

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

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COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th.
NO ADORATION OR MASS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th or THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 5:00 PM
(+Harvey C. Eckert requested by the Nowark Family)
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
SUNDAY 11:00 AM
(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Oct. 9	OFFICE CLOSED; 7:00 PM Religious Education for 10th Grade
Tuesday, Oct. 10	10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, Oct. 11	NO MASS OR ADORATION
Thursday, Oct. 12	NO MASS OR ADORATION; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, Oct. 13	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Oct. 14	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS <i>(+Harold and Jane Larsen requested by Anna Larsen Porter)</i>
Sunday, Oct. 15	8:30 AM MASS <i>(+William Bolecek requested by Gloria Bolecek);</i> 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.



Religious Education Aides Needed

We are in need of 2 aides for Religious Education. We have such a high enrollment that we've had to split Grade 2 and Grade 6. We need an aide for 2nd Grade and an aide for 6th Grade.

Please contact Kari Campbell at religioused@saintmarycc.com. Thank you

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 22 - Mission Sunday

Church Picnic is TODAY— October 8!



Our annual church picnic is TODAY, October 8 immediately after the 11am mass. Come enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and chips and bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with your fellow parishioners. We'll have pumpkin painting, apple grabs, a pie eating contest, cornhole, music, and more!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.

Trunk or treat! Sunday October 29th at NOON



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

VOCATIONS

"This is the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes."

Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation.

Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.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.



FOOD PANTRY IS STILL IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



MAC & CHEESE and INSTANT POTATOES



The Knights Of Columbus is holding an Italian/Spaghetti dinner on October 14th to support their scholarship for high school and college students. The dinner will include silent auction items. Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex after each Mass. Please note this will be held at ST ANN'S in Ashland. Please call or text David Frank at 540-295-7588 if you have any questions.

ATTENTION INTERNATIONAL FOOD LOVERS



In the interest of creating a social committee and setting up an organized calendar of events, we are postponing the International Night event so that we can better plan and prepare for this event and others in the near future. Please stay tuned for more information. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the social committee, please contact Jim Lepp at leppfamily@gmail.com.

Community/Diocesan Events



Learn to Lead Capital Campaign

Thanks very much to all of you who participated in the Learn to Lead Special Collection last weekend! We appreciate you contributing to this campaign. If you were unable to join us for the Special Collection weekend, there is still time to give! To make a secure online gift now, please visit learn-toleadcampaign.org or scan the following QR code:



QR CODES

Capital Campaign



Online Giving



Parish Registration



FORMED



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, 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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