

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
SUNDAY 11:00 AM
(People of the Parish)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, September 4	***** HAPPY LABOR DAY ***** - OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, September 5	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, September 6	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS
Thursday, September 7	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, September 8	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, September 9	8:00 AM Community Yard Sale; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, September 10	8:30 AM MASS (+Shirley Steinfield requested by Yvette & Rob Piper); 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS



NEW BUILDING UPDATE

From several individuals that have spoken to me, I understand you may have some concerns related to the new building. Here is our current status so you are aware of what has taken place so far. As recently communicated in the insert within the parish bulletin during the weekend of August 19-20, we were in need of support and consultation to ensure we followed all processes and procedures to move forward with the construction of the new building. I appointed Jim Kuh, a member of our landscape and renovation committees, to serve as another point of contact for the new building project as he has experience in project management and a general knowledge of working through the contracting process. Because we wanted to ensure our processes and designs would be acceptable to the diocesan BARC committee, and because we wanted to have help and consultation along the way, I reached out to the diocese for their assistance. They suggested I work with the director of real estate for the diocese, Shawn Lazar. He identified a project manager, Keith Montgomery from Century Construction, to help us gather more detailed drawings of the new building and to help us conduct architectural and civil engineering work and gather the permits needed before we can proceed. We are now on track to meet with the BARC committee in early October to receive approval to seek bids for final construction based on the Design/Build Agreement that Keith is helping us to pull together.

The diocese is fully aware of our financial needs and limitations and is helping to guide me, Jim Kuh, and the councils through this entire process. As pastor of this parish, I am and have been fully involved in each step and want you and anyone else who may have concerns to know that I have not delegated the responsibility for knowing, understanding, or approving each part of the process. I have the advice of the parish and finance councils, Jim Kuh, the diocesan director of real estate, and Century Construction to help me with any questions I have or clarity I need to make the right decisions necessary to bring our project to fruition. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with me directly.

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 Two: Liturgy of the Word:

The second part of the Liturgy of the Word comprises of the homily, the recitation of the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful (General Intentions).

Homily:

Even though the priest celebrating the mass or the deacon assisting at the Mass takes the effort to prepare the homily, this part of the Mass, unfortunately, is the hardest part for some. I don't blame them; in fact, it is difficult to listen to someone continuously for some time.

There may be many valid reasons, why it is difficult for some to pay attention to the homily preached during the Mass: may be due to many concerns about health, jobs, sports & games, family worries etc. For some, the homily may be too long and boring and for others, it is above the head and not able to comprehend the gist of the message.

Nevertheless, it is very important to know why one must pay attention to the homily. It is the Holy Spirit, who uses the priest or the deacon to enlighten His people with the message proclaimed through the three readings taken from the Bible. Basically, we need to keep our hearts and minds open with faith, so as to grasp and personalize what God shares with us. Just like a large piece of bread is broken to feed individual persons, the Word of God is broken so that it could be received and digested by the People of God.

The homily is followed by the Creed. What we recite during the Holy Mass is known as the Nicene Creed. This is longer than the Creed we use at the beginning of reciting the Rosary, which is known as the Apostles' Creed. Apostles' Creed is the one, said to have been composed by the Apostles; whereas the Nicene Creed was composed in the 4th century at the Council of Nicaea. It encompasses all that we as Catholic should believe. By reciting it during the Mass we proclaim our faith.

The Liturgy of the Word comes to an end with the Prayer of the Faithful (General Intentions). The intercessions enable us, as the Body of Christ, to pray for the Church, the nation & the leaders, for the people in special need, the local needs and for one another. Thus, we show our fellowship and universality in the Church.

