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Rev. John Asare, Pastor
Deacon Mike Ellerbrock
Deacon Rick Furman

MASS

Saturday
5:00pm
Sunday
8:30am and 11:30am
Tuesday-Thursday
9:00am
Friday
11:15am

RECONCILIATION

Friday
12:00pm
By Appointment

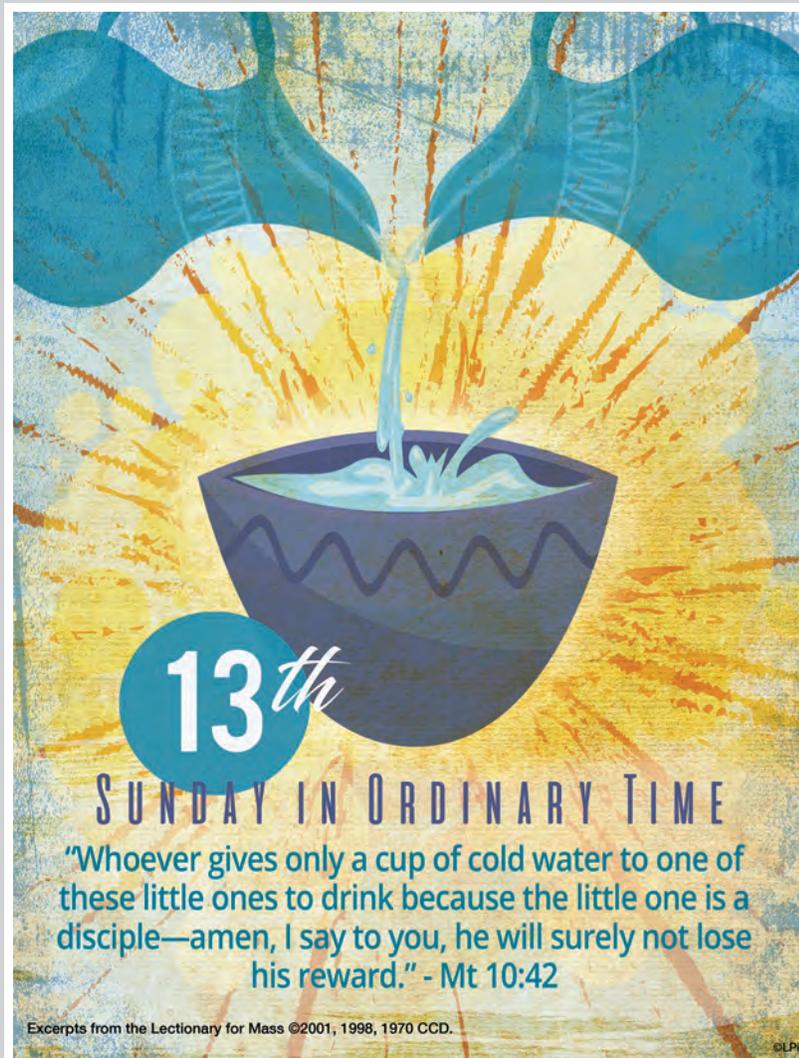
OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
10:00am-2:00pm
Friday
9:00am-1:00pm

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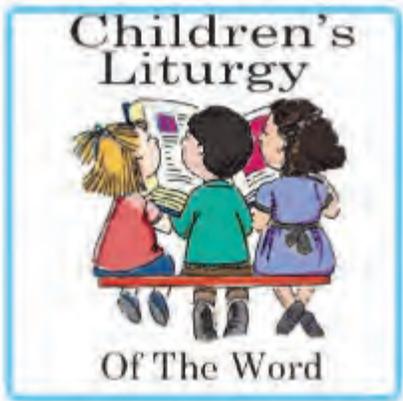


Mass at 5:00pm, 8:30am* and 11:30am
New Mass Guidelines Inside
***Live-streamed**

The cleaning staff has been hard at work making sure that our Worship Area is safe and clean for each weekend Mass. We are only at about half of our allowed social distancing capacity!

Fr. John welcomes everyone back to Mass as they see fit!

Contact the Office if you have questions about new Mass guideline or attendance. *We can't wait to see you!*



Children's Liturgy of the Word is now online!! It is accessible through a link using Google Slides. Our virtual CLOW can be used in several ways to help your children learn more about the Gospel each week. We envision you either watching as a family after Mass or having your children view the Virtual CLOW during Mass online.

We recognize that attending Mass virtually can be hard for kids and we hope that you can use this resource as a way to continue building your child's faith at home. This link will be available to access at your own preferred time but includes the Sunday Gospel reading, a reflection, prayers, and music (All audio files and videos are set to auto play).

