

# Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

*(+Shirley Steinfield requested by Yvette and Rob Piper)*

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

*(People of the Parish)*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Sept. 11	 <b>PATRIOT DAY - OFFICE CLOSED</b> 
Tuesday, Sept. 12	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, Sept. 13	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b>
Thursday, Sept. 14	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> <i>(+Camille DeVittorio requested by the DeVittorio Family)</i> ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, Sept. 15	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Sept. 16	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM MASS</b>
Sunday, Sept. 17	<b>8:30 AM MASS</b> <i>(+Debbie Brooks requested by Suzie Tatham)</i> ; 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; <b>11:00 AM MASS</b>



## THE HOLY MASS EXPLAINED

The Holy Mass could be described as the ritual celebration of what Jesus fulfilled only once in history: The Last Supper on Holy Thursday, His Death on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The celebration of the Mass can be divided into four parts:

Gathering rites

Liturgy of the Word of God

Liturgy of the Eucharist or Meal sharing

Rite of Commissioning: sending out to live our experienced in the Mass.

### ***Part Three: Liturgy of the Eucharist:***

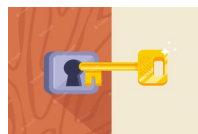
With the homily and Creed, the Liturgy of the Word comes to an end. Then begins the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the third part of the Holy Mass. After having listened to the Word of God, having reflected over them and having proclaimed our faith, we move to the Table of the Lord. At any meal in the home, there are three actions: we set the table, say grace and share the food. Just like this, we have at Mass, three rituals known as

- The Preparation of the Gifts
- Eucharistic Prayer and
- The Communion Rite.

### ***Preparation of the Gifts:***

During the early history of Christianity, each brought from their homes bread and wine to be offered in the Church and subsequently to be distributed for the participants and the poor. Similarly, today, bread and wine, as the fruit of people's hard work, are brought to the altar, to be offered to God. Besides, members of the parish take up a collection from the assembly and bring it to the altar, as a sign of their sacrifice, to be used for the pastoral needs and the poor. The bread and wine and the monetary offering are the symbols of our hard work, our studies, our struggles and even our own weaknesses. The priest, then, mixes a drop of water with wine, reciting a prayer, "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity". Having offered the bread and wine and prior to consecrating them, so that they may be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, the priest washes the fingers, praying to God for his purification, "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin". Finally, he invites the assembly to pray that the sacrifice might be acceptable to God.

### **ATTENTION:**



We will be changing the ***FRONT door***  
***and OFFICE door locks*** on

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

If you currently have a key to an exterior door, please contact the office.

If you have a key to the office, please contact either Father Alex or the office. We will be implementing a new system to grant access to the office.

***PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO RECEIVE A NEW KEY.***

You can contact the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 804-448-9064  
or at  
office@saintmarycc.org.

### **PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS**

Lord of faithfulness and hope,  
strengthen us, your servants, in our dedication to ministry.

Grant that we always strive to share with others  
the light that we ourselves have derived from keeping  
your Word in our hearts.

Let us gladly join each other and those in our care  
to bring your light to the world.

You have created us in love;  
make us enlightened witnesses to the Gospel.

You have redeemed us in mercy;  
give us grace that our actions and our words shine  
with compassion.

You have sustained us in hope;  
strengthen us to endure in all times and circumstances.

Bless us all as we live out our calling.  
Amen.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - EZEKIEL 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.



## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we go beyond the minimum required and give generously in proportion to what God has given each of us.

## VOCATIONS

*"Where two or three are gathered in My name ..."*

The community that gathers in Christ needs leadership. Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: [vocations@richmonddioocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddioocese.org).



## Parish Picnic Needs Volunteers



Our annual parish picnic is tentatively scheduled for September 24, 2023, but we need your help! We're looking for a volunteer, or volunteers, to serve as the parish picnic organizer and planner. If you would like to get involved and help make this year's picnic a success, please send an email to Father Muddu at [amuddu@richmonddioocese.org](mailto:amuddu@richmonddioocese.org), or Jim Lepp at [leppfamily@gmail.com](mailto:leppfamily@gmail.com).

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

11 SEPTEMBER 2023 - MONDAY : **Patriot Day**  
Colossians 1: 24 - 2: 3; Psalms 62: 6-7, 9; Luke 6: 6-11

12 SEPTEMBER 2023 - TUESDAY : **Most Holy Name of Mary**  
Colossians 2: 6-15; Psalms 145: 1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Luke 6: 12-19

13 SEPTEMBER 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Colossians 3: 1-11;**  
Psalms 145: 2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Luke 6: 20-26

14 SEPTEMBER 2023 - THURSDAY : **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast**  
Numbers 21: 4b-9; Psalms 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; John 3: 13-17

15 SEPTEMBER 2023 - FRIDAY : **Our Lady of Sorrows Obligatory Memorial**  
First Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-14; Psalms 16: 1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; John 19: 25-27 or Luke 2: 33-35

16 SEPTEMBER 2023 - SATURDAY : **First Timothy 1: 15-17;**  
Psalms 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Luke 6: 43-49

17 SEPTEMBER 2023 - SUNDAY : **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35



## SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Sept. 10—Religious Education  
Sept. 24—Retirement for Religious  
Sept. 30—Oct. 1—Learn to Lead Campaign



## St. Mary's International Night

International Potluck



Join us on Saturday, October 21 starting at 6:00 pm for an international night potluck dinner! Please bring a dish that represents your cultural or family heritage to share with your fellow parishioners. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex starting this weekend.

# Community/Diocesan Events



**Learn to Lead Capital Campaign  
Special Collection Weekend: September  
30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Bishop Knestout invites your participation in the *Learn to Lead* Capital Campaign that will strengthen the extraordinary ministry of our Catholic schools. Our Catholic Schools shape the lives of more than 7,000 young people – helping them realize their greater purpose – succeeding and serving God, their families, churches, and communities. If you have been blessed by a Catholic education or believe in the importance of its mission, please make a generous gift. To learn more about this campaign or to make a secure online gift now, please visit [learntolead-campaign.org](http://learntolead-campaign.org) or scan the following QR code. Thank you!



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, Estelle Bareford, Thad (Pete) Beach, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, 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, Marjie Schwind, Kelly Searer, John Signor, Helen Simulcik, William Simulcik, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, John Speck, 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](mailto: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.

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