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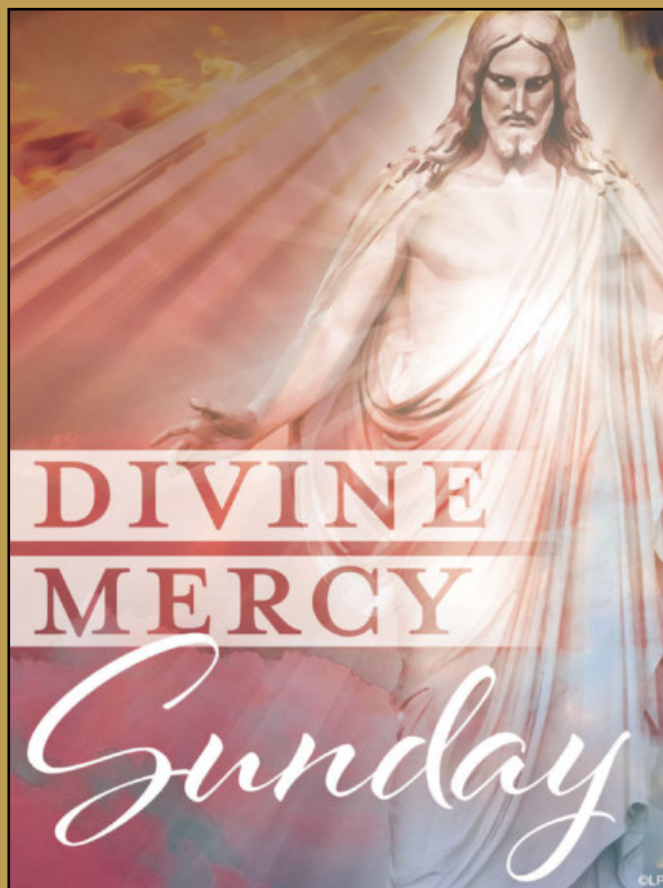
**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM* & 11:30 AM
Monday: No Daily Mass
Tuesday: 9:00 AM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM*
Thursday: 6:30 AM
Friday: 11:15 AM*
* Livestreamed


RECONCILIATION


Friday: 12:00-1:00 PM
Saturday: 3:30-4:15 PM



OUR LOCATION

St. Mary's Catholic Church


 1205 Old Mill Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060


 540-552-1091

 officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-3:00pm

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Mass Intention at St. Mary's

Would you like to offer Mass for a special intention, thanksgiving, healing or for a beloved departed? Our Mass intention schedule has plenty of opportunity to do so. For more information or to offer a Mass, contact the Church office at 540-552-1091. Suggested donation is \$10 per intention.

Saturday, April 15	5:00pm	George & Charlene Flick
Sunday, April 16	8:30 am	Donald Natarelli †
	11:30 am	The Community of St. Mary's
Tuesday, April 18	9:00 am	No Daily Mass
Wednesday, April 19	9:00 am	Jessica Wysocki
Thursday, April 20	6:30 am	Ryan Hepler
Friday, April 21	11:15 am	Mary Devens †

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

Apr 16 - Divine Mercy Sunday
Apr 19 - 1st Bereavement Luncheon
Apr 22 - 1st Communion Retreat, 8am-12pm
Apr 23 - Stephen Minister Commissioning, 11:30 Mass
Apr 30 - Last Day of Religious Education



Rosemary Anderson	Renee Gambon	Madison Neale
Ryan Barbeau	Kyle Kuzemchak	Stephen Orr
Alex Brisendine	Ariyah Jarome	Therese Petersen
Jill Burley	Dan Ladner	Ted Ricks
Nelson Carey	Martins Family	Lisa Sburlati
Leo Einloth	Bob Meighan	West Vaughn
George Flick	Becky Meisner	

Families may submit prayer requests to officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

NRV "Heart ATTACK" high school social night is this **Wednesday, April 19, 6:30-8:30pm** at Holy Spirit. Free dinner, extra crazy games, invite your FRIENDS. You don't want to miss.

If you are interested in volunteering with youth ministry events, especially over the summer, please contact Austin: nrvym@richmonddiocese.org.

To keep up with middle school and high school events throughout the year, sign up for our Flocknote at nrvym.flocknote.com.



Austin Mee
nrvym@richmonddiocese.org
540-251-1754



RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS FOR BENCHES AT ST. MARY'S

THANK YOU TO ALL for helping St. Mary's acquire enough plastic for a THIRD bench! We are still collecting so be sure to bring your used plastic bags to the Parish Hall.

