

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+Estelle Bareford requested by George and Lee Rung)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Sept. 25	OFFICE CLOSED; 7:00 PM Religious Education for 10th Grade
Tuesday, Sept. 26	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, Sept. 27	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS
Thursday, Sept. 28	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, Sept. 29	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Sept. 30	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, October 1	8:30 AM MASS; 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS



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:

Concluding the Preface with singing “Holy, Holy, Lord God of Holiness...”, the priest begins the proper Eucharistic Prayer.

Consecration:

The most solemn moment of the Holy Mass is the consecration. Up to this moment, what was on the altar is merely bread and wine. Giving praise and thanks to God; the priest, then, prays imposing his hands over the gifts. He calls upon the Holy Spirit to come down and transform the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ by making the sign of the cross over the gifts. Following this, he recalls the events of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. From this moment, what is on the altar is the Body and Blood of Christ in the appearance of bread and wine. With this transformation, Jesus, the Son of God is truly, substantially and really present on the altar.

One might ask, whether it is possible. Yes, it is possible, because this is done by the power of God. The priest, standing at the altar is only a minister of God, who acts visibly in the person of Jesus Christ. The ONE, who sacrificed himself on the Cross and offered his body and blood as our food has the power to transform the simple bread and wine into his Body and Blood and offer the same as the food for our spiritual life.

After this, the priest pronounces the word of consecration “This is my Body ...” and “This is the cup of my Blood...” and raises high for the people to look at the marvelous and memorable Sacrament and adore Jesus Christ. With our physical eyes we see just bread and wine, but with the eyes of faith, we can recognize Our Lord himself. While it is being raised, having recognized Him, we are expected to express our faith in the words of St. Thomas, “My Lord and my God”. I have seen many people utter repeatedly these words of faith either quietly or calmly in their mouth during the elevation.

It is worth remembering what Jesus told St. Thomas, when he proclaimed his faith, after having seen and touched the Risen Lord: “Thomas, you believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

As believers, the priest invites the people saying: “Let us proclaim the mystery of faith” and the people reply, for example, “We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.”

VOCATIONS

“Seek the Lord while He may be found...”

While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we realize we are not only responsible for our lives, but for the lives of others.

Parish Picnic Postponed

The parish picnic tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 24th, is being postponed. We are hoping to bring you an even greater fall celebration. Stay tuned for more information.



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		
Aug 27 to Sep 2	YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,489	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,340	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,829	\$ 34,395
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 40,050
Over/Under	\$ (1,621)	\$ (5,655)



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 religiously@saintmarycc.com. Thank you



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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



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.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Second Collection for THIS Sunday, September 24th, is for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



WEEKLY MASS READINGS

25 SEPTEMBER 2023 - MONDAY : **Ezra 1:** 1-6; **Psalms 126:** 1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; **Luke 8:** 16-18

26 SEPTEMBER 2023 - TUESDAY : **Ezra 6:** 7-8, 12b, 14-20; **Psalms 122:** 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; **Luke 8:** 19-21

27 SEPTEMBER 2023 - WEDNESDAY : **Ezra 9:** 5-9; **Tobit 13:** 2, 3-4a, 6, 8; **Luke 9:** 1-6

28 SEPTEMBER 2023 - THURSDAY : **Haggai 1:** 1-8; **Psalms 149:** 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; **Luke 9:** 7-9

29 SEPTEMBER 2023 - FRIDAY : **Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels Feast**

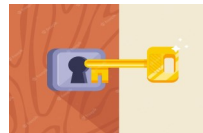
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 or **Revelation 12:** 7-12ab; **Psalms 138:** 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; **John 1:** 47-51

30 SEPTEMBER 2023 - SATURDAY : **Zechariah 2:** 5-9, 14-15a; **Jeremiah 31:** 10, 11-12ab, 13; **Luke 9:** 43b-45

1 OCTOBER 2023 - SUNDAY : **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 18: 25-28; **Psalms 25:** 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; **Philippians 2:** 1-11; **Matthew 21:** 28-32

ATTENTION:



We have changed the **FRONT door and OFFICE door locks**

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.

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
30th – October 1st**

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 learntoleadcampaign.org or scan the following QR code. Thank you!



FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

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, 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, 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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