St. Mary Catholic Church

9505 Gayton Road, Richmond, Virginia 23229 | 804-740-4044

January 23, 2022 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Mass Schedule

Celebration of the Eucharist:
Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Tues. - Fri. 9:00 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday in the Daily Mass Chapel
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Daily Mass Chapel, and Church are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for prayer.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

Jesus Christ calls us to become members of His Body, and we are delighted that the Holy Spirit has led you to our parish community! We are happy to resume our Parish Registration program and invite you to join us at our next session. During this one-hour program, you will meet other parishioners, our Pastor, and staff, receive an introduction to St. Mary's Parish, and complete the registration documents. Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Our next registration session will take place on: Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 12:30 pm Bishop Sullivan Room

R.S.V.P. by January 19 to Melanie Ogo, parish office via email: mogo@stmarysrichmond.org

St. Mary's Parish

Website: www.stmarysrichmond.org Email: parish@stmarysrichmond.org

Fax: 804-740-2197

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

St. Mary's School

Phone: 804-740-1048 Website: www.saintmary.org Email: lflint@saintmary.org

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

— Lk 4:18a, 19

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MASS FOR THE WEEK

Daily Gospel Reflections - stmarysrichmond.org/daily-reflections

Mass Intentions	Mass Readings	
Sunday, January 23	Neh 8:2-4a; 5-6; 8-10	
9:00 am Gary & Kathy Schemmel*	I Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27	
I I:00 am Maria Trinidad	Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69)	
Monday, January 24	2 Sm 5:1-7	
No Daily Mass	Mk 3:22-30 (317)	
Tuesday, January 25	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-2	
Frank Daylor	Mk 16:15-18 (519)	
Wednesday, January 26	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)	
Francis Michael Benincasa	Mk 4:1-20 (319)	
Thursday, January 27	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29	
Frank Daylor	Mk 4:21-25 (320)	
Friday, January 28	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	
Jane O'Toole	Mk 4:26-34 (321)	
Saturday, January 29	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	
Stephanie Gemmel	Mk 4:35-41 (322)	
Sunday, January 30	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19	
9:00 am Fr. Lou Rouff	I Cor 12:31-13:13	
11:00 am Gregory John Lynch	Lk 4:21-30 (72)	

^{*} Living Request

Prayer Requests

Is there someone you know who needs prayers? Is there some situation that you would like other people to pray about? Members of St. Mary's parish are happy to pray for your intentions! We have dedicated people who serve on our prayer teams, and they are happy to pray for every intention that is brought to our attention. If you have prayer intentions to submit to the parish, please go to the parish home page and scroll down to the "Let Us Pray..." heading.

<u>Please Pray for the Sick in Our Community</u>

Phil Brennan, Beth Brockelman, James Byrne, Charlotte Conradi, Ann Dowdy, Wilson Duenas, Sydney Fogg, Linda Fonseca, Tom Foughner, Joe Gerschick Sr., Gene Giddings, Faye Green, Joshua Golub, Bea & John Hammerstrand, Ian Hernandez, Melvin James, Teresa Jones, Suzanne Kilkus, Paul Lambert, Carolyn Lange, Mark Martin, Janet Driscoll Miller, Diane Mulshine, Merlin Mullins, Ethan Musick, Walter Quill, Kathy Santarsieri, Dorothy Sorg, Sam Spaulding, Laurie Suwal, William Smith, Mackenzie Stoldt, DeShaunda Vitalis, Pat White, Isobel Young.

Born into Eternal Life

Gerry Barth, mother of Marie Hess, grandmother of Andrew, Laura and Dillon **Frank Dabrovolskis**, father of Beth Murray, grandfather of Ryan and Sam **Mary Downey**

Jerome Thomas Foughner, father of Margaret Foughner

Barbara Lee Miller, mother of Beth McElroy **Ben Navor**, father of Jeanette Navor Collier

luanita Walker

Howard Zeck, husband of Dorothy



Altar Flowers
The weekend of 22 & 23
In Memory of Oronda Brichta

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

stmarysrichmond.org (Parish Calendar)

