

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Jan. 22	OFFICE CLOSED; 7:00 PM Religious Education for 10th Grade
Tuesday, Jan. 23	NO MASS OR ADORATION; 10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, Jan. 24	NO MASS OR ADORATION
Thursday, Jan. 25	NO MASS OR ADORATION; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, Jan. 26	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, Jan. 27	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS
Sunday, Jan. 28	8:30 AM MASS; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS; Noon - Chili Cook-Off



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Like Jonah finally did, one of the best ways we can serve God is to assist in making Him known to the world around us. We may not be required to travel to any Nineveh. In fact, there are many Nineveh's around us. Nineveh here represents those around us who are in need of God. We could attend to them not by condemning them as sinners but by making honest effort to share the word of God by our helpful and soothing words and actions.

In fact, every baptized Christian is a potential Jonah and fisherman. It will be proper for us to examine how far we have gone into the Nineveh's around us and also how many fish we have been able to catch.

As we launch into the third week in ordinary time of the year let us try to be continually aware of the fact that we are in one way or the other called by God. And as the Psalmist would say: "Oh that today you would listen to His voice harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95:8).



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may hear Jesus' personal invitation to "Follow Him" and respond by generously sharing all our gifts.



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

JANUARY 28- RESPECT HUMAN LIFE

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

January 28- CHILI COOKOFF!!! We need 10 volunteers to make their best batch of chili and bring it up to the church on Sunday, Jan 28th to serve to our parishioner judges after the 11:00 am Mass. You bring a big batch of chili, we will supply serving cups, spoons, toppings, and drinks. PRIZES AND BRAGGING RIGHTS will be awarded for:
MOST UNIQUE
SPICIEST
TASTIEST

Sign up to be a cook today, by calling or texting Bette Moore 703-371-9400. All parishioners may attend, taste, and vote for their favorites.

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.



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, January 28th

Sunday, January 28th, is Respect Life Sunday! Every year, parishes in the Diocese of Richmond celebrate Respect Life Sunday on the Sunday nearest to January 22 (the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision) to pray for and to promote a greater Respect for the Sanctity of Human Life from conception to natural death. There will be a second collection taken on January 28th to support ministries and programs of the Diocese that serve the defense and promotion of the dignity of human life – please give generously. Visit the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life website for more details and Respect Life resources at www.cdrcmfl.org.



FOOD PANTRY IS STILL IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



MAC & CHEESE and SOUP



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - MARK 1:17
Jesus’ call to “follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

VOCATIONS

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ’s Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

We are running out of time! We have only 3 weeks left to reach our goal of \$8000. We have currently raised \$2800. We will be ‘freezing for a reason’ on February 3rd at Lake Land’Or to benefit our food pantry. Please consider taking to plunge and supporting our plungers. Use the QR code below or contact Kelly Kirtley at 804-761-7533. Thanks in advance to all that have already contributed.



While Father Muddu is away, please welcome

**Father Lawrence Mullaney on January 20th
Father Timothy Kuhneman on January 21st
Father Christian Haydinger on January 27th & 28th and February 3rd & 4th**

THERE WILL ONLY BE COMMUNION SERVICE ON TUESDAYS AT 10:00 AM FROM JANUARY 2ND THROUGH FEBRUARY 6TH

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		
Dec 24 to Dec 30		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 3,817	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,580	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 5,397	\$ 101,352
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 115,700
Over/Under	\$ 947	\$ (14,348)

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

22 JANUARY 2024 : Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Obligatory Memorial
Second Samuel 5: 1-7, 10; Psalms 89: 20, 21-22, 25-26; Mark 3: 22-30

23 JANUARY 2024 : Second Samuel 6: 12b-15, 17-19; Psalms 24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Mark 3: 31-35

24 JANUARY 2024 : Second Samuel 7: 4-17; Psalms 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mark 4: 1-20

25 JANUARY 2024 : Conversion of Paul, Apostle Feast
Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22; Psalms 117: 1bc, 2; Mark 16: 15-18

26 JANUARY 2024 : Second Timothy 1: 1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mark 4: 26-34

27 JANUARY 2024 : Second Samuel 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Psalms 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mark 4: 35-41

28 JANUARY 2024 : Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; First Corinthians 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21-28

Community/Diocesan Events

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

PRAYER

O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed **Apostle St. Paul**, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witnesses to Your truth in the world.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

January 25th



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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, Theresa Buchanan, Emilynn Butler, 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, J. & Sketter Lambert, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Vikki Mahoney, Carly Max, Luke McFadden, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Edgar & Rhonda Parks, 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, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, The Taylor Family, Julian Thomas, 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 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***

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.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.

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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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