

Saint Mary

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



BIENVENIDOS

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TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

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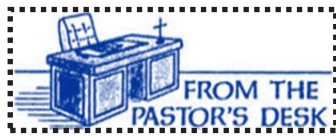
SUNDAY 11:00 AM

*(+Carlos Ortiz, Jr., and +Sophia Ortiz requested by
Carlos & Eva Ortiz)*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, May 6	OFFICE CLOSED; 11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Mary Latka
Tuesday, May 7	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS (+Carlos Ortiz, Jr., and +Sophia Ortiz requested by Carlos and Eva Ortiz); 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, May 8	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS (+Josepho Villahermosa requested by Lilian Tabada)
Thursday, May 9	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, May 10	Church closed for cleaning in AM
Saturday, May 11	9:00 AM Set Up for Mother's Day Tea; 1:00 PM 1st Communion Workshop; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS (All Deceased Mothers of Saint Mary's)
Sunday, May 12	8:30 AM MASS (All Deceased Mothers of Saint Mary's); 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS (All Deceased Mothers of Saint Mary's); Mother's Day Tea after each Mass



The new food pantry building project continues to move along thanks to your generous support of our parish capital campaign. We recently received a final drawing from Morton Buildings, our selected builder, and we expect to also soon receive the corresponding detailed cost breakdown to accomplish this project from start to finish. A short while ago, the company provided us with a preliminary total building construction estimate of less than \$300,000. Besides the capital campaign, proceeds from the previous Living Our Mission campaign will be used to significantly offset building costs.

We're on schedule to present our final building plans to the diocesan Building and Architectural Review Committee (BARC) in the first week of June. Once we receive the expected approval, we can begin to break ground shortly thereafter. The defunct playground site remains the preferred building site for the reasons mentioned in a previous update. Relocation of a new playground built on a nearby section of the church property is a real possibility in the future if there is a parish consensus and willingness to do so.

I hope you find these periodic updates helpful. Please don't hesitate to bring any questions or concerns to my attention or to Jim Lepp and Tina Sebak, chairpersons of the parish and finance councils respectively. Contact information can be found in the parish bulletin each week.

I offer my heartfelt prayers and gratitude for each member of the St. Mary's parish family and am humbled by your contributions to the life of our wonderful parish. Please invite others to experience the Lord's presence among us as we enter the month of May which is dedicated to Mary our Mother and patroness of our parish.

Blessings,
Father Muddu

Diocesan Home Mission Collection

Next Sunday

Sunday, May 12th

“Home Missions” is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people.

For many decades, the Church in the United States has sent missionaries overseas to serve the people of Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. The home missions are dioceses and parishes here in the United States that need the same kind of support.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond sees Mission Parishes as valuable gifts from God and important paths for evangelization in our Diocese. A mission parish is one challenged by a combination of financial, demographic, socio-economic, and cultural factors. Such parishes are deserving of special recognition and support. Please support the Home Missions of our Diocese by donating to the Diocesan Home Mission Collection.



THANK YOU to the Social Activities Committee and so many others who volunteered their time to make the International Meet and Greet event last Sunday a huge success. The turnout was terrific and the celebration of our many cultures through food, fun, and fellowship warmed my heart. There were also a good number of parishioners in attendance who showed interest in the many committees and ministries that St. Mary's has to offer. Many other events are being planned this year and it's good to see us continue to emerge from our COVID induced halt in recent years to so many parish activities.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That our discipleship is not out of obligation, but rather out of love.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



MAY 5—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
MAY 12—CATHOLIC HOMES MISSIONS
MAY 26—CEMETERY/PERPETUAL CARE FUND

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Mother's Day Tea Party

Don't forget to reserve May 12th for our special Mother's Day Tea. Let's honor all the amazing mothers in our lives with a "time out" with tea, treats, and heartfelt conversations. It's a lovely way to show our appreciation for everything they do. There will be a movie for the kids and Dads during this time. There will be 2 sessions, Be sure to sign up for the one you will attend!

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!

FOOD PANTRY IS STILL IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



MAC & CHEESE and CANNED TUNA



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

QR CODES

Capital Campaign



Online Giving



Parish Registration



FORMED



VOCATIONS

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening."

Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

MONTH OF MAY, MONTH OF MARY

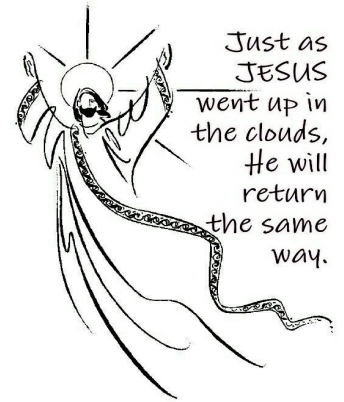
O Virgin Mary, there are flowers that remain forever fresh and youthful, and wreaths that never wither. Such are the ones you expect from your children; because the most



beautiful ornament a mother can have is the piety of their children and the fairest wreath they can offer her are their virtues. Yes, the lilies that you ask of us are the innocence of our hearts; therefore we will endeavor over the course of this month, consecrated to your glory, O Holy Virgin, to keep our souls pure and faultless and to remove from our thoughts, desires and looks even the slightest shadow of evil. What pleases you is the glow that emanates from the rose of charity, love of God and of our brothers; thus we will love one another as if we belonged to the same family, of which you are the mother. O Mary, help us to become worthy of the most holy and best of mothers.

Amen

Historically, the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday on the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter. In the last decade, there has been a shift in the U.S. to celebrate the Ascension on the seventh Sunday of Easter. In 2024, Ascension Sunday is **May 12th.**



Just as JESUS went up in the clouds, He will return the same way.

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

6 MAY 2024 : Acts 16: 11-15; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 15: 26 - 16: 4

7 MAY 2024 : Acts 16: 22-34; Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16: 5-11

8 MAY 2024 : Acts 17: 15, 22 - 18: 1; Psalms 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 16: 12-15

9 MAY 2024 : Acts 18: 1-8; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 16: 16-20

10 MAY 2024 : Acts 18: 9-18; Psalms 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 16: 20-23

11 MAY 2024 : Acts 18: 23-28; Psalms 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; John 16: 23b-28

12 MAY 2024 : Ascension of the Lord Solemnity (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1: 1-11; Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 4: 1-13; Mark 16: 15-20

Community/Diocesan Events

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

Lisbon, Fatima, Spain and Lourdes



September 23 – October 2, 2024

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

All Pricing Based On Double Occupancy
Leave from AFB Airport: www.206tours.com/jadson



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 | Register Online: www.206tours.com/janbarger/

Scan here for more information about the Pilgrimage



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, Troy Beach, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., Emily Bolecek, John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Nicholas Brucker, Bob Buchanan, Emilynn Butler, Mary Carmen, 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, Ryan & Rowyn Manzuk, Carly Max, Luke McFadden, Andrew Newchok, Barbara Oates, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, 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.

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