

Saint Mary

of the Annunciation Catholic Church



BIENVENIDOS

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+Julio Roberto Santamaria requested by Mabilia Santamaria)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Feb. 26	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, Feb. 27	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, Feb. 28	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS
Thursday, Feb. 29	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 1	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (<i>Obligatory day of abstinence</i>)
Saturday, March 2	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, March 3	3rd Sunday of Lent - 8:30 AM MASS (+Mary Lou O'Leary requested by George and Lee Rung); 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS (+Sarah "Becky" Boone requested by Mark & Deborah Matheny); CONFIRMATION CLASS BAKE SALE AFTER EACH MASS



Almsgiving reminds us of Jesus's call to serve and connects us in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. This past vacation I visited Saint Joseph's Aid Society in Uganda which takes care of the poor, abandoned, neglected and orphans. It was so touching to see that the home lacks beds, mattresses, blankets, and sheets for many of these children. How about giving alms for this cause? If you want to donate, make out a check to Saint Mary's and put St. Joseph Aid Society Kigando Uganda in the memo line.



Got a Sweet Tooth?

Bake Sale, Sunday, March 3rd

The Confirmation Class will be holding a "BY DONATION" bake sale on Sunday, March 3rd, after the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Mass. This means there are no prices just whatever you can afford get you a treat! Cash and checks will be accepted and all proceeds will be donated to the grounds committee to help with the clean up and buying supplies to prepare the church grounds for Easter! If you love to bake, feel free to bring baked goods to contribute to the sale (we have a small class this year). We will set up at 9:15 am on Sunday, March 3rd. Please call or email for more information. Thank you! Debbie Frank 540-295-7587 or debbietavikfrank@aol.com



**Social Activities Committee
St. Patrick's Day Family Dinner and Dance
March 16-Saturday, after 5 pm Mass**

St. Patrick's Day Family Dinner and Dance is coming up on Saturday, March 16th after the 5:00 PM Mass. Let's ALL be IRISH! The whole family is invited, young and old! It's a pot-luck, so bring a dish to share. We will have our own DJ Ron & Annette for plenty of good music! Social Activities Committee members will be in the Narthex this weekend and next to answer any questions. The event is free, but space is limited, so you must sign up in advance.

QR CODES

Capital Campaign



Online Giving



Parish Registration



FORMED



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may answer, "Here I am, Lord," whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



- MARCH 3—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
- MARCH 10—CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
- MARCH 17—EASTER FLOWERS
- MARCH 29—GOOD FRIDAY
- MARCH 31—EASTER

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Here I am!" he answered." - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

VOCATIONS

"This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



LENT

Lenten Schedule

Every Friday, Feb 16th– March 22nd
Obligatory day of abstinence
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 24th - **Palm Sunday**
Regular Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday

Thursday, March 28th -**Holy Thursday**
7:00 PM Mass
8:00 PM to Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, March 29th -**Good Friday**
Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence
2:15 PM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, March 30th - **Easter Vigil**
8:00 PM Saturday Mass

Sunday, March 31st - **Easter**
8:30 AM Sunday Mass
11:00 AM Sunday Mass



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Pick one or more up as you leave today. This is a wonderful 5-minute daily meditations for Lent.



Congratulations to all of our Polar Bear Plunge Participants! More than \$7,000 was raised for our food pantry! Thank you to the parishioners for the generous donations and support!

- Travis Bingaman - \$1,810
- Noah LaMontagne - \$1,010
- Emily Kirtley - \$875
- Adam Smith - \$855
- Sarah Kirtley - \$775
- Michelle Moore - \$685
- Robert Bingaman - \$438
- James Roberts - \$140



Stations of the Cross each Friday starting at 7:00 PM throughout the Lenten Season. There are books provided to follow along. Please considering joining with your Parish family to follow Jesus on his journey each Friday evening. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



IT'S TIME TO BEAUTIFY OUR GARDENS FOR OUR EASTER CELEBRATION!

Saturday March 9th

8:00AM – 12:00PM

Rain or Shine!

*We really need your help!
Sign-up Sheets are in the Narthex!*

Thank You!

FOOD PANTRY IS STILL IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



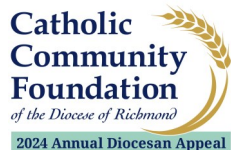
MAC & CHEESE and INSTANT POTATOES



WEEKLY MASS READINGS

- 26 FEBRUARY 2024 : **Daniel** 9: 4b-10; **Psalms** 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13; **Luke** 6: 36-38
- 27 FEBRUARY 2024 : **Isaiah** 1: 10, 16-20; **Psalms** 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; **Matthew** 23: 1-12
- 28 FEBRUARY 2024 : **Jeremiah** 18: 18-20; **Psalms** 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16; **Matthew** 20: 17-28
- 29 FEBRUARY 2024 : **Jeremiah** 17: 5-10; **Psalms** 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; **Luke** 16: 19-31
- 1 MARCH 2024 : **Day of Abstinence from Meat (Age 14 and Up)**
Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; **Psalms** 105: 16-21; **Matthew** 21: 33-43, 45-46
- 2 MARCH 2024 : **Micah** 7: 14-15, 18-20; **Psalms** 103: 1-4, 9-12; **Luke** 15: 1-3, 11-32
- 3 MARCH 2024 : **Third Sunday of Lent**
Exodus 20: 1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17; **Psalms** 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; 1 **Corinthians** 1: 22-25; **John** 2: 13-25

Community/Diocesan Events



Welcome to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Sharing His Love with Others*

Recently, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will prayerfully consider this request. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our In-Pew Process at all Masses during the weekends of February 17th/18th and February 24th/25th.

An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. Thank you in advance for your support of the 2024 Appeal.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE: Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its final Open House on Tuesday, March 19th, from 6pm-7:30pm. Come meet the teachers, take a tour and find out what it means to be a Warrior!
www.saintmichaelhs.org/open-house



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, 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, 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 Yanes

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. 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.