

# Saint Mary of the Annunciation

10306 Ladysmith Rd. Ruther Glen VA 22546

May 24, 2020 Ascension of the Lord



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Visit the Parish [Website](#) for more . . .

The Website & Calendar are being kept up to date with the latest schedule and information. Please check it for updates and details for Live Streaming and other News.

### St. Mary Online This Week!

Live Streaming of the Mass and other church services are being offered via the St. Mary Public Facebook page. Have you visited? Please note that you don't need a Facebook account to participate.

We are also taking advantage of other online solutions. You can join in using the links below. This week look for the following:

- Daily: Readings & Homily
  - Fr. Muddu - sent via St. Mary Flocknote Group
- Nightly Rosary 7pm - (May 21st & 28th 6pm)
  - Fr. Muddu - The Rosary ([Join Online](#))
- Online Religious Education Classes
  - Details provided for each class by instructors
- Saturday 5pm - Mass - Live Streamed ([Join Online](#))

## Masses Resume!

We had a very successful opening of the Church this weekend welcoming back approximately 70 parishioners to Mass. We were organized to ensure everyone that attended was in a safe environment, and could fully enter into the celebration of the Mass.



**At the entrance there was a brief screening, everyone had to wear masks and then were escorted to seats by the Ushers.**



In the church, the pews are marked so everyone is at a safe distance. Processing forward to receive Communion has been slightly altered again to ensure everyone is spaced appropriately. At the conclusion of the Mass people were able to gather outside and if they chose to stay and catchup with friends.

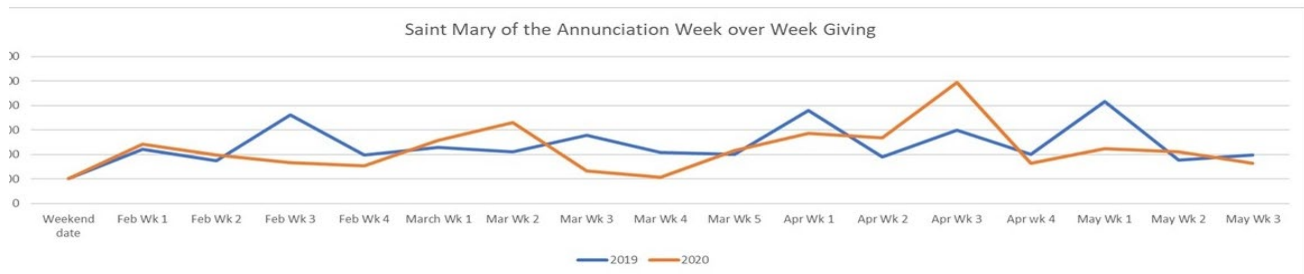
**Did you get a chance to attend? Let us know your thoughts by replying to this message. If you didn't attend - Please consider joining us!**

**(JOIN US FOR WEEKDAY MASSES AND ADORATION. SEE THE WEBSITE FOR TIMES)**

For details on the Church opening guidelines visit our website.

## Church Financials' & Giving

Thank you all for your continued support of the Parish. Below is a graph summarizing our year to date giving. Contributions to the Parish are down just over 8% since February. We continue to work hard to manage our available funds to ensure the continued operations of the parish. We have secured federal funding as a safety net and are working on a line of credit for future use if needed.



We realize these are challenging times for many of our Parishioners. If you are in a position to donate to the Parish, perhaps as stimulus checks arrive, it is greatly appreciated! You may also want to consider contributing your weekly offering through our [Online Giving Page](#).

Have questions? Email Sue Brim at [sbrim@saintmarycc.org](mailto:sbrim@saintmarycc.org).

God Bless You All!



## Live Stream of the Rosary

### Nightly 7pm Throughout May

Father Muddu is leading us in a nightly Rosary at 7pm through the end of May. The Rosary is being Live Streamed on our [Public Facebook](#) page. Please see the website for details this week and join Father and the Parish in prayer.

(May 28th the Rosary will be prayed at 6pm)

## Digital Platforms - By the Numbers

We imagine you have been sitting around just wondering "I wonder how many people are visiting our Website?" or asking people in your family "Do you think there are a lot of people in Flocknote?".

Yes, pretty riveting questions. Well here are some answers!

- **Flocknote - 391 Member - 40 Groups - In May 40% of the Groups sent notes reaching 82% of members**
- **Website - In May we had 660 Unique Visitors, 764 Visits and 1,453 Pageviews, most Popular Content - Bulletins, Coronavirus Update, Returning to Mass and the Church Calendar**
- **FORMED - 80 Subscribers, 4000+ pieces of content**
- **Facebook - In May Pageviews - 1400, Reached over 1100 people with our posts and have had 2300 video views (Farthest away - Abu Dhabi)**

We continue to work on our outreach in the Parish and now have 20 people signed up on the Communications Team.



Food pantry is still accepting food donations during this time. If you have any items for donation, please feel free to leave them in the food pantry bin in the narthex when the church is open during the day, or feel free to drop them off on Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 5:30-6:00 p.m.

## Prayers for the Sick

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

Eli Ames, Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Larry Azzopardi, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Annemarie Bockman, Maria Bridge, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Brandon Dineff, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Celeste Henkel, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Deborah Landsnes, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, The Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Sam O'Shea, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Mary Ann Pressman, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Faye Spartz, Mary Stella Summers, Scott Trice, 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!