Sunday	January 23	
9:00am	-	Church
9:30am	Elementary Faith Formation	Gym
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l 1:00am	Mass	Church
12:30pm	Middle School Faith Formation	Lower Commons
	Newcomers Registration	Bishop Sullivan
•	Confirmation Preparation	Bishop Sullivan
6:30pm	Confirmation Preparation	Bishop Sullivan
6:30pm	9th Grade Formation	Lower Commons
Monday	January 24	
	No Daily Mass	
Tuesday	January 25	
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	Exodus Bible Study	Bishop Sullivan
	Nifty Needlers	Holy Family
l 1:00am	0	St.Anne
	Parish Finance Council	
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Church
	Exodus Bible Study	Bishop Sullivan
	School Finance Council	
7:30pm		Church
Wednesday	•	
9:00am		Church
Thursday	January 27	<u>.</u> .
9:00am		Church
	Bible Study - David the King	Bishop Sullivan
	Young Adult Bible Study	St. Mary Room
Friday	January 28	
9:00am	Mass	Church
Saturday	January 29	Church
	Baptisms Sacrament of Reconciliation	Church Chapel
3:30pm 5:30pm	-	Church
Sunday	January 30	Ciuici
9:00am	Mass & Reception	Church
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	Middle School Faith Formation	Lower Commons
	10th + Grade Formation	Bishop Sullivan
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	9th Grade Formation	Lower Commons
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LITURGY AND MUSIC

Honoring the Retirement of Joe Lenich

On the weekend of **January 29-30**, we will host receptions after each Mass in order to honor Joe Lenich on the occasion of his retirement. Please join us!

For the past 14 years, Saint Mary's Parish has been blessed by the ministry of Joseph Lenich, who has served as our Director of Music. Joe will retire at the end of this month.

Our parish has been blessed by Joe's faithful service and love. Joe and his wife, Joy, will continue to play an active role in the life of our parish. They're not going anywhere! But we need to honor Joe's wonderful ministry in our community. On the weekend of January 29-30, we will host receptions in the Upper Commons after each Mass so that we can celebrate all that Joe has done for our community. Please plan to join us!



Altar Server Training

Please email Heather to obtain the signup form.

Returning weekend servers will need to attend one session and new weekend servers will need to attend two sessions.

Ages 5th grade through high school.



Anointing of the Sick following Daily Mass



INITIATION MINISTRIES

Pat Novak | Pnovak@stmarysrichmond.org or Ext. 113

The first "Baptism Weekend" for 2022 is the weekend of February 26 and 27.

To register for this February weekend or any weekend in 2022, please go to the website: www.stmarysrichmond.org Under **Sacraments**, click on Baptism; complete the Registration form and email the registration to Pat Novak: pnovak@stmarysrichmond.org

As the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic persists, we will continue having two options for the Baptism of Children under the age of 7:

- Private Baptisms are available on Saturday mornings of the designated weekends. These Baptisms will be celebrated by one of our parish Deacons.
- Baptisms can be celebrated at any of the 3 Masses on the designated weekend: Saturday @ 5:30 PM; Sunday @ 9 and II AM

If a family will be celebrating the Baptism of a child **for the first time in St. Mary's**, we require the parents to attend a Zoom meeting on **"An Understanding of Baptism"**.

The first of these Zoom Meetings, "An Understanding of Baptism", will take place on Thursday evening, January 13 @ 7 PM. To register, please email Pat Novak and the LINK will be sent to you.

A second Zoom Meeting will also be scheduled **for the week of the Baptism**, providing details of the celebration.

One Body, Many Parts – Video Series

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (ICor 12:27) This statement of Saint Paul takes on new meaning since returning to the practice of our faith at church. There is a renewed sense of hope and joy as parishioners resume the normal activities of being a part of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and the new video series, "One Body, Many Parts" aims to capture and share those feelings with the parish. Watch these videos on our website or from the weekly emails as we hear from parishioners reflecting on their personal involvement in various ministries at St. Mary's Church. Is there a ministry that tugs at your heart or one with which you have been thinking about getting involved? Join us or find out more by contacting the parish office!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

Give your spouse the gift of a special Valentine. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience teaches a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on

Jan 28-30, 2022 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and virtually on Feb 7-28, 2022 in CHANTILLY, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/ or contact us at 757-690-1369.

