant in the parable is held accountable for how they use their talents, highlighting the theme of personal responsibility.
- **Risk and Growth:** The servants who invest their talents are taking a risk, suggesting that spiritual growth often involves stepping out of one's comfort zone.
- **Work Ethic:** The servants who double their talents work hard, suggesting the value of effort and diligence in spiritual life.
- **Divine Judgment:** The passage suggests that there will be a time of reckoning where each individual will be judged based on their actions.
- **Inequality:** The talents are distributed unevenly at the start, which may prompt considerations about the spiritual implications of inequality.



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 26– Christmas Flowers

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, please submit any announcements for the November 26th bulletin by Tuesday, November 21st, no later than 10:00 AM



Book of Remembrance

The Parish's Book will be available from All Saints Day through Thanksgiving. Just write down the names of your dearly departed, and they will be remembered at each Mass during the month.

*Remember your All Souls Day envelopes so we can place them on the Altar to remember your loved ones at our Masses during this month.
For individual Mass Intentions, please contact the office.*

Closed Thanksgiving Day

NO ADORATION
OR MASS



Saint Mary's Weekly Giving Report

Thank you for your continued support of our community. To give on line go to the St Mary Online Giving website. God Bless You All

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Oct 22 to Oct 28		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,540	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,485	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,025	\$ 65,063
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 75,650
Over/Under	\$ (1,425)	\$ (10,587)

Thank you to everyone who donated food and their time to help make our Thanksgiving meals a great success. We really appreciate all your donations



WEEKLY MASS READINGS

20 NOVEMBER 2023 - MONDAY : **First Maccabees 1:** 10-15, 41-43,54-57, 62-63; **Psalms 119:** 53, 61, 134, 150, 155,158; **Luke 18:** 35-43

21 NOVEMBER 2023 - TUESDAY : **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Second Maccabees 6: 18-31; **Psalms 3:** 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; **Luke 19:** 1-10

22 NOVEMBER 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Second Maccabees 7:** 1, 20-31; **Psalms 17:** 1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; **Luke 19:** 11-28

23 NOVEMBER 2023 - THURSDAY -ORDINARY/
Thanksgiving Day
First Maccabees 2: 15-29; **Psalms 50:** 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; **Luke 19:** 41-44

23 NOVEMBER 2023 - THURSDAY -PROPER /
Thanksgiving Day
Sirach 50: 22-24; **Psalms 145:** 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9,10-11; **Luke 17:** 11-19

24 NOVEMBER 2023 - FRIDAY : **First Maccabees 4:** 3-37, 52-59; **First Chronicles 29:** 10bcd,11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; **Luke 19:** 45-48

25 NOVEMBER 2023 - SATURDAY : **First Maccabees 6:** 1-13; **Psalms 9:** 2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; **20:** 27-40

26 NOVEMBER 2023 - SUNDAY
Christ the King Solemnity (Thirty-Fourth and Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; **Psalms 23:** 1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6; **First Corinthians 15:** 20-26, 28; **Matthew 25:** 31-46

Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love
endures forever

Psalm 107:1

Have a BLESSED
and SAFE

*Thanksgiving
celebration!*



Parish Grounds Beautification Project

The parish Grounds Committee recently undertook a beautification project to begin to enhance the parish grounds by adding new garden areas with perennial and evergreen plants. These areas include the front entrance sign, a small bed across from the sign, and underneath the large cross at the entrance to the outdoor Stations of the Cross pathway. Thanks to the generous support of Home Depot, Lowe's, Tractor Supply Company, Meadows Farms, and Greenscape Landscaping, there was no cost to the parish for this project.

The front entrance sign was also whitewashed and more solar lights were placed to better illuminate the lettering. In the spring, the Grounds Committee will turn its attention to the areas in front of the church and the inclusion of other plants for added beauty. Special thanks to Carlos Ortiz for coming on short notice to blow away leaves from the church, so the Grounds Committee could start phase one of trimming along the tree line.

The Grounds Committee always welcomes new members and ideas. If interested, please contact Rita Blankenbaker at (804) 475-6823 or rblank77@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus Council #7538

A Big Thank You

Thanks to all those who purchased Brunswick Stew last weekend. We appreciate your support of this annual fund raiser for our council. Funds raised help to support programs for veterans, youth and other community programs.



It's time for one of biggest annual fundraisers: The Polar Bear Plunge

We have 6 brave parishioners that will be freezing for a reason. We would love to have more! The participants will be plunging into Lake Land'Or on February 3rd along with many other partakers from the community. 100% of our proceeds will go directly to our food pantry and to provide meals for The Thurman Brisben Homeless Center and Micah. The Ruritan Club will contribute \$500 to the organizations that raise the most amount of money. There is also a monetary award for the best costume at the event. Feel free to dress up to support our plungers. This year's theme is 'Nice for the Ice'. Wear your best duds.

We have set a goal to raise \$8000. Please consider making a donation to one of the plungers directly or online. Please contact Kelly Kirtley at kellyekirtley@gmail.com... or 804-761-7533 to take the plunge!

Please use the QR Code below to donate and thanks to all who have already contributed!



Community/Diocesan Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."
- MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

VOCATIONS

"Well done, good and faithful servant...."

How are you called to use your talents? Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest, deacon or the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we answer God's call to nurture and develop our gifts and return them with increase.

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, Thad (Pete) Beach, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Theresa Buchanan, Emilynn Butler, Barry Carrington, Aiden Christensen, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Eleanor Elletson, 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, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Edgar & Rhonda Parks, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Anna Porter, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Beverly Schnarrs, Cindy Schwind, Marjie Schwind, Helen Simulcik, William Simulcik, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, The Taylor Family, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, Janie Wagner, Pedro Welsh, Bethany Wheaton, 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.

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