

Saint Mary of the Annunciation

January 30-31, 2021, The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAYS STARTING AT 4:10 PM

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM (+Bill Sparks requested by Valerie Sparks)

Sunday 11:00 AM



WEEKLY ADORATION AND MASS TIMES

Tuesday - COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY - 10:00 AM (Blessing of Throats)

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 10 to Jan 16		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,177	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,801	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,978	\$ 119,181
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$ 126,375
Over/Under	\$ (1,523)	\$ (7,194)

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

Have you ever met someone, had a teacher or coach, listened to a speaker or been to a concert and been blown away by the person in charge or leading the event? You walk away thinking "Wow! That was excellent!" What was it about that person? It's not so much what they said, but *HOW* they said it. Well, that's what it was like when Jesus spoke in the synagogue. He blew people away...even the evil spirits! We should be blown away too. Maybe we need to listen more closely. He speaks to us every day. He'll drive out what needs to be driven out of you as well. Let's begin today to listen more intently, and ask for his

help to cleanse us from the things that keep us from him. Ask him to be the authority in your life and for his guidance in your participation in the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Daily Readings

1 FEBRUARY 2021 - MONDAY: **Hebrews 11:** 32-40; **Psalms 31:** 20, 21,22, 23, 24; **Mark 5:** 1-20
2 FEBRUARY 2021 - TUESDAY: **Malachi 3:** 1-4; **Psalms 24:** 7, 8, 9,10; **Hebrews 2:** 14-18; **Luke 2:** 22-40
3 FEBRUARY 2021 - WEDNESDAY: **Hebrews 12:** 4-7, 11-15; **Psalms 103:** 1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; **Mark 6:** 1-6
4 FEBRUARY 2021 - THURSDAY: **Hebrews 12:** 18-19, 21-24; **Psalms 48:** 2-3ab,3cd-4, 9, 10-11; **Mark 6:** 7-13
5 FEBRUARY 2021 - FRIDAY: **Hebrews 13:** 1-8; **Psalms 27:** 1, 3, 5,8b-9abc; **Mark 6:** 14-29
6 FEBRUARY 2021 - SATURDAY: **Hebrews 13:** 15-17, 20-21; **Psalms 23:** 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; **Mark 6:** 30-34
7 FEBRUARY 2021 - SUNDAY: **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; **Psalms 147:** 1-2, 3-4,5-6; **First Corinthians 9:** 16-19, 22-23; **Mark 1:** 29-39

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may open our hearts to receive more fully all of God's simple and abundant blessings.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

VOCATIONS

"Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you."

If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, call Father Brian W. Capuano at (804)359-5661, or write: bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org.



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](#)

Do Not Conform Yourself to this Age

St Paul tells us, "Do not conform yourself to this age but ...discern...what is good and pleasing..."

Since Roe v. Wade, around 63 million innocent children have lost their God-given right to live. An entire class of persons, children in the womb, have been relegated to the status of "chattel", personal property, who can be disposed of by those more powerful than they.

They have no power to resist. They are subject to abuse and destruction by those with more power, namely the power of the State. They have no voice that can be heard except our own.

Without doubt, the killing of innocent children in the womb is the pre-eminent moral evil of our age.

It is for this reason that we must "not conform" to this grave injustice. As St Paul tells us, we must instead stand on the side of truth and justice and "what is good and pleasing to God". We must recognize what both medical science and natural justice tell us: children in the womb are human persons with an inalienable right to life.

Undoubtedly, the most important human rights issue of our age is to protect our "first neighbors" -- children in the womb. The womb is the "first home" of the whole human race and standing up for them is a matter of solidarity with our neighbor and love for the poor. We should not stand by while thousands of children every day are evicted and killed!

Our call (as St Paul reminds us) is to replace the current culture of death with a new culture of life and a civilization of love.

Pro-Life Articles

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.

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

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.



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, 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!](#)