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Blood Drive Update



Our Knights of Columbus in partnership with The American Red Cross, held their quarterly blood drive on Sunday January 9th in the Parish Hall. Once again, your participation was very much appreciated! A total of 44 units of blood was collected! This is truly the gift of life for others! The next quarterly blood drive here at St. Mary's is scheduled for May 1, 2022. Please watch for details and the opportunity to sign up for your appointment!! For questions or to learn more, please contact Terry Edwards at: terryedwards804@gmail.com

Meals-On-Wheels is Coming Back!

Our Meals on Wheels coordinator, Elynor Lange, received word that Meals-On-Wheels will begin Monday through Friday service beginning in January. For many years, St. Mary's has covered five routes on the 4th Wednesday of each month, and our volunteers are excited to be back on deliveries beginning January 26! We thank Elynor, and our delivery team: Carol and Bob Newcomb, Christine Irvine, John and Kathleen Szeker, and Siobhan Zuccaro. This is a vital ministry, keeping people fed and healthy!

Thank You from The Laurels at University Park

"Hi, everyone, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH for all of the very generous donations! We REALLY appreciate your dedication to our guests, YEAR AFTER YEAR! You guys are wonderful, and we hope that you have a GREAT holiday season! Thanks again! Catherine Blanche & The Gang!"

What's Mine is Ours

Please take an empty grocery bag as you leave today and return it to the WMIO table in the upper commons or the tables in the lower hallway. The food and other needed items will serve The Salvation Army as they seek to feed families and individuals in our community. The needs continue to be great, and we appreciate your continued support of this and all our Human Concerns outreach opportunities.

The Shepherd's Center Lunch and Life Series



We received word that sadly The Shepherd Center Covid Task Force has made the decision to **cancel all in-person** meetings for the winter session of Open University. With numbers going up, they are concerned that they will not be equipped to provide the highest level of safety for the attendees.

Winter Session dates are: January 26; February 2 & 9
Please join virtually this winter using the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86866211384 Meeting ID: 868 6621 1384

For questions, please contact Rebecca in the parish office.

WINTER SESSION SPEAKERS

January 26: Rob Andrejewski, director of sustainability, adjunct professor, University of Richmond "Meeting the Challenges of Our Time: A Widening-Circles Approach to Sustainability"

February 2: Emily Atkinson, MPH; CHES; advocate for the aging, Henrico County. "All about Aging: What You Need to Know as You Age"

February 9: Suzanne Vinson, associate pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Richmond. "Worship and Creative Art: Engaging our Senses as We Worship God"



We prepare and serve a hot dinner at LVS on the third Saturday of each month. We have been made aware that they still have evenings in 2022 where so far, they do not have a commitment for a meal for their residents. If we can get some more volunteers to help with the meal preparation and delivery, we could add another Saturday this year. If you would like to help us figure this out and volunteer for a piece of this, please contact coordinator, Scott Csaky at scottcsaky@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

John Sweet | jsweet@stmarysrichmond.org or Ext. 117

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Chris Jenkins | Cjenkins@stmarysrichmond.org or Ext. 116 Laura Stapleton | Lstapleton@stmarysrichmond.org or Ext. 138

Visit <u>www.stmarysrichmond.org/children</u> for more information about our Children's programs.

Our preparation program for **First Sacraments** is open to all children, 2nd grade and up, who have been baptized Roman



Catholic. Our first celebration of First Reconciliation will take place on **Friday**, **February 4**. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

Elementary Faith
Formation Program
Our next gatherings are:



- + February 2 (Wednesday)
- + February 6 (Sunday)

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 9:00 am Mass. At this time, we do not have enough adult volunteers to offer CLOW at the 11:00 am



Mass. If anyone would like to help make CLOW happen at the 11:00 am Mass, please contact John Sweet in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Our **Sunday Nursery** is open (when we have volunteers) during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. The nursery is open to all children who are walking through age 4.



The nursery will be located in a kindergarten classroom, under the church in the Early Childhood Development Center.

If you need to register for or have questions about Elementary Faith Formation or First Reconciliation/
Communion preparation, contact John Sweet in the parish office.

