

# Saint Mary

of the Annunciation Catholic Church



## DIVINE MERCY Sunday



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**APRIL 7, 2024**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 5:00 PM**

*(+Harold Larsen requested by Anna Porter Larsen)*

**SUNDAY 8:30 AM**

*(+Billy Simulcik requested by Helen Simulcik)*

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

*(People of the Parish)*

**BIENVENIDOS**

**ALL ARE WELCOME  
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS  
VŠETCI SÚ VÍTANÍ**

**VITANI**

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, April 8	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, April 9	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, April 10	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b>
Thursday, April 11	9:00 AM Adoration; <b>10:00 AM MASS</b> ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, April 12	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, April 13	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; <b>5:00 PM MASS</b> <i>(+EMT Justin Lee Howard requested by his Grandparents, Michael and Lorretta Brindock)</i>
Sunday, April 14	<b>8:30 AM MASS</b> ; 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; <b>11:00 AM MASS</b> <i>(+Duane Riden requested by the Nowarks)</i> ; Noon Luncheon for Food Pantry volunteers



**Come To The Feast Of Divine Mercy!**  
**Join us for the Feast of Divine Mercy**  
**Sunday, April, 7<sup>TH</sup> at 3:00 PM**

**The Image of the Divine Mercy**, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. We will also have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?**

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins;
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus;
4. Go to confession, preferably before that Sunday;
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;
6. Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy;
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.



**“Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy. ... I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it” (Diary of St. Faustina, 742).**

**How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Use an ordinary rosary.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed
3. On the Our Father beads say:  
**Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**
4. On the Hail Mary beads say:  
**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:  
**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Don't miss the next event, which is coming up on Sunday, April 28th at 12pm. The International Potluck Meet and Greet Picnic.

Celebrate our diverse community with international dishes, meet and greet tables to promote our ministries, games, and a door prize drawing.

Volunteer sign-ups are open to help make this event memorable! We are looking for help with setup, pop up tents, clean-up. We will be in the Narthex starting this weekend.

**\*\*International Potluck Meet & Greet Picnic\*\***

Date: Sunday, April 28

Time: 12 PM

Details: Celebrate our diverse community with international dishes, meet and greet tables, games, and a door prize drawing. Volunteer sign-ups are open to help make this event memorable!

**\*\*Mother's Day Tea Party\*\***

Date: Sunday, May 12

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM & 12 PM - 1 PM

Details: Pamper and celebrate mothers with tea sessions, snacks, camaraderie, and heartwarming conversations. Don't miss out on this special occasion!

**\*Save the Date\***

Spring Yard sale on Saturday, May 4th - Details to follow.

Your participation and support make these events extraordinary. Let's come together, celebrate, and strengthen our community bonds. Thank you in advance for being a part of these special occasions. We can't wait to see you there!



**EASTER FLOWER OFFERING**

*Donations/Memorials Missed from Easter Sunday Bulletin*

**TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF OUR RISEN SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD IN MEMORY/HONOR OF**

Robert Litten and Matthew Litten by Barbara Litten

**DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS:**

**Scott & Carol Miserendino, Alvin Calhoun, Jean Nelson**



## Olive Wood Sale

George and Katherine Awwad from the Good Shepherds of Bethlehem will be visiting St. Mary's on this weekend, April 6th and April 7th. They will be selling hand-carved religious items made of olive wood after all the Masses.



Their passion lies in preserving the rich traditions and supporting our Christian neighbors, who are the skilled artisans that craft these exquisite hand-carved items from genuine olive wood. Please support this ministry by purchasing a gift for you or a loved one. To learn more about the Good Shepherds, visit [www.goodshepherdsfbethlehem.com](http://www.goodshepherdsfbethlehem.com)



## SPECIAL THANK YOU



Thank you to all who attended the St. Patrick's Day Dance, and brought all the wonderful food to share!



Special thanks to Ron and Annette Jewel for providing the music, and Karen Clarke and Maria Corson for making the centerpieces, our decorating and set up team- Maria, Louanne, Denise, Brian, Rita, Bette, Gerry. And the clean up crew- the Babcocks, Crothers, Corsons, and Moores.