2023 Total: **556.36 lbs.**



Goal: **2000lbs.**



Weekly Offering

April 2

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$5,187.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,106.00

eGiving

Offertory	\$715.00
Debt Reduction	\$20.00

Holy Week & Easter

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$11,110.34
Debt Reduction	\$876.00

eGiving

Offertory	\$1,380.00
Debt Reduction	\$20.00

	Total Collected	Total Need	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Mar	59,883.00	54,061.50	5821.50
Yr	392,188.14	432,492.00	(40,303.86)

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



On **March 1** we transitioned our online giving program to GiveCentral!

Please register at www.givecentral.org/location/1348 or use QR code



Thank you to the 89 families who have already signed up at Give Central!



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.



Lourdes Gift Shop April Schedule

The gift shop will be open after the following Masses:

Apr 16 - 11:30am
Apr 22 - 5:00pm
Apr 23 - 8:30 & 11:30am
Apr 30 - 11:30am

Please come, visit, and shop our new inventory of gifts! Contact Janice Steele at lourdesgiftshop@stmarysblacksburg.org with questions



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session: April 18, 2023

Topic: Paschal Mystery

Speaker: Deacon Mike

rcia@stmarysblacksburg.org

See schedule at: stmarysblacksburg.org/rcia

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education year is winding down.

April 16 - Classes Meet

April 22 - 1st Communion Retreat 8am-12pm

April 23 - Classes Meet

April 30 - Classes Meet - Last Day!

Our 1st Communion Mass is on Saturday, May 6 at 11 am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 16

Please join us in the Worship Area following the 11:30am Mass for a holy celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday with scripture and songs.



EASTER FLOWER FUND

Thank you to all who donated to the Easter flower fund! The season of Easter lasts 50 days and through your generosity, the church will remain beautifully decorated until Pentecost!



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - St. Mary's Target: \$34,240

Join our Annual Diocesan Appeal and spread the hope of our coming Resurrection across our community. Through your generosity, you'll bring hope and mercy to those who need it most.

Thank you to the 120 families who have contributed so far!



QR Code for
Annual Appeal

PARISH CENSUS/NEW REGISTRATION

Thank you to the over 200 parishioners who have returned their edited census forms and those who have newly registered! If you have not done so already, please pick up your registration form at the office, edit the information and return it to the office, scan it & email it to officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org or mail it. This will save St. Mary's the cost of mailing out the remaining 500+ forms! If you contact the office, we can scan and email your forms to you for editing. If you are not currently registered, registration forms are available.

PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY

A huge THANK YOU to Felix Amenkhienan, Tim Leake and Fr. John for helping to distribute mulch! Hopefully we will have better weather and a great turnout at future clean-up days!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Looking forward to Summer?! Mark your calendars now for this year's Vacation Bible School, being held from **July 17-21**. We meet every morning from 9-noon. Registration forms will be available in late April. We will need many 8th-12th grade volunteers as well as adults to make our program the big success it always is. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Sue Ellerbrock.



ST. MARY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's has a weekly newsletter sent out on our listserv each Friday afternoon. It is an enhanced version of the bulletin with additional information and interactive links. If you are not already on the St. Mary's email listserv and would like to be, please email Teri at officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org.



BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON SERIES

St. Mary's Pastoral Care and Healing Ministry hosts the next Bereavement Luncheon Series :

**Wednesdays, April 19 & 26,
May 3, 10 & 17** from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm.



These gatherings are a chance for the grieving of our community to find supportive conversations around a different aspect of the grieving process, while focusing on the participants' experiences, offering mutual support and together finding Christ's healing.

Please contact Mary Evans Arnold, cburgmom@gmail.com or Kitty Devereaux at 540-922-2541 for more information.

ST. MARY'S MINISTRY CORNER

This week: Flower Garden Ministry

St. Mary's Flower Garden Ministry **needs volunteers** this Spring to help with weeding & planting. If you like nature and the outdoors, this is the right volunteer job for you! Located in the back acreage of the church grounds, St. Mary's Flower Garden is a wonderful outdoor project to involve the entire family. We provide fresh flowers to adorn the altar and worship area from mid-June through mid-October, and fresh-cut bouquets are sold each weekend as a unique fundraiser for various parish projects. Flower seeds, lavender sachets and ornamental corn are sold in the fall. Special orders of flowers for private parties and weddings are accepted in advance. Please contact Angelika Huber-Kucera for more information, geli.huber.kucera@googlemail.com.

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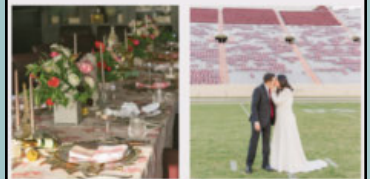
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