



To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office at:
officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org
 (540) 552-1091

Saturday, January 15	5:00 PM	Michael Overstreet †
Sunday, January 16	8:30 AM	Donald Natarelli †
Sunday, January 16	11:30 PM	Lee Frederick Ramsey †
Tuesday, January 18	9:00 AM	The Community of St. Mary's
Wednesday, January 19	9:00 AM	Christine O'Rourke †
Thursday, January 20	9:00 AM	Jorge Valencia †
Friday, January 21	11:15 AM	Lloyd Tuttle †

Saint Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH of BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

Established 1938

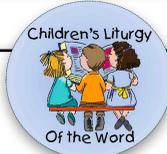
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WHAT'S COMING UP ON THE PARISH CALENDAR?

January 17, 2022	—	St. Mary's Office Closed
January 22, 2022	11:00am	Freed Family Baptism
January 23, 2022	6:30pm	HS Oasis Prayer Night @ St. Jude
January 23, 2022	7:30pm	VIRTUS Training Session
February 4, 2022	9:00am	First Friday Adoration

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (01-09-22)

Offertory	\$2,466.65
Debt Reduction	\$205.00
eGiving Offertory	\$7,630.00
eGiving Debt Reduction	\$20.00
Faith Direct Offertory	\$10,597.00
Faith Direct Debt Reduction	\$1,290.00



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We need more volunteers to keep this ministry going! This is a fun and easy way to share the Gospel with our young children and return to Mass at the offertory. If you are interested or have questions, please contact:

Sue Ellerbrock
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JOIN THE ST. MARY'S BULLETIN SUSTAINERS!

Printing weekly bulletins is not a cheap enterprise — and printing a bulletin without advertisements wastes less paper, but is also more expensive.

You can help ensure paper bulletins continue to be printed by joining the St. Mary's Bulletin Sustainers!

Mark your envelope, check, or online donation with "bulletin sustainers" to sustain our bulletin printing and to see your name or dedication added to our special prayer list below.



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 at 1-877-887-9603.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ST. MARY'S BULLETIN SUSTAINERS – WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!

Mary C. Lemmers
 The Sandberg Family
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The Lofin Family
 Dick Neves
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Aileen Anthony
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MASS TIMES

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

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 12:00 PM
 Saturday: 3:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2021



† Digital Bulletin
 † Worship Aid
 † Homily



† Parish Updates
 † Live Stream Mass



One Time Giving †
 Regular Gifts †

This Week's Announcements



NEW PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN ACADEMY

St. John Neumann Academy is currently accepting 2022-2023 Admission Applications for Preschool – 8th Grade classes. SJNA, accredited by Cognia, offers challenging and engaging classes, high academic standards, excellent teacher/student ratios, and a nurturing, faith-filled, vibrant school life. Please schedule a tour to learn more about the many benefits our school offers by calling 540-552-SJNA or visit www.sjnademy.org. Tuition assistance is available.

Sorry, We Are
CLOSED

NEW ST. MARY'S OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK JR. DAY

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the offices at St. Mary's Catholic Church will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Contact Mrs. Shaver at 540-552-1091 or liturgy@stmarysblacksburg.org if interested!

Why altar serve?

- Grow in your Catholic faith and God's love
- You get a front-row seat with Jesus in the Eucharist
- Deepen your understanding of the mass
- Serve with your friends and make new ones
- Flexible schedule

What's required?

- Be in the 3rd grade or above
- Have received your First Communion
- Completed the training course and keep your skills sharp
- Commit to serving St. Mary's community



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR FUNERAL RECEPTIONS

We're looking for volunteers for funeral receptions. We need volunteers who are willing to help set up, clean up, or cook. These volunteers are for funeral receptions only. If you are interested, contact Aileen Anthony at leenin@comcast.net.



RECYCLING PLASTIC BAGS FOR BENCHES AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's has begun to collect plastic bags in order to recycle them and build a series of benches! The first bench will be dedicated to the memory of Frank Partsch. We have 58.64 lbs of the required 500 lbs of plastic, so be sure to bring your used plastic bags to St. Mary's Parish Hall. This includes grocery bags, cereal bags, bubble wrap, and more!



COLLECTING SPIRITUAL BOOKS FOR TEXAS INMATES

The Middle and High School Religious Education Program have been writing Christmas and Easter cards to a prison in Texas for over 10 years. This year, the chaplain has asked for donations of gently used "spiritual" books for their library. The books may be, but not necessarily, Catholic in beliefs expressed because inmates of all religions may read them. Please leave your books in the marked box in the Narthex. We will be collecting them until the end of January 2022!



Latest Ministry and Group Updates

NEW MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

"When I was sick, you came to visit me." Bringing Holy Communion or just going to "be there," is an invaluable ministry to those who need a familiar, loving face, a conversation, or a hand to hold. This includes taking communion to homes, hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutions. Training and support is provided, and the rewards are eternal. Join today by contacting Mary Evans Arnold at cburgmom@gmail.com.

NEW LUNCH FOR HAITIAN SENIORS

A weekly lunch program for senior citizens in the chapel community of Matabonite, Savanette Parish, is being supported in 2022 from monies donated to our ministry through Faith Direct. Roughly 100 senior citizens gather every Saturday for a social outing, which includes lunch, boom-box music, and the opportunity to play cards or dominoes, dance to music, or just relax in a canopied area with fellow residents. Lunch includes beans, rice, pikliz (spicy coleslaw), macaroni, and a piece of chicken. Children always attend to consume all surplus food and to meet and greet the elderly of their community. The seniors of Matabonite thank us for bringing some joy into their lives of solitude and loneliness.

CCF DONATION INFORMATION

During this time of giving, a distribution from your IRA is a great way to give back to the Church! If you are 72 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA straight to our parish. Contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation - 804-622-5221 or mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org.

THIS WEEK IN RCIA

from 7:00p to 8:30p

January 18: Social Justice

Karen & Deacon Jose @ Holy Spirit

NEW HAITIAN PRIEST IN NEED OF A LAPTOP

Because of the inherent dangers in traveling to Haiti at this time, I will be visiting a Haitian priest and Haitians working in the sugar plantations of the Dominican Republic in mid-February. He has a small church, a shed for a rectory, and 11 chapel communities, so most of his masses are outdoors. He asked if I could bring him a laptop, chromebook, or tablet so that he could record information on parishioners, keep track of finances, etc. If anyone has such a device that could be donated to this poor priest, please let me know (Dick_Neves_mussel2@verizon.net).

GLEAN TEAM SEEKS LEAD GARDENER

The Glean team has gotten a grant to build a high tunnel in 2022 behind the church garden, and is looking for someone to be the lead gardener in that new building. The duties would be to coordinate volunteers for planting and harvesting and cleanup each year. The high tunnel will grow tomatoes and peppers for donation to food providers. The lead gardener will visit the building several days each week between March and November each year. They are not asked to do all of the work, but to organize activities and give direction to existing Glean Team volunteers. Please contact John 540-392-1184 or one of the core members of the Glean Team.



NEW YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

The monthly High School Oasis prayer night is next Sunday the 23rd at **St. Jude** from 6:30-8:30pm starting with dinner.

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