

# Saint Mary of the Annunciation

February 13-14, 2021, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *RECONCILIATION - SATURDAYS STARTING AT 4:10 PM*

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM (*Theo Demick requested by John and Holly*)

Sunday 8:30 AM (*+Thomas Bonner requested by Jennifer Kost-Phillips*)

Sunday 11:00 AM



## WEEKLY ADORATION AND MASS TIMES

Tuesday - Adoration 9:00 AM; Mass 10:00 AM (*+Eileen Nonamaker requested by Gerry & Bette Moore*)

**Ash Wednesday - Adoration 8:30 AM; Mass 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM**

Thursday - Adoration 8:30 AM; Mass 9:30 AM

## COVID 19 Phase 3 is in Effect

For COVID 19 guidelines and Mass Sign Ups, please go to our [Parish Website](#) for more detailed information

# Saint Mary Online Sundays 8:30 AM!

Live Streaming of the Mass is being offered via the [St. Mary Public Facebook](#) page. Have you visited? Please note that you don't need a Facebook account to participate.

This week look for the following:

Daily Readings, Weekly Mass Times & Homily Fr. Muddu - sent via St. Mary Flocknote and on Facebook

## Ash Wednesday Mass - 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.



# ASH WEDNESDAY



**Please bring all Palms and Blessed articles in need of disposal to church no later than February 14th. These items will be burned after the 11:00 AM Mass on the 14th to make ashes or to be buried**

Because Palms have been blessed by a Priest and therefore are holy objects, the palm branches used for Catholic Church services, especially those used on Palm Sunday, should not be disposed of in the regular fashion. Once an object is blessed, it is considered to be in the service of God and should be treated with respect. Therefore, it is considered sacrilegious to throw a holy item in the garbage, where it might end up in a sewer or a landfill. Holy palms should be returned to nature. The Catholic priests take all of the collected palms and burn them. They save the ashes to use for the Ash Wednesday service. Palms are not the only objects routinely blessed by the Catholic Church. Holy water, oils, rosaries and relics also have a special religious significance. Churches typically have a special sink that runs straight into the ground where holy water, oils and blessed wine is discarded. Combustible items may be burned, everything else should be buried in an area where people are not likely to walk, such as under a tree.

## Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

The Word Among Us daily meditations for Lent 2021 will be distributed by the Knights of Columbus after each Mass this weekend (**February 13th-14th**). Books can also be picked up in the office during regular office hours which are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



### Join us for a Lenten Rosary!

Your Knights of Columbus Council will be saying the Rosary each Tuesday night during Lent at 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome so please join us! Gather your loved ones together as we pray for your intentions. To join visit the News & Events section of our website ([saintmarycc.org/lenten...](http://saintmarycc.org/lenten...))

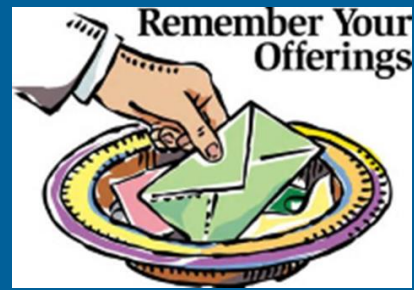
## St. Mary's Weekly Giving Report

If you are of an age you must take minimum mandatory distributions from an IRA please consider donating some of these funds to St Mary's. You can avoid taxes and benefit your parish at the same time! To find out how to do this talk to your broker or contact Sue at

[sbrim@saintmarycc.org](mailto:sbrim@saintmarycc.org).

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!



### Second Collections for February

February 14 - The Catholic Virginian

The Catholic Virginian is published biweekly and serves the people of the Diocese of Richmond. Circulation is approximately 73,000. The newspaper emphasizes diocesan news with a balance of national and international news of interest to Catholics. The mission of the paper is, "To help meet peoples' needs for information that they may better live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to support their understanding of themselves as a believing community." Subscription is \$12.50 per year. Each family is asked to contribute \$6.25 semi-annually, January and June.

