

Saint Mary of the Annunciation

February 20-21, 2021, The First Sunday of Lent

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAYS STARTING AT 4:10 PM

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM (+William Brooks Corley requested by Gerry & Bette Moore)

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

Sunday 11:00 AM (+Steven Steigleder requested by Linda Steigleder)



WEEKLY ADORATION AND MASS TIMES

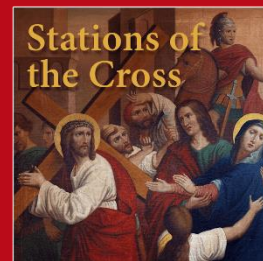
Tuesday - Adoration 9:00 AM; Mass 10:00 AM

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

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

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 7:00 PM throughout Lent starting on this coming Friday, 2/19/21.

Be sure to sign up and join us as we retrace the final journey of Christ to Calvary (this will be live streamed). Sign ups will be located on our website



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

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 20th-21st**). 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...)

Saint Mary of the Annunciation Weekly Offertory Summary		
Jan 31 to Feb 6		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 2,192	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,797	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,989	\$ 135,588
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$ 139,875
Over/Under	\$ 489	\$ (4,287)

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.

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!



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

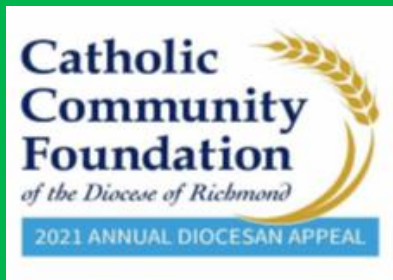
Jack Frank

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.



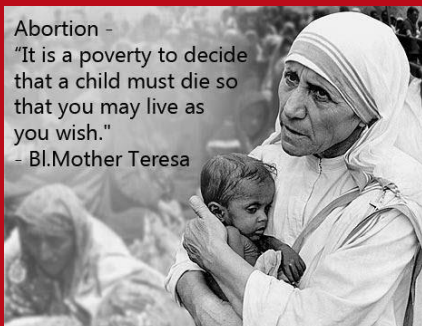
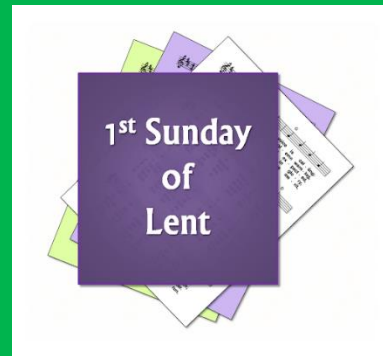


**WELCOME TO THE 2021 DIOCESAN APPEAL -
BUILDING OUR FAMILY OF FAITH**

Here we are. Another Lenten season is upon us. This is the year I'm going to make it all 6 weeks. I'm going to give up Coke and candy bars. I'm going to fast on Fridays, and I'm going to pray in the morning before work/school. I'm committed. (By the way, how are your New Year's resolutions going?)

Don't worry! We've all been there. Every year. All you have to do is try. All you have to do is try *each day*. Then, when you forget and eat something you shouldn't have, or didn't pray in the morning, just start over the next day. The biggest thing is to NOT GIVE UP.

Ask God for help this Lent. Ask him to walk with you, to guide you, to strengthen you. Then do your part - One. Day. At. A. Time. - and be sure to pray, fast and give. (Have you made your pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal?)



Abortion and Poverty/Crime

Abortion advocates often argue that the unborn babies of poor mothers are better off aborted and abortion reduces the crime rate.

However, the truth is that the violence of abortion has begot more violence and crime, not less. The pro-choice people have had more than 47 years to weed out all the "unwanted children" yet, we have more child abuse, more spousal abuse, more deadbeat dads, more gangs, more drugs, more homelessness and more crime. The list goes on and on.

By stating that the children of poor people are less entitled to have their lives protected than those of the rich, the writer is plainly of the view that the economic status of a family should be what determines whether children are worthy to be born or not. Laws against robbery and drug-dealing might impact the poor more than the rich, but that does not prevent us from passing and enforcing them. The reason is simple: Robbery and drug dealing, like abortion, is wrong, regardless of the socio-economic class of hypothetical people who might commit these activities.

The solution to poverty is not found in killing the children of the poor. We have been doing that since 1973. Our experience proves that it clearly does not work. Killing poor children is only the solution of "choice" for wealthy elitists. Perhaps a hidden agenda is at work here.

Pro-Life Articles

Daily Readings

22 FEBRUARY 2021 - MONDAY: **First Peter 5:** 1-4; **Psalms 23:** 1-3a, 4,5, 6; **Matthew 16:** 13-19
23 FEBRUARY 2021 - TUESDAY: **Isaiah 55:** 10-11; **Psalms 34:** 4-5, 6-7,16-17, 18-19; **Matthew 6:** 7-15
24 FEBRUARY 2021 - WEDNESDAY: **Jonah 3:** 1-10; **Psalms 51:** 3-4, 12-13, 18-19; **Luke 11:** 29-32
25 FEBRUARY 2021 - THURSDAY: **Esther C:** 12, 14-16, 23-25; **Psalms 138:** 1-2ab,2cde-3, 7c-8; **Matthew 7:** 7-12
26 FEBRUARY 2021 - FRIDAY: **Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up)**
Ezekiel 18: 21-28; **Psalms 130:** 1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; **Matthew 5:** 20-26
27 FEBRUARY 2021 - SATURDAY: **Deuteronomy 26:** 16-19; **Psalms 119:** 1-2, 4-5,7-8; **Matthew 5:** 43-48
28 FEBRUARY 2021 - **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; **Psalms 116:** 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; **Romans 8:** 31b-34; **Mark 9:** 2-10

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each us.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

VOCATIONS

"Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God."
Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest? Call Father Brian W. Capuano at (804)359-5661, or write: 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!](#)