Sunday, January 23, 2020

- Our Middle School Faith Formation Group (Grades 6-8) will meet 12:30-1:30pm in the Middle School Religion Classroom. Friendly Reminder: We meet virtually NEXT Sun. Jan. 30, from 12:30-1:30pm on Zoom. Check your email for the Zoom link.
- Teen Confirmation Preparation Sessions (Session #3) will be offered at 3:00pm, 4:45pm, or 6:30pm in the Sullivan Room (6:30pm will have a virtual Zoom option to attend) Friendly Reminder. Copies of Teens Baptismal Certificates and their Sponsor Selection Forms to due Laura Stapleton by Jan. 31.

Per Diocesan guidance, masks (covering mouth & nose) must be worn by everyone at all youth programs regardless of vaccination status.

SAVE-THE-DATE: 2022 Diocesan Work Camp in Southwest, VA is Sat.-Fri., June 18-24, 2022. It is open to high schoolers (rising 2022-23 9th Graders and graduating Class of 2022 12th Graders). Work Camp is a week of service and outreach to residents in need of help whose homes could use improvements to make them safer, drier, greener, cleaner, or more accessible. E-mail Laura/Chris to be added to an "interested list", so we can update you as we get more details in the new year.

JANUARY 31 DEADLINE IS APPROACHING FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$1000 MERIT SCHOL-ARSHIP FOR 12TH GRADE GRADUATES: Student must be confirmed. Parents/guardians must registered parish members. Must complete Merit Scholarship application. Must plan to attend post high school education in Fall 2022 and show institution's acceptance letter. Must submits 200-250 word essay (typed, double spaced) discussing "How my Faith has prepared me for College" omitting personally identifying info in the essay and follow other formatting instructions. Must list volunteer service at our church or in local community. Must provide two recommendations from church leader and high school faculty/ staff member. For more details, contact parishioner Jack Sheehan at 804-347-2415 or norvujack@gmail.com using K of C 14129 Scholarship in the Subject line.



The Knights of Columbus Presents



POLISH Food-To-Go FUNDRAISER February 5, 2022

"EatYour Favorite Polish Dishes and Support Charity"

Order your food online at www.stmarysrichmond.org

Online sales end in the afternoon after Masses on Sunday, January 30, 2022.

\$20.00 Polish Meal Includes: Polish Kielbasa / Sauerkraut, Stuffed Cabbage, Bigos (Polish Hunter's Stew) & Kolachki

Safely precooked, frozen and prepackaged food including proper reheating instructions.

Pick Up:

Saturday, February 5, 2022, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Pick Up outside St. Mary's Parish Hall side door No need to leave your car, just pull up in line for food order.

Our goal is to have HALF the price of each meal go directly to Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI), a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization that helps people in need throughout the Commonwealth!

3 options for individual VKCCI donations:

- 1. When placing order through online purchasing system, designate additional amount to VKCCI!
- 2. Cash Donations When You Pick Up Your Food-To-Go Order!
- 3. Online donations at www.saintmarysknights.org/finance (via PayPal)!

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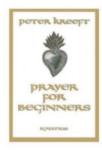


Adult Faith Formation

See the Parish
Website for more
information and a
direct link to
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Bible Studies



Books



Movies

PARISH FORMATION

Teresa Lee | Tlee@stmarysrichmond.org or Ext. 123

Desert Spirituality

What is desert spirituality asking of you?

A Retreat for Men

Saturday, February 12th 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Roslyn Retreat Center

Presented by:

Deacon Melvin Dowdy, PhD, LCP

The four questions asked by the desert can lead you to a new depth of spiritual awareness. Most of us find ourselves in the spiritual desert sooner or later. We wander lost in the hills and valleys of a dry and often empty spirituality. What we don't recognize is the invitation of this desert experience. In this retreat we will take a look into this opportunity and try to discover a vitality of the spirit that is waiting for us. We will be using the book *crossing the desert* by Robert J. Wicks, included in the registration fee of \$25.

Please join us for a day of spiritual reflection, scriptural guidance, and to gain an understanding of how to let go, see clearly, and live simply.

See the Parish website for more information and to register.

