

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

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TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+William Nonamaker requested by George & Lee Ann Rung)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+George Rung, Sr. requested by George & Lee Ann Rung)

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(+Jane Cotter requested by Christina Fisher)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Feb. 5	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, Feb. 6	NO MASS OR ADORATION; 10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, Feb. 7	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS
Thursday, Feb. 8	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, Feb. 9	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Feb. 10	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, Feb. 11	8:30 AM MASS; 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS; Noon—Burning of the Palms



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 7:1-4, 6-7, 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

In the First Reading today (Job 7:1-4,6-7) we encounter the famous “patron” of suffering namely, Job. Within the passage he was lamenting with a note of desperation over his difficult situation.

It is pertinent to recall that he lost everything he had in one day including his children and his vast wealth. Job was practically in the eye of the storm of hopelessness. His friend Eliphaz had come to console him and remind him of his great strength that used to be a solace for many. Contrary Job saw gloom in his condition. Life for him became empty because nothing worthwhile seem to come out of it.

We are often like Job that moment when we have so many troubles confronting us from various angles. Sometimes they become so unbearable that we seem to be on the verge of breaking. It could be family issues, career related challenges, financial potholes, relationship strains and indeed so many others.

The good news is that God is aware of everything that is happening to us and He has the right answers for all our questions.

Job did not end his life in suffering. After passing through those turbulences, God reversed his condition and he recovered all that he lost and even got more (Job 42:10).

Social Activities Committee of St. Mary’s upcoming events:

March 16-Saturday, after 5 pm Mass -ST PATRICK’S DAY FAMILY DINNER AND DANCE!! Music by our fabulous Leprechaun DJ Ron & Annette! Bring your family and an Irish dish to share. Start planning your Wearin’ of the Green! Space is limited. Signups will begin Jan 20/21.



Late in APRIL (date TBD) Spring Meet & Greet Cookout. Stop by the tables set up by various committees in the parish, and find out more about our parish life, on your way to the cookout in the pavilion. We will also have fun activities!

Please mark your calendars to save these dates, and plan to join us!

The **Social Activities Committee** would like to start a weekday gathering for adults of all ages. The purpose would be to do fun activities together with other parishioners, get to know each other, and foster a feeling of community.

For starters, we would like to meet once a month, at the church, on a Wednesday or Thursday, for about 2 hours. While we are in the planning stages, we would value your input in helping us determine a day and time most convenient for you.

If this sounds like something you would like to attend, please call or text Bette Moore 703-371-9400.



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MONTH OF FEBRUARY
FEBRUARY 4—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
FEBRUARY 11—CATHOLIC VIRGINIAN (\$12.50)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That – just as Jesus rose early to pray – we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him.



A big THANK YOU to Joann, Rita and Antoinette and all those who cooked, and helped at the CHILI COOK-OFF. It was a fun event!



The winners are:

Spiciest- Ralph Watermeier, Tastiest- Penny Geary, Most Unique- Antoinette Hilyard

In addition to receiving an apron, to honor them, they will have a designated parking space for the month of February. Please leave those spaces for ONLY them and their families! And if you see them around, congratulate them!



LENT

Ash Wednesday, February 14th, the first day of Lent, begins the time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. Our parish honors the tradition of burning the palms distributed on last year's Palm Sunday by asking our parishioners to bring their palms to Church. We collect the palms next week-end and they will be burned after the 11:00 AM Mass on February 11th. Any questions, please contact Scott Kittle at 804-994-4321. The ashes are a reminder of the passage from Genesis 3:19: *"For you are dust and to dust you shall return."*

As part of our Lenten observations, Saint Mary of the Annunciation performs the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 PM, starting February 16th.



February 14th

**Masses are at
10:00 AM and
7:00 PM**

Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

**Respect
Life
Sunday**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
DONATIONS**

**YOUR GENEROSITY IS MUCH
APPRECIATED**

"Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign... you must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



VOCATIONS

"Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed."

If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

**While Father Muddu is away, please
welcome Father Christian Haydinger on
February 3rd & 4th**

**COMMUNION SERVICE ON TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 6TH AT 10:00 AM**

**REGULAR WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS
ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7th**

Saint Mary's Weekly Giving Report
**Thank you for your continued support of our communi-
ty. To give on line go to the St Mary Online Giving web-
site. God Bless You All**

Saint Mary of the Annunciation			
Weekly Offertory Summary			
Jan 14 to Jan 20		YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,557		
On Line Giving	\$ 3,080		
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,637	\$ 114,623	
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 129,050	
Over/Under	\$ 187	\$ (14,427)	

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

5 FEBRUARY 2024 : First Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13; Psalms 132: 6-7, 8-10; Mark 6: 53-56

6 FEBRUARY 2024 : First Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30; Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mark 7: 1-13

7 FEBRUARY 2024 : First Kings 10: 1-10; Psalms 37: 5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mark 7: 14-23

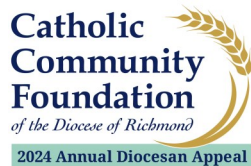
8 FEBRUARY 2024 : First Kings 11: 4-13; Psalms 106: 3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mark 7: 24-30

9 FEBRUARY 2024 : First Kings 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Psalms 81: 10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mark 7: 31-37

10 FEBRUARY 2024 : First Kings 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Psalms 106: 6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mark 8: 1-10

11 FEBRUARY 2024 : Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46; Psalms 32: 1-2, 5, 11; First Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1; Mark 1: 40-45

Community/Diocesan Events



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

The 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities. In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected through the parish sharing formula. In previous years we have received grants from the Fuel and Hunger Fund which directly supported our parish Food Pantry. The 2024 Appeal also benefits us by making available funds to support other ministries and programs including youth and young adult ministry, international priests who serve the diocese, funding seminarians, Campus Ministries, and many other activities. The Campaign will continue for the next several weeks and in February we will have an in pew solicitation.

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its Winter Open House for prospective families on Tuesday, February 6, from 6pm-7:30pm. Come meet our faculty, tour the school, review curricula, and get a \$250 enrollment discount for attending!
www.saintmichaels.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, 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, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, John Specht, 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.