

Saint Mary of the Annunciation

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAYS STARTING AT 4:10 PM

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM (+Ann Bolecek requested by Gloria Bolecek)

Sunday 11:00 AM



WEEKLY ADORATION AND MASS TIMES

Tuesday - COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY - 10:00 AM

Wednesday - NO ADORATION OR MASS

Thursday - NO ADORATION OR MASS

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

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Jan 3 to Jan 9		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 6,858	
On Line Giving	\$ 4,009	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 10,867	\$ 116,204
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$ 121,875
Over/Under	\$ 6,367	\$ (5,671)
Nov Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts DEC	\$ 2,604	

Church Financials' & Giving

Thank you for your continued support of our community. If you have any questions, please email Sue at sbrim@saintmarycc.org. To give on line go to the [St Mary Online Giving website](#). God Bless you all!

Second Collections for February

February 7 - Building Fund
February 14 - The Catholic Virginian

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ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION
Ladysmith, VA

Weekly Offering

Amount \$ _____ I gave online

MR & MRS SAM SAMPLE
632 ELLSWORTH RD.
ROME, NY 13440



New Collection Envelopes!

You should have received your new envelopes in the mail by now. If you have not, please contact the Office by email at office@saintmarycc.org or by phone at 804-448-9064



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

The idea behind fishing is to know the fish you are looking for and attract it so you can make the catch. To catch a fish we must know what equipment to use, where to find it and depth of the water we are fishing in, as well as the kind of bait the fish will go after. Once we understand everything we need for real fishing, then how do we relate that to being fishers of men? One sure way is to support the upcoming Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your financial gift will help provide the equipment needed for those "fishing for men", but also those serving the fishermen. Thank you, in advance for your support.

Daily Readings

25 JANUARY 2021 - MONDAY- **Acts 22:** 3-16 or **Acts 9:** 1-22; **Psalms 117:** 1bc, 2; **Mark 16:** 15-18
26 JANUARY 2021 - TUESDAY - **Second Timothy 1:** 1-8 or **Titus 1:** 1-5; **Psalms 96:** 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mark 3: 31-35
27 JANUARY 2021 - WEDNESDAY **Hebrews 10:** 11-18; **Psalms 110:** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Mark 4:** 1-20
28 JANUARY 2021 - THURSDAY - **Hebrews 10:** 19-25; **Psalms 24:** 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; **Mark 4:** 21-25
29 JANUARY 2021 - FRIDAY - **Hebrews 10:** 32-39; **Psalms 37:** 3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; **Mark 4:** 26-34
30 JANUARY 2021 - SATURDAY - **Hebrews 11:** 1-2, 8-19; **Luke 1:** 69-70, 71-72, 73-75; **Mark 4:** 35-41
31 JANUARY 2021 - SUNDAY - **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; **Psalms 95:** 1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8); **First Corinthians 7:** 32-35; **Mark 1:** 21-28

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"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 and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

VOCATIONS

"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."

Are you considering a vocation as to the priesthood? Call Father Brian W. Capuano at (804)359-5661, or write: bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org.



Stand Up For The Unborn

Each year the Diocese of Richmond has faithfully sent thousands of parishioners, families, and students to the March for Life to be a witness for the dignity of life. This year the COVID-19 pandemic will alter our ability to participate in the March for Life. While individuals and families can always choose to attend the March on their own or with members of their communities, in 2021 parishes and Diocesan sponsored groups will not be organizing trips to the March for Life via charter bus. The reality of the pandemic has made this mode of transportation prohibitive for this year.

As an alternative, you are invited to join our Bishop, the Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, through the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life, in participating in several local initiatives so that we may come together in both prayer and action to defend the right to life.

On January 28th, you are invited to join the Bishop for a livestreamed Mass from the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM. This Mass will be offered for the specific intentions of a greater respect for all life and for an end to abortion.

The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life will provide pro-life programming for youth groups, campus ministries and our Catholic schools. This will include speakers, discussion questions and group activities. Communities may utilize this programming for Respect Life Sunday or on January 29 in connection with the March for Life that day. All information can be found on [the CMFL website](#)

I remember reading an article about the U.S. birth rate that had dropped for the second year in a row and the birth rate that year set the lowest level in a century. The experts thought it may be because of the recession or it may be because of a decline in immigration to the United States.

Have they never heard of abortion??

Abortion kills approximately 4,000 babies in the womb each day. Can't they do the math and see how this decreases the population? We must not sit back and let innocent babies be killed. We are Americans! Whatever happened to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all?

Since when do we have the right to play God? To choose which baby lives or dies? We do not have that right. We must not sit back and let innocent babies be killed.

Please do not be indifferent to the plight of the unborn. We have lived with this crime of abortion way too long. Stand up for life.

*Ruth Weber
Davenport Iowa*

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes News

For 2020, St. Mary's Parish sent 9 online gift shoeboxes. Thank you to the donors who participated this year—some of you for many years.

Please note: This was the **last year** that I plan to participate with the gift shoeboxes delivered by Samaritan's Purse.

If I find a Catholic organization sending gift boxes for the 2021 holiday season, then I will let the parish know.

Gratefully, Dorothy Summers



Polar Bear Plunge 2021

**February 6, 2021, 10 AM
Lake Land'or Beach**

Support the St Mary of the Annunciation Polar Bear Plungers!

Once again several of our parishioners are bravely facing the frigid waters of Lake Land'or in the dead of winter for the benefit of St. Mary's Food Pantry and Homeless Ministries. This is the only fundraiser we have for the Food Pantry and Homeless Ministries and it provides the majority of the funds needed to purchase food and supplies through out the year.

Costume Contest at Polar Bear Plunge

Here is another great way to help our Food Pantry through the Polar Bear Plunge. There will be a Costume Contest at Lake Land Or' on February 6th. Individuals, Groups, Youth and Adults. Each group that wins earns \$100 towards our Food Pantry at St. Mary's. With the pandemic, we need to RSVP to the Ruritan Club. If anyone is interested, please contact Maria Bridge by text at 804-867-6721 or email at mamiefundchurch@gmail.com.

For the last few years, the St Mary's Polar Bear Plungers team have been in the top 5 teams of the event thereby being awarded an additional \$500.00 donated from the Ladysmith Ruritan Club. Please donate to this worthy cause to insure one of those top 5 spots for our Food Pantry and Homeless Ministries.

To donate on line go to mightycause.com/event/... and choose the plunger you wish to support!

Thanks to our plungers: (in alphabetical order)

Thomas Biddulph
Robert Bingaham
Travis Bingaham
Butler Frank
Jack Frank
Michelle LaMontagne
Michelle Moore
Melanie Squires

UPCOMING POLAR BEAR PLUNGE SPIRIT NIGHT



Mi Jalisco's
January 25, 2021
5:0PM-9:00PM

COSTUME CONTEST



Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School

Open House Sunday January 31st

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

We know that this past year has been difficult for everyone, including making sure your child continues to receive the best possible education.

At St. Michael Catholic, we understand and we are committed to ensuring that excellence. Let us show you how.

Here's what St. Michael Catholic can offer your family:

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Prayers for the Sick

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

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, 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](https://www.formed.org/) 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!](#)