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We are a sacramental people, serving as the visible presence of Christ in our community.

20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." - Mt 15:24-25

CLERGY

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

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 12:00 PM

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM
Monday: No Daily Mass
Tuesday: No Daily Mass
Wednesday: 9:00 AM
Thursday: No Daily Mass
Friday: 11:15 AM



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This Week's Announcements



MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a celebration of the bodily taking up of Mary into heaven, will be held next weekend. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, although such obligations have been dispensed with by the Bishop due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mass will be held on:

Friday, August 14: 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 15: 11 AM

MICAH'S BACKPACK DONATIONS NEEDED

MCPS has delayed the opening of schools until September 8, 2020, leaving many students food-insecure. To ensure they are adequately fed through the start of the school year, Micah's Backpack is requesting more donations of food items like mac & cheese, cans of veggies, and fruit cups. These donations should be taken to:

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Mondays, 10:20 AM to 12:30 PM



RECENT SCHEDULE CHANGE

At **St. Jude's**, Wednesday Mass will now permanently be at 9:30 AM. Saturday Reconciliation will now start at 3:30 PM and end at 4:45 PM. At **St. Mary's**, Church Office Hours are now 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday-Friday, in order to better serve parishioners who attend daily Mass. The Church will also be open for personal prayer 9:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Friday.



FATHER JOHN'S BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, Father John Asare will be celebrating his birthday!

Be sure to join us in wishing him a very happy birthday, and pray for his continued joy and success as our pastor through the next year!





“We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life.”

– Pope Francis



Saturday, August 15	5:00 PM	The Community of St. Mary's
Sunday, August 16	8:30 AM	The Community of St. Mary's
Sunday, August 16	11:30 AM	Bev Shull
Wednesday, August 19	9:00 AM	Stephen McKimmie
Friday, August 21	11:15 AM	Dolores Fenning †



A Meditation on This Week’s Gospel

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, “I’m tired of struggling with this cold, I can’t wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better.” Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

COVID-19 UPDATES

We are OPEN!

There are 0 reported cases of COVID-19 among St. Mary's parishioners.



ARRIVE TO MASS EARLY

Arrive 30 minutes early to mass to allow time for seating and screening.



DOORS LOCK PROMPTLY

To ensure proper socially-distant seating, the doors will lock at the start of mass, so arrive on time.



WORSHIP AREA CLEANED

The worship area is cleaned after the celebration of every Mass, in accordance with CDC guidelines.



COLLECTION IN NARTHEX

Offertories can be placed in the collection baskets in the Narthex, or given through Faith Direct.



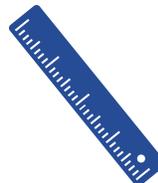
MASKS ARE MANDATORY

Face coverings must be worn, but they may be removed briefly to take communion.



NO PHYSICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Worship aids and Father John's homily can be found online at stmarysblcksburg.org



MAINTAIN 6 FEET OF DISTANCE

Ushers will seat you and your family 6 feet away from others. Please maintain this distance after mass.



STAY HOME IF YOU'RE ILL

The Bishop has granted all Catholics in the diocese a dispensation from the obligation to attend mass.

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL MASS

Live-streamed on Facebook

Wednesday: 9:00 AM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

MASS FOR HIGH-RISK GROUPS

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Friday: 11:15 AM

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- Call Faith Direct at **1-866-507-8757**
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- Visit **St. Mary's website** click the Faith Direct button

**Call the office if you have any questions:
(540) 552-1091**

BICENTENNIAL PRAYER OF THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

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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CHILDREN'S LITURGY **OF THE WORD**

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. View the CLOW presentation online at:
bit.ly/CLOWaug16

St. Mary's is HIRING!



LEAD CUSTODIAN AND MAINTENANCE WORKER

19 hours/week (bonus pay for any weekend hours)

This position requires an individual who is a self-starter and able to complete tasks with a minimum amount of direct supervision. We are seeking an individual with experience in the areas of commercial cleaning and light maintenance.



COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

25 hours/week

The Coordinator for Youth Ministry will provide primary leadership for the design and implementation of each of the youth ministry programs at St. Mary's, Blacksburg, VA, St. Jude, Radford, VA and Holy Spirit, Christiansburg, VA. 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.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

TO APPLY:

To learn more about any of these openings, to find the diocesan application, or to submit your completed application, visit:

www.stmarysblacksburg.org/hiring

If you do not have access to a computer or otherwise need assistance with your application, please call (540) 552-1091.

Prayer Requests

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”
Matthew 7:7*

Aaron Johnson	Dick Stewart	Isaac Hummel	Paula Lovett
Alex Sepoli	Doug Whichard	Leslie Pittges	Robert Metz
Alison Maguire	Baxter Perkinson	Lisa Lavery	Rodney Allen
Amy Haugh Dodds	Frank Baker	Lisa Walters	Richard Kelly
Ann Martin	Elaine Lutz	Lori McDaniel	Rita Sullivan
Anthony Atkins	Elaine Tedesco	Lou Cotroneo	Stephen Orr
Barbara Marino	Elina McCartney	Lucy Agnes Foster	Susan Kramer
Baxter Perkinson	Eva Kelly	Marie & Vivianne Castillo	Suzi Vass-Gal
Becky Glazener	Frank Partsch †	Marie Armstrong	Thaddeus Baker
Becky Hepler	Jace Baab	Mary Ann Barksdale	Theresa Liuzzo
Becke Chamberlin	Jackie Fore-Dye	Mary Claire Madera	Tom Heintzman
Bob Wheeler †	Janice Steele	Mary Devens	Vera Genua
Bud Chamberlin †	Jen Austin	Mary Elaine Riley	Vin Liuzzo
Charlotte Joyce	Jessica Moore	Mathias Baker	Von Brannock
Clark DeHart	Jim Armstrong	Mike Chandler	Watt Shields
Daniel Brooks	John Bianchi	Nancy Aull	Wayne Petersen
Dennis Kilper, Jr	Josefina Cerezo	Patty Carey	
Diane Folz	Kathy Kelly	Nelson Carey	
Diane Merrix	Kathy Hummel	Paul Ringel	

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OUR HAITI TWIN PARISH & SCHOOL

PRAYER AND SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE PROMOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY

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.

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