



St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH EST. 1938

MAY 14, 2023

6TH 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.

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| Saturday, May 13 | 5:00pm | The Community of St. Mary's |
| Sunday, May 14 | 8:30 am | Donald Natarelli † |
| | 11:30 am | Paul and Elizabeth Kritzberger † |
| Tuesday, May 16 | 9:00 am | Remi Sewalt |
| Wednesday, May 17 | 9:00 am | Jack and Jeanette Snider † |
| Thursday, May 18 | 6:30 am | Celia Grieve † |
| Friday, May 19 | 11:15 am | Ann Rottgardt † |

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

May 13 & 14 - Holy Land Wood in the Narthex after Masses
May 13 & 14 - Youth Group DWC Fundraiser

May 14 - Happy Mother's Day

May 17 - Bereavement Luncheon, 12-1:30pm
May 19-27 - Novena to the Holy Spirit
May 20 - Children's Adoration, 10 am
May 21 - Catechist Meeting Library, 9:30am



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| Rosemary Anderson | Kyle Kuzemchak | Solei Mueller |
| Ryan Barbeau | Ariyah Jarome | Madison Neale |
| Alex Brisendine | Dan Ladner | Stephen Orr |
| Jill Burley | James Laignel | Butch Perkins |
| Nelson Carey | Darla Linkous | Therese Petersen |
| Jim Driskell | Martins Family | Ted Ricks |
| George Flick | Bob Meighan | Lisa Sburlati |
| Renee Gambon | Becky Meisner | West Vaughn |

Families may submit prayer requests to
officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

High schoolers meet this **Wednesday, May 17** for Heartbeat at Holy Spirit 7:30-9pm. Join for fun games, friends, and faith.

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



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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: 720.12 lbs.



Goal: 2000lbs.



Weekly Offering

May 7

Regular Collection

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| Offertory | \$4,992.65 |
| Debt Reduction | \$1,056.00 |

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| Offertory | \$920.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$40.00 |

Mass Attendance: 572 ↑ 18
YTD Average Attendance: 616

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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!*



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Lourdes Gift Shop April/May Schedule

The gift shop will be open after the following Masses:

May 14 - 11:30am
May 20 - 5pm
May 21 - 8:30 & 11:30am
May 28 - 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 Kneestout 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.

Our **Caring Closet** pantry is running low on the following items. If you would like to donate, please leave items in the basket on the credenza (to the right) in the Narthex.

Thank you!

- **Boxed Cereal**
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Spaghetti Sauce**
- **Mac 'N Cheese**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP WORK CAMP FUNDRAISER

The Youth Group will be selling NAILS after all Masses this weekend, **May 13 & 14**. These nails are your ticket to helping our high schoolers go to Diocesan Work Camp this summer where teens from all over the diocese will be directly serving the poor for a week, doing various home repair projects and spending time with the needy in the Newport News area. Please consider supporting them knowing that all the funds are going towards a weeklong service retreat experience for the teens and building supplies for these home repair projects.

Bronze Nails – Any Amount, (\$20 suggested) Silver Nails – \$50+ Donation Gold Nails – \$100+ Donation



DIOCESAN HOME MISSIONS – 2ND COLLECTION MAY 20 & 21

Next weekend there will be a **2nd collection for the Diocesan Home Missions**. Missions churches are those parishes challenged by a combination of financial, demographic, socio-economic and cultural factors. Such parishes are deserving of special recognition and support. This collection supports the funding of the Home Mission Grant that mission churches can apply for each year. Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT VIRGINIA TECH

St. Mary's parish warmly welcomed us. We want to thank you for attentively listening to our students' testimonies, for enthusiastically greeting us, and for your generous donations! Our mission is to inspire VT students to be disciples of Christ and to prepare faithful leaders. Your prayers and donations help us sustain this mission. Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions or would like additional information about partnering with us, please contact Melissa Philen, development@catholichokie.org or call (540) 951-0032.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



Friday May 19 – Saturday May 27, at 7pm. The entire parish is invited and encouraged to take part in spiritual preparations for Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Join fellow parishioners for the novena in honor of the Holy Spirit, the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian. Come Holy Spirit Come!

CHILDREN'S ADORATION

Please join us for Children's Adoration on **Saturday, May 20** from 10-10:30 am, at St. Mary's. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your children to the Catholic practice of Adoration – spending time with the Eucharistic Jesus – in a very kid-friendly way. School-age children, toddlers and babies all welcome, with their parents! Fellowship and snacks follow. Questions? Please contact Joanna Hitzelberger – jbhitzelberger@gmail.com

Annual Appeal
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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal needs your help to succeed. Our parish offers oneness with Christ through the sacraments and each other. People are hungry for him and our parish is hungry to help people know him. Without you, our Appeal can't succeed. With you, we can ensure the Good News reaches every corner of our community. Please help us help others find Him here. Give generously to your parish family, whatever "generous" means for you. God will reward you in the way "generous" means to him.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (Children ages Rising K – 5th Graders)

Looking forward to Summer?! Mark your calendars now for this year's Vacation Bible School, being held **July 17-21**. We meet every morning from 9-noon. Registration forms are available at stmarysblacksburg.org/parish-forms. We 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.



BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON SERIES



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

Wednesday, May 17, 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: Haiti Ministry

The Haiti Committee is down to only 4 members, and needs to get a few more folks to represent the parish on this committee.

The Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Haiti Room, has an annual student sponsorship campaign, and makes decisions on projects proposed by the 3 priests at our twin parishes in Savanette, Gaucimal, and Bailly.

The time commitment is minimal, and there are 5 schools with roughly 400 students that are relying on St. Mary's for teacher salaries to keep the schools open.

Please consider joining us in this important ministry to provide financial assistance and prioritize project needs at our 3 twin parishes.

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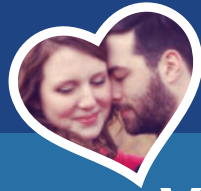
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