Women's Book Club



February's selection is *The Family* by Naomi Krupitsky. Set in New York City in the 30's and 40's, *The Family* tells the tale of two women, friends since birth, who must fight to preserve their friendship when their

loyalty to each other is tested. Please choose Wednesday February 9th at 7 p.m. or Friday, February 11th at 10 a.m. for the discussion.

Upcoming Titles and Dates

March 9/11-the stranger in the lifeboat by Mitch Albom April 6/9-Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

Please see the Parish Website for information on all Parish Formation programs. Contact Teresa Lee for more information (TLee@stmarysrichmond.org)

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Gregg Kamper | Gkamper@stmarysrichmond.org or Ext. 120

Period Ending 01/09/22			
Offertory	Weekly	MTD	YTD
Offertory - Envelope	14,827	41,783	664,344
Offertory - Loose	552	986	20,139
Offertory - E-Giving	17,640	17,640	327,324
Total Offertory	33,019	\$60,409	\$1,011,807
Amt. Budgeted	31,108	62,216	921,014
Versus Budget	1,911	(1,807)	90,793
School Reno/Mortgage	405	1,797	40,097
Human Concerns	460	3,310	89,673
Haiti	1,167	1,167	52,167
Monthly Mortgage Paymen	t \$8,495.65		



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mike Chiffolo, Grand Knight 804-720-4345 Jim Hribar, Deputy Grand Knight 804-339-8204

The Knight of the Month for lanuary of 2022 is **Richard Mallory**

The Family of the Month for January 2022 is **The Jose and Claudia Florez Family**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 6 Ice Bucket Challenge Feb. 12/13 Membership Drive

2022 Knights College Scholarship Application is available at https://www.saintmarysknights.org/ Applications are due NLT January 31, 2022.

Read more about the Knights of Columbus by visiting: www.stmarysrichmond.org/Knights-of-Columbus Join the Knights for free online: www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html

WE'RE DOING AN ICE BUCKET Challenge To Support the Intellectually Disabled!!

As a "Founding Champion of the World Games," the Knights of Columbus has supported the games and the Intellectually Disabled since the first Special Olympics in 1968.

In the last 9 years alone the Virginia Knights of Columbus have raised over \$543,000 for Special Olympics Virginia. Since 1968 the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$600 million to programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

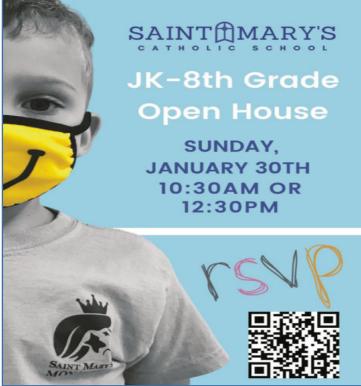
Please consider supporting our team by making a donation. The process is fast, easy, and secure ... and you can be sure that it will benefit a great cause! The secure link to donate is: https://bit.ly/icebucket14129

A member of St. Mary's KofC council will take the challenge and have a very large bucket of ice dumped on him after the I lam Mass on February 6th. Please come and watch and support this very worthy cause.

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SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL







FROM THE DIOCESE

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at I-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Karen Loper at 877-887-9603.



PARISH STAFF

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Parish Nurses	(call for hours)	Ext.	125

SCHOOL To reach a staff member, call 804-740-1048 Brandon Hess Principal Mary Jordan Asst. Principal Lisa Flint Admin. Asst. to the Principal Anne Leigh Bisese Admissions Director

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Families must be registered and participating in the parish for at least 3 months before attending the required preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend classes before the birth of their child. Please contact Pat Novak at 804-740-4044 Ext. 113 to make arrangements.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those who are seeking God and choose to enter a journey of faith and conversion leading to initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. Please contact Pat Novak at 804-740-4044 Ext. 113.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered on Saturdays from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Daily Mass Chapel or by appointment. Contact Joyce Park at 804-740-4044 Ext. 139 to make an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

At least one of the parties must be registered and participating in the parish for at least 3 months prior to contacting the Parish priest to begin pre-marital preparation. You must plan to begin pre-marital preparation 6 months prior to your proposed wedding date. Contact Heather Heishman 804-740-4044 Ext. 122.

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