View the CLOW presentation online at bit.ly/CLOWjune28



St. Mary's is hiring for the position of parish secretary. To start this will be a 25 hours a week job with a probable increase to 40 hours per week based on the financial health of the parish.

Applicants should submit a Diocesan application which can found [online here](#). Please email a copy of your application to Randy Phipps, businessmanager@stmarysblacksburg.org. Questions about this job can be directed to LoriAnne Van Dyke or Randy Phipps.

The position of the church secretary at St. Mary's is a special ministry and important to our parish. The person in this position will be on the front lines as one of the first people the public and parishioners meet and interact with. They are a reflection of our parish community. Importantly, they should be a Catholic with impeccable integrity and able to be trusted with matters requiring a high level of confidentiality, tactfulness and compassion. The person selected for this position must have strong organizational and people skills, be able to frequently multi-task and work under their own initiative. They should possess a high degree of expertise with regards to computers, software, social media, office equipment and administrative procedures.

In summary the church secretary will be responsible for: directing daily operations of the front office; creating and distributing all parish communications; managing administrative operations of the church office; providing secretarial support to the Pastor, staff and Deacons; processing sacramental scheduling & records requests and assisting parishioners and parish ministries.

Come join our great team!





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D MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 27	5:00pm	Jack Snider†
Sunday, June 28	8:30am	Frank Partsch†
Sunday, June 28	11:30am	Louise Breene†
Tuesday, June 30	9:00am	<i>available</i>
Wednesday, July 1	9:00am	The Community of St. Mary's
Thursday, July 2	9:00am	<i>available</i>
Friday, July 3	11:15am	**no daily Mass—holiday

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.



Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.



ST. MARY'S IS REOPEN FOR MASS

Mass times: Saturday at 5:00pm and
Sunday at 8:30am & 11:30am
(Please note new early Sunday morning time)

Here's what you need to need to know:

Additional Diocesan reopening guidelines
can be found [online here](#)

✚ Even as we reopen, all those as defined by the Virginia Health Department as more vulnerable, i.e., 65+ years of age, those with compromised immune systems, those with underlying health conditions and *especially those who are ill* are strongly encouraged to stay at home.

✚ Until further notice, Bishop Knestout continues to dispense all of the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days. Mass will continued to be live-streamed on Sundays at 8:30am via Facebook Live.

✚ Friday daily Mass at 11:15am is reserved for those in a high risk category.

✚ **Please arrive 30 minutes ahead of time to allow for screening, check-in and seating.**

✚ Parishioners will need to pass a verbal health screening prior to be seated in the Worship Area.

✚ Everyone over 10 years old will be required to wear a face covering throughout Mass *except for the brief moment when you consume Communion*. You will need to provide your own face covering. Extra face coverings will not be available at church.

✚ Specially trained ushers will check-in and screen people. Parishioners should be prepared to provide their name and a reliable contact phone number during check-in. Ushers will also seat families, couples or individuals in approved spots.

✚ Mass attendance will be limited based on 6 feet of space between families, couples or individuals. Once 50% of capacity at safe social distancing has been reached, parishioners will be asked to attend another Mass.

✚ Once Mass has started the church doors will be locked so that unscreened individuals do not enter. If this happens to you, please plan to attend another Mass.

✚ There will be no hymnals or worship aids. Parishioners can download the worship aid to a smartphone or tablet and bring it to church. You are also encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer.

✚ Collection baskets for your weekly offering will be located in the Narthex, please drop your envelopes as you enter or exit the Narthex.

✚ The church will be thoroughly disinfected according to the CDC and Diocesan requirements prior to each Mass and our approved reopening plan will be strictly followed.

✚ Changes to Mass will be reviewed, but please refrain from physical contact, such as holding hands during the Our Father and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.

✚ Six feet of social distance should be maintained from others who are *not* from the same household at all times while in the church or on church grounds. Families must stay together as a group.

✚ As we gather once again to worship as faith community, let us be thankful for and respectful of those working to keep us safe.



Now More Than Ever

Faith Direct is St. Mary's **online giving program** that allows parishioners to *conveniently and consistently* make church contributions through either direct debit from a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card.

Online giving provides an easy opportunity to support St. Mary's parish even when not attending Mass.

Here's how you can **ENROLL**:

- type **faith.direct/VA969** (directly into a browser or search window)
- call Faith Direct, **1-866-507-8757**
- text "**ENROLL**" to (540) 274-2005 (and follow the prompts)
- visit St. Mary's website and click on **Faith Direct button**

Please call the Office with any questions. Thank you for enrolling!