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 IS OPEN

QR Code for Registration:



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE
TODAY, Sunday, September 3rd
After 11:00 AM Mass**

Come meet your child's Religious Education teacher, pick up parent packets and see the classrooms! There is a new drop-off and pick-up process this year as well!!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 10TH
9:30 AM - 10:50 AM**

We are not auto-enrolling past students, please enroll your child for class!! The social hall will be closed during the Religious Education year to ensure we comply with VIRTUS requirements and allow for classroom overflow. This year, Religious Education will be utilizing Flocknote for all communications - be sure to sign up by texting SMOTAVA to 84576

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

4 SEPTEMBER 2023 - MONDAY : Labor Day
First Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Psalms 96: 1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Luke 4: 16-30

5 SEPTEMBER 2023 - TUESDAY : First Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11; Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Luke 4: 31-37

6 SEPTEMBER 2023 - WEDNESDAY : Colossians 1: 1-8; Psalms 52: 10, 11; Luke 4: 38-44

7 SEPTEMBER 2023 - THURSDAY : Colossians 1: 9-14; Psalms 98: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Luke 5: 1-11

8 SEPTEMBER 2023 - FRIDAY : Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast
Micah 5: 1-4a or Romans 8: 28-30; Psalms 13: 6ab, 6c; Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23

9 SEPTEMBER 2023 - SATURDAY : Colossians 1: 21-23; Psalms 54: 3-4, 6 and 8; Luke 6: 1-5

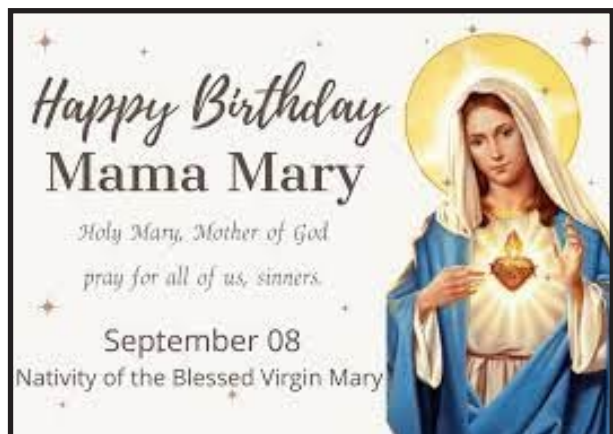
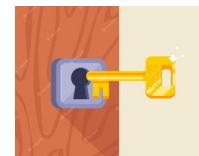
10 SEPTEMBER 2023 - SUNDAY : Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

ATTENTION:

We will be changing the front door and office door locks. If you currently have a key to either one, please contact the office. We will be implementing a new system to grant access to the office.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO RETURN YOUR OLD KEY AND RECEIVE A NEW ONE.

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.



**COMMUNITY YARD SALE IN
THE PARKING LOT!!!
SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, September 9th,
8:00 AM - NOON**

Sell extra household goods, Crafters welcome, Vendors welcome. \$15 per space, bring your own table. Proceeds will go toward our parish building maintenance needs. Tell



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, or Jim Lepp at leppfamily@gmail.com.



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3— Repair & Maintenance Fund
Sept. 10— Religious Education
Sept. 24— Retirement for Religious

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



Please hold Rev. J. Scott Duarte, JCD, KHS, a former pastor of our parish, in prayer as he celebrates the 45th anniversary of his priestly ordination on September 9, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in New Kent County. He has fond memories of his time serving in our parish and continues to pray for all our parishioners and families.

A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance
for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that
You be with those whose faces
we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.

Blessings from Our Sunday Visitor www.osv.com



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, Robert Pecht, 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. Thank you. GOD BLESS

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the St. Joseph's Aid Society. St. Joseph's benefits orphans and underprivileged children in Uganda by providing "intellectual, spiritual, physical, human, economic and social formation to needy children in Uganda equipping them with necessary skills to overcome challenges of life."

The final day to submit your donation in honor of Father Muddu's 10 year anniversary is on Sunday September 3rd.

St. Joseph's Mission Statement:

To provide intellectual, spiritual, physical, human, economic and social formation to needy children in Uganda equipping them with necessary skills to overcome challenges of life.

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.

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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.