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Jan 24 to Jan 30		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 6,132	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,568	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 7,700	\$ 130,599
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$ 135,375
Over/Under	\$ 3,200	\$ (4,776)
Nov Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts Jan	\$ 2,698	



Congratulations to the St Mary's Polar Bear Plunge Team for winning the 2021 Polar Bear Plunge with a grand total of \$7018.00! A big thank you to all the plungers for their hard work and to Maria Bridge for coordinating the event. The money was raised to support our Food Pantry and Homeless Ministry. As it says in the Catechism of the Catholic Church "God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor"

**Michelle LaMontagne**

**Travis Bingaman**

**Robert Bingaman**

**Melanie Squires**

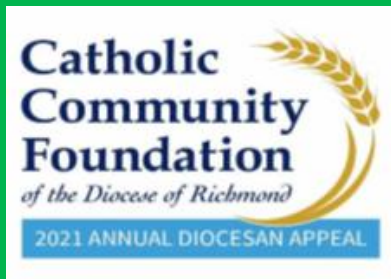
**Butler Frank**

**Jack Frank**

**Thomas Biddulph**

**Michelle Moore**

The Joseph M. Johnson Council #7538 of the Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for its Virgil S. Hicks, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Any St. Mary parishioner or their dependent is eligible. **Applications are due by April 30, 2021.** Award recipients may attend any Catholic high school or any college or university. Anyone interested in additional information or an application are asked to contact Ron Wisniewski at 804 307-1615 or any other member of the Council that they know.



**WELCOME TO THE 2021 DIOCESAN APPEAL -  
BUILDING OUR FAMILY OF FAITH**

As we prepare to celebrate "Presidents' Day" holiday, it is important to remember the deep faith of our founding fathers. On October 3, 1789, George Washington gave a Presidential Proclamation to acknowledge God and offer "thanksgiving" to him. The proclamation stated, in part, "...it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor" — and "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God..."

And, we are all familiar with the greatness of Abraham Lincoln, whose purpose was to free the slaves and heal a nation. In his second inaugural address on March 4, 1865, he stated, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan..."

These are examples of their faith in and reverence for God. This week, as we celebrate them and celebrate LOVE through St. Valentine's Day, let's remember the work of charity, kindness and love that is accomplished through the Annual Diocesan Appeal, as well. Please make your pledge today.



**Catholic Diocese  
OF Richmond**



## Wake Up America

We are all appalled by the gun violence, opioid epidemic, school shootings and massacres in our country - as well we should be! But what about the millions of babies that have been killed by our own country's law of abortion? Since abortion was made legal, all life has been devalued.

We live in the United States of America - the greatest country on Earth! How could we have allowed this to ever become a law of our land? It is evil! It is murder of little, helpless, innocent babies!

Absolutely no one person nor one of our fifty States has the right to kill a baby!

Wake up America!

*Ruth Weber*

*Davenport Iowa*

## Daily Readings

15 FEBRUARY 2021 - MONDAY: **Genesis 4:** 1-15, 25; **Psalms 50:** 1 and 8,16bc-17, 20-21; **Mark 8:** 11-13

16 FEBRUARY 2021 - TUESDAY: **Genesis 6:** 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10; **Psalms 29:** 1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; **Mark 8:** 14-21

17 FEBRUARY 2021 - WEDNESDAY: **Ash Wednesday - Day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)**  
**Joel 2:** 12-18; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; **Second Corinthians 5:**20 -- 6:2; **Matthew 6:** 1-6, 16-18

18 FEBRUARY 2021 - THURSDAY: **Deuteronomy 30:** 15-20; **Psalms 1:** 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; **Luke 9:** 22-25

19 FEBRUARY 2021 - FRIDAY: **Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)**

**Isaiah 58:** 1-9a; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; **Matthew 9:** 14-15

20 FEBRUARY 2021 - SATURDAY: **Isaiah 58:** 9b-14; **Psalms 86:** 1-2, 3-4,5-6; **Luke 5:** 27-32

21 FEBRUARY 2021 - SUNDAY: **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Genesis 9:** 8-15; **Psalms 25:** 4-5, 6-7,8-9; **First Peter 3:** 18-22 Gospel: **Mark 1:** 12-15

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That everything we do is for the glory of God.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*

*- 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"



## VOCATIONS

“Do everything for the glory of God.”

Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest? Call Father Brian W. Capuano at (804)359-5661, or write: [bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org).

## Prayers for the Sick

Please feel free to reply to this Flocknote to add or remove anyone from this list.

**\*\*\*\*\* NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AFTER 6 MONTHS \*\*\*\*\***

The Ackerman Family, Eli Ames, Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Larry Azzopardi, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Annemarie Bockman, Maria Bridge, Deborah Brooks, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Cindy Cook, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Paula Jane Hass, Celeste Henkel, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Maureen Ketrick, Deborah Landsnes, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, The Matekenya Family, Ed Miskin, Bette Moore, Patrick Moore, Donald Paradis, Marge Polivka, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Mary Rudy, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, David Stanion, The Tate Family, Kathleen Waites, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams

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 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.

God Bless!

Sign up for the [FORMED](#) platform and join our Parish Community for fantastic faith-based movies, books and more! A great way to share the faith with your families at home.



If you know of someone in the Parish that hasn't subscribed to Flocknote let them know they can sign up via our [Website!](#)