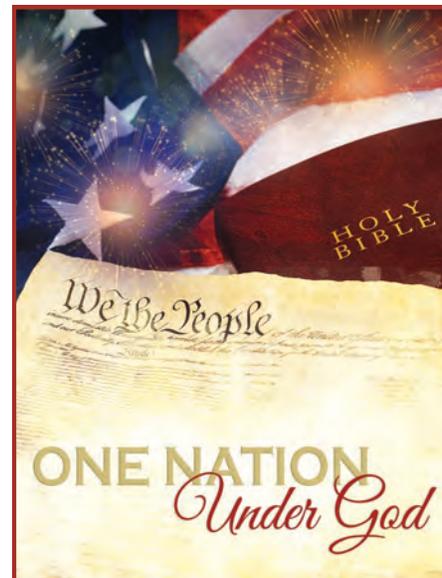
Daily Mass Schedule Change

- Starting the week of July 5th, daily Mass will only be celebrated on Wednesday at 9:00am and Friday at 11:15am
- Wednesday daily Mass will continue to be live-streamed via Facebook Live
- Friday daily Mass is designated for those in a high-risk group to attend



Happy Fourth of July

The Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and there will be no daily Mass.





St. Mary's 8:30am Mass is live-streamed via Facebook Live
Due to COVID-19, Mass is being live-streamed for use on St. Mary's Facebook account and website.

Photography and/or screenshot images from the live-stream may be used in the future for our print bulletin.

If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending that particular Mass time.



Thanks to everyone who has been writing and dropping off cards!

Our goal is to have 115 cards to be able to deliver.

You are invited to participate the **Heritage Hall Card Project** sponsored by the Justice and Peace Committee. The project entails writing "*Thinking of You Cards*" from St. Mary's parishioners to the residents at Heritage Hall. You can write as many cards as you like!

Cards should be left at church in the plastic bin located outside the main doors. Cards will be collected and distributed by the staff at Heritage Hall.

Please include the following when you write a card: 1) a cheerful greeting..hello, hi, good morning; 2) **express your care and concern/hope they are well & safe**; 3) **let them know that St. Mary's Catholic Church in Blacksburg is thinking of and praying for them during this time of isolation**, 4) optional **expressions from the Bible, poems, etc.**; 5) **sign the card from St. Mary's Church and optionally include your first name.** Thank you for joining us to provide a ray of sunshine & hope to those with no access to family or visitors.



St. Mary's, Blacksburg, VA, St. Jude, Radford, VA and Holy Spirit, Christiansburg, VA are currently seeking a Part Time Coordinator of Youth Ministry (25 hours per week).

The Coordinator for Youth Ministry will provide primary leadership for the design and implementation of each of the parish's youth ministry programs. A **creative, energetic and charismatic leader** whose focus will be to support the growth of youth programs in the three Parishes is needed.



Must be an active, practicing Catholic, with knowledge/ability to share Catholic faith to youth. **A bachelor's degree in a related field is preferred. Travel will be required for certain events.**

Please contact Sue Ellerbrock (formation@stmarysblacksburg.org) with any questions.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and Diocesan Application to: businessmanager@stmarysblacksburg.org The Diocesan Application can be found [online here](#) .

Please also copy the three NRV priests on your application

Fr. Anthony O. Senyah (asenyah@richmonddiocese.org)

Fr. John Asare (pastor@stmarysblacksburg.org)

Fr. Charles Ssebalamu (cssebalamu@yahoo.com)

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 Lori McDaniel
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 Marie & Vivianne Castillo
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 Mary Claire Madera
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Help for Victims of Abuse

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 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

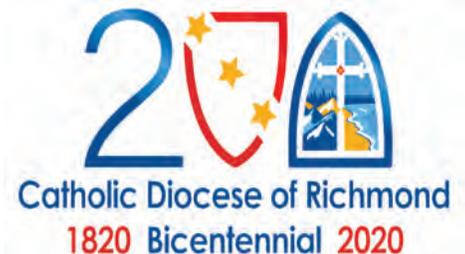
BICENTENNIAL PRAYER OF THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND (1820-2020)

Father of lights, the radiance of your Son has guided the advance of the Gospel across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries, strengthening our Church from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap.

Grant that the nearness of your Son may dispel the darkness of our sins, so that as our love increases more and more, we may dare more than ever to fearlessly proclaim the word.

Holding fast to the word of life, may we shine like stars in the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



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