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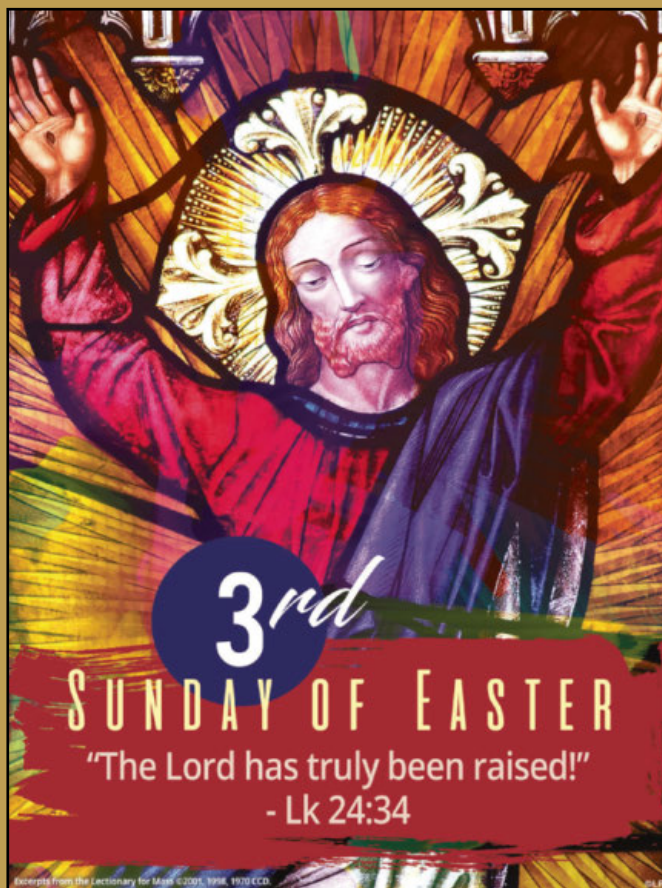
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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


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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 22	5:00pm	The Community of St. Mary's
Sunday, April 23	8:30 am	Donald Natarelli †
	11:30 am	Val Coluni †
Tuesday, April 25	9:00 am	Joseph Fontenot †
Wednesday, April 26	9:00 am	Jack and Jeanette Snider †
Thursday, April 27	6:30 am	Leo Einloth
Friday, April 28	11:15 am	Liam Scanlon †

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

Apr 23 - Stephen Minister Commissioning, 11:30am Mass
 Apr 26 - Bereavement Luncheon, 12-1:30pm
 Apr 30 - Last Day of Religious Education
 May 3 - Bereavement Luncheon, 12-1:30pm
 May 5 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 9-11am
 May 6 - 1st Communion Mass, 1pm



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

High schoolers meet this **Wednesday, April 26** for Heartbeat Open Forum at St. Mary's 7:30-9pm. Join for fun games, grow in community, our discussion on anything you want to talk about and highlights from the question box.

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



Austin Mee
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 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: 593.52 lbs.



Goal: 2000lbs.



Weekly Offering

April 16

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$3,192.41
Debt Reduction	\$131.00

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Offertory	\$1,890.00
Debt Reduction	\$20.00

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Need	54,061.50	432,492.00
Collected	59,883.00	392,188.14
Surplus/ (Deficit)	5,821.50	(40,303.86)

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



**Discipleship in Action:
 Encountering Christ in the Eucharist**



Lourdes Gift Shop April Schedule

The gift shop will be open after the following Masses:

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



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 110 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.

GRAD STUDENT/YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY MEETUPS

The NRV Catholic Young Adult group visits a brewery on the **First Wednesday of each month** and has weekly Men's and Women's Bible Studies. Please reach out to Chris Roy (804.335.5352) with any questions, or to join our GroupMe

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session: April 25, 2023

Topic: Models of the Church

Speaker: Deacon Mike

rcia@stmarysblacksburg.org

See schedule at: stmarysblacksburg.org/rcia

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education year is winding down.

April 23 - Classes Meet

April 30 - Classes Meet - Last Day!

May 4 - 1st Communion Practice, 6-7:30pm

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

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, formation@stmarysblacksburg.org.



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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Do you ever wish God would just talk to you directly? Got questions you wish He'd answer? Are you restless sometimes and don't understand why? God speaks to you, one on one, in His Word, the Bible. So save the date: **The Women's Bible Study will begin again next semester, September 13, 2023, on Wednesdays, 9:30-11am** in the Parish Hall. We shall explore the Prophets—who spoke God's comforting and uncomfortable word to His people. That word rings ever relevant and true today—as we're no more obedient or less stubborn than the Jews were then!

Come listen, learn, and enjoy the company of others who also share that great curiosity: What is the heart of God like? What does God want of me? How am I to live with joy and serenity in this messy world? Come and join in to the life-changing conversation with the Prophets!

HIS HANDS MINISTRY - MINOR HOME REPAIR

If you are a parishioner who is elderly, disabled or financially challenged and are not sure who to call for minor home repairs, St. Mary's His Hands Ministry may be able to help. Contact Rick DiSalvo at 540-250-2232 or richard.disalvo@gmail.com. Participants who are able, are expected to pay for the materials, and if possible, to donate to the ministry in support of their mission. If you would like to join the His Hands Ministry team, contact Rick DiSalvo.

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.

QR Code for
Annual Appeal



Thank you to the 128 families who have contributed so far!



BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON SERIES



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

Wednesdays, from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm.

April 26,

May 3, 10 & 17

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: Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Pentecost is coming!

The Holy Spirit comes as He desires, when He desires, and the changes brought about in ordinary people are extraordinary. This past Monday (Acts 4:23-31) we see the first Christians immediately getting into hot water with the authorities. They're threatened. How do they respond? **They don't ask God for safety but for greater boldness!** They pray: "Lord, take note of their threats, and enable your servants to speak your word with all boldness, as you stretch forth your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are done through the name of Jesus." As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness."

Do you want to be free of fear? What might happen if you asked to be filled anew with the Holy Spirit? Would your family home shake? Parish rock? Would your work cohorts notice that you radiated a particular joy?

You're invited to join the Holy Spirit Prayer Group that meets each Monday at 7pm by Zoom. For the Zoom link, contact Joseph Mukuni, jomukuni@gmail.com.

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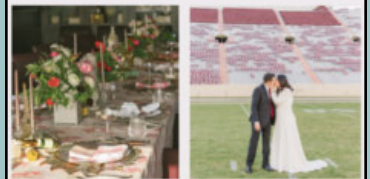
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