

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15, 2023**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM
(+Harold and Jane Larsen requested by Anna Larsen Porter)
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
(+William Bolecek requested by Gloria Bolecek)
SUNDAY 11:00 AM
(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Oct. 16	OFFICE CLOSED; 7:00 PM Religious Education for 10th Grade
Tuesday, Oct. 17	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, Oct. 18	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS <i>(+Bob Piper requested by Yvette and Rob Piper)</i>
Thursday, Oct. 19	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, Oct. 20	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Oct. 21	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, Oct. 22	8:30 AM MASS; 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS



OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). **The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.** All of us live busy and distracted lives – whether we are a student, working from 9-5 (or longer), or if we are retired. No doubt, you are now reading this post from your computer or smartphone. All of us need to step back to retreat from the busyness and distractions of our day, switch off the phone, and social media, and quiet our minds. Take a moment this month of October to pray the Rosary. Offer it for a friend or family member, for peace of mind, for peace in the world. Praying the Rosary allows us to encounter Mary and to enter the mysteries of Jesus Christ. From his Incarnation to the Cross, to the Resurrection, we come to understand that God has revealed himself and saved us. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, continue to inspire us to a life of discipleship.

JOIN US AT 8 AM BEFORE MASS THIS OCTOBER TO PRAY THE ROSARY IN FRONT OF THE MARY STATUE OUTSIDE, weather permitting

SILENCE BEFORE MASS: A REMINDER

As a pastor, I am faced with a pull from two sides: I regularly hear from one group of parishioners that they find the noise before Mass distracting and even damaging to their spiritual growth.

If I talk about silence, I hear from (or are gossiped about by) other parishioners as making the church “unfriendly.” I know there is no pleasing everybody, and there is some truth in both perspectives (except gossip, which is toxic and sinful).

So how can we encourage what Christ prayed for at the last supper, unity among his disciples?

Can we agree together that catching up with one another in conversation is acceptable as people gather? (After all, especially for seniors, church may be their only chance to meet face-to-face during the week.)

But can we also agree together that we can have conversations at the end of Mass in the Narthex or outside the church.

I know that many people find silence “empty” and uncomfortable.

Let me say a word about that; First, there’s no denying some part of the discomfort. We meet our deeper selves — our consciences, our fears, our hopes, the word of God within us — only when we are silent, and most normal human beings flee from that encounter rather than encourage it.

But there is an unnecessary degree of discomfort because we don’t know anything that can make silence useful for our spiritual growth. So here are a few things to do with that time before Mass.

Read — or reread — the scriptures for the Mass that’s about to begin; listen for the voice of God in what you read; think over any word or phrase that strikes you.

Think back over the week just passed; ask God to uncover for you where you succeeded in being his voice, his hands, toward others over the past week.

Consider the needs of the church communion — locally and worldwide — and choose some special intention to pray for at the Mass about to begin.

Think about the suffering of people in the news — in the neighborhood and around the world — and choose to offer your prayer at Mass for some way and place in which God’s will needs to be done.

Ask God to uncover for you some place where you’re blind to His will, or stuck in your own desires, so that you can pray and work on changing that.

Pay attention to your breathing, as a way of gently putting aside the tensions and worries of the past and future, so that you can be fully attentive to what is about to happen when God comes in his word and sacrament.

Pray that someone unknown to you in the congregation will be helped through a great struggle or moment of crisis by your prayer.

There are too many things to do; choose one, and experiment with how it changes your experience at Mass. In every case, recognize that your seriousness about your spiritual life is bound to have a good effect on the other people you worship with.

Just as conversation can distract and keep people from praying, silent attention opens the gates to God’s grace.

THANKSGIVING MEAL BAGS

Please help the Food Pantry provide Thanksgiving meals to our Caroline County neighbors.

Bags are now available in the Narthex with shopping lists attached, along with the extra shopping lists that you can use with your own bags.

Items needed: Instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, canned gravy, bread/muffin mix, stuffing mix, canned yams, canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, etc.), canned cranberry sauce, and dessert mixes.

Any help will be much appreciated. Food can be left in the Narthex or brought to the Food Pantry on Tuesday or Thursday nights between 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Thank you and God bless!

**PLEASE RETURN ALL BAGS BY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**



**FOOD PANTRY IS STILL IN NEED OF
THE FOLLOWING:**



**MAC & CHEESE and
INSTANT POTATOES**



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we learn to depend on God to supply for our all needs.

Trunk or treat!

**Sunday October 29th at
12:30 PM**

Trunk or Treat is Back!



Bring the kids and come on out for trunk or treat Sunday October 29 after the 11am mass.

Don't have kids? Bring your car and some candy and decorations and make it fun for the young people of St. Mary's.

The Details:

Event begins at 12:30pm with a hot dog lunch and trick or treating begins at 1:00 pm.

Costume guidelines: Father has asked that children change into their costumes *after mass*. Please make sure that costumes are fun and festive and not gory or scary. This is a family friendly event.

Questions....call Debbie Frank at 540.295.7587 or email debbietavikfrank@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - PHILIPPIANS 4:19
God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

VOCATIONS

"Many are called, but few are chosen."

Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddioocese.org.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers needed for all weekend masses. Sign up sheets in Narthex by TV. Training begins October 22 after 11:00 am Mass. Anyone who has received first communion may sign up. Questions? Contact Deacon Dave at 540-710-3364.



WHY DO I NEED A WILL?

Everyone over the age of 18 should have a Will to support their future and protect their loved ones. Life events such as baptisms, weddings, divorce, or the death of a spouse are important times to create a Will. A Will is the best way to:

- Protect the people, communities, and ministries you love.
- Save your family stress and complications by giving exact instructions on how to handle your estate.
- Start a legacy with the Catholic Community Foundation to give never-ending hope to generations of people served by the Diocese of Richmond.

HOW DOES FREEWILL HELP?

The Catholic Community Foundation partnered with FreeWill to offer an online solution for estate planning that helps you create a legal Will completely free of charge. This also makes it easy to create other important estate planning documents, so you are prepared for your future.

Creating a Will through FreeWill can help you easily memorialize your wishes and legacy intentions. **Get started at: FreeWill.com/ RichmondCatholicFoundation**



Community/Diocesan Events

October 22 –Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Propagation of the Faith, Home Missions and Black and Indian Missions will bolster missionaries working to spread the "Good News". Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank you.



Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its Fall Open House for prospective families on Tuesday, October 24th, from 6pm-7:30pm. Come meet our faculty, tour the school, review curricula - and get a \$250 enrollment discount for attending!
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



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, 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, Michael McFadden, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Tony Osman, Robert Pecht, Jeff Perry, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Anna Porter, Makayla Prevost, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Beverly Schnarrs, Cindy, Schwind, Marjie Schwind, John Signor, 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***

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.