**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			
FEB 18 to Feb 24		YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,592		
On Line Giving	\$ 427		
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,019	\$ 134,386	
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 151,300	
Over/Under	\$ (2,431)	\$ (16,914)	

APRIL 8, 2024



*The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord normally falls on March 25th, but since that date falls on the Monday of Holy Week this year, this feast is transferred to Monday, April 8, 2024.



## SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

APRIL 14—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE



THE REGINA COELI WILL BE RECITED UNTIL PENTECOST

## VOCATIONS

*"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."*

Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."*  
- ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS

8 APRIL 2024 : Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity  
Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Psalms 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10: 4-10; Luke 1: 26-38

9 APRIL 2024 : Acts 4: 32-37; Psalms 93: 1ab, 1cd-2,5; John 3: 7b-15

10 APRIL 2024 : Acts 5: 17-26; Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3: 16-21

11 APRIL 2024 : Acts 5: 27-33; Psalms 34: 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 3: 31-36

12 APRIL 2024 : Acts 5: 34-42; Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14; JJohn 6: 1-15

13 APRIL 2024 : Acts 6: 1-7; Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6: 16-21

14 APRIL 2024 : Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; Psalms 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9; First John 2: 1-5a; Luke 24: 35-48

# Community/Diocesan Events

## PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES WITH FR. CHARLES & FR. JOHN BOSCO

Liabon, Fatima, Spain and Lourdes



September 23 – October 2, 2024

\$4,599 Per Person from Norfolk (ORF)

\*All Pricing Based On Double Occupancy\*  
Leave from Any Airport: www.206tours.com/tdon



Fr. Charles



Jan Barger



Fred Barger



Fr. John Bosco

### Your Trip Includes

- † Round-trip airfare from Norfolk (ORF)
- † Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- † 8 nights at centrally located hotels as follows (or similar):
- † 1 night: Sep 24 – Sep 25: Hotel Lumen, Lisbon, Portugal
- † 2 nights: Sep 25 – Sep 27: Hotel Santa Maria Jardim, Fatima, Portugal
- † 1 night: Sep 27 – Sep 28: Hotel Abba Fonseca, Salamanca, Spain
- † 1 night: Sep 28 – Sep 29: Hotel Abba, Burgos, Spain
- † 3 nights: Sep 29 – Oct 02: Hotel Chapelle et Parc, Lourdes, France
- † Breakfast and dinner daily
- † Transfers as per itinerary
- † Wireless headsets where needed
- † Transportation by air-conditioned private motor coach with free Wi-Fi
- † Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- † Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide(s)
- † Mass daily & Spiritual Activities



Contact Jan Barger | [jbarger@dreamvacations.com](mailto:jbarger@dreamvacations.com) | Register Online: [www.206tours.com/janbarger/](http://www.206tours.com/janbarger/)

Scan here for more information about the Pilgrimage



Scan here to donate to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal



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



**MAC & CHEESE and INSTANT POTATOES**



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.

## PARISH OFFICE

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## Pray for the Sick of our Parish

*Amber Wilber Anderson, David Arnold, Rosemary Baez, Thad (Pete) Beach, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., Emily Bolecek, John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Theresa Buchanan, Emilynn Butler, Barry Carrington, Aiden Christensen, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Jack Cook, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Eleanor Elletson, Jack Frank, Jessica French, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, The Hannick Family, Laura Harris, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Alice Karkutt, Tony Ketrick, J. & Sketter Lambert, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Vikki Mahoney, Carly Max, Luke McFadden, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Christina Russell, Victoria Russell, Beverly Schnarrs, Cindy Schwind, Marjie Schwind, Helen Simulcik, William Simulcik, Diane Sinlock, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, The Taylor Family, The Townsend Family, Janie Wagner, Pedro Welsh, Bethany Wheaton, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams, Judy Yanas*

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. 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**

Food Pantry, *Barbara & Don Logan*.....804-449-1811  
 Knights of Columbus, *David Frank*.....540-295-7588  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, *Deacon Dave*.....804-448-9064  
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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.