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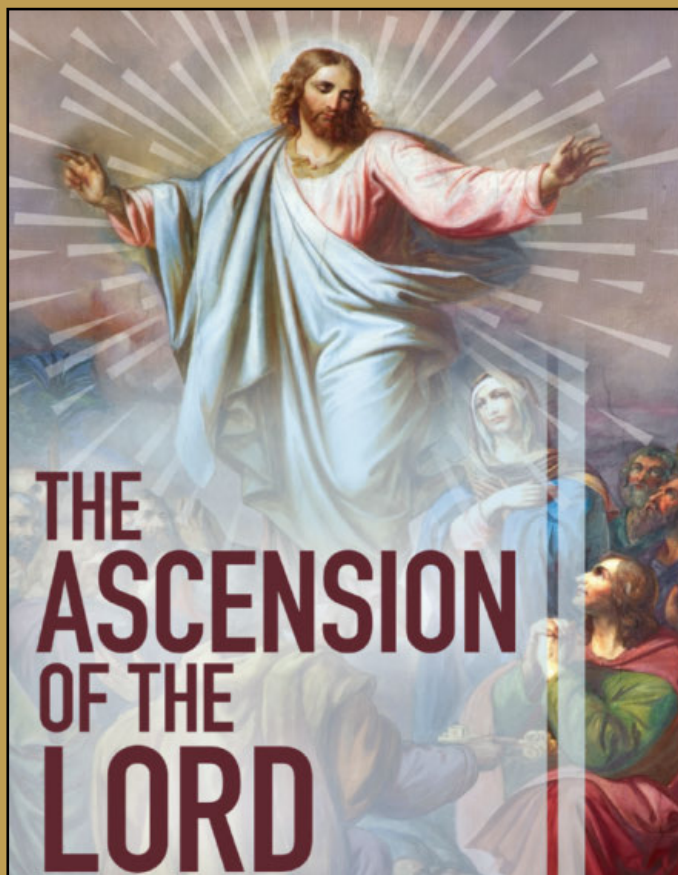
## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### 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  
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 540-552-1091

 [officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org](mailto:officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org)

### Office Hours

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

 [www.stmarysblacksburg.org](http://www.stmarysblacksburg.org)

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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, May 20	5:00pm	Sharon Rose Hartmann †
Sunday, May 21	8:30 am	The Community of St. Mary's
	11:30 am	John and Helen Patterson †
Tuesday, May 23	9:00 am	Christine Gwazdauskas †
Wednesday, May 24	9:00 am	Sheila DeLaura †
Thursday, May 25	6:30 am	Louise Breene †
Friday, May 26	11:15 am	Bradley Michael Stewart †

### Upcoming Events

**Online:** [stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1](http://stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1)

May 19-27 - Novena to the Holy Spirit, 7pm  
May 20 & 21 - 2nd Collection - Diocesan Home Missions  
May 21 - Catechist Meeting Library, 9:30am  
May 29 - Memorial Day Holiday, Office closed  
May 30 - No Daily Mass



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](mailto:officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org)

### YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

All rising and current high schoolers are invited to an end of school campfire social this **Wednesday, May 24** at St. Mary's 7:30-9pm. If the weather is bad, we will move inside. Come as early as 7pm to join for the parish Pentecost Novena.

If you missed out on our Work Camp fundraiser and would like to make a donation for our 15 high schoolers going to serve the poor of our Diocese, please visit [www.givecentral.org/location/1348](http://www.givecentral.org/location/1348) or the parish office. Email Austin at [nrvym@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:nrvym@richmonddiocese.org) with questions.



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: 750.32 lbs.**



**Goal: 2000lbs.**



### Weekly Offering

May 14

#### Regular Collection

Offertory	\$4,873.71
Debt Reduction	\$751.00

#### eGiving

Offertory	\$2,135.00
Debt Reduction	\$70.00

**Mass Attendance: 825** ↑ **253**  
**YTD Average Attendance: 627**

	MAR	FISCAL YTD
<b>Need</b>	54,061.50	432,492.00
<b>Collected</b>	59,883.00	392,188.14
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	5,821.50	(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](http://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.

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**



### Lourdes Gift Shop May Schedule

The gift shop will be open after the following Masses:

**May 20 - 5pm**  
**May 21 - CLOSED**  
**May 28 - 11:30am**

Please come, visit, and shop our new inventory of gifts! Contact Janice Steele at [lourdesgiftshop@stmarysblacksburg.org](mailto:lourdesgiftshop@stmarysblacksburg.org) with questions

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## **ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP WORK CAMP FUNDRAISER**

This year St. Mary's and Holy Spirit parishes will be sending 15 teens to the Diocese of Richmond Work Camp! The Diocesan Work Camp is a week long camp experience for high school youth to serve our brothers and sisters in need by making their homes safer, warmer, drier and greener. Work Camp will be in the Newport News area June 17-23. This weeklong experience includes daily Mass, fellowship with teens from across the diocese, the chance to live out the Works of Mercy and more!

**If you would like to make a donation for our 15 high schoolers going to DWC, please visit**

**[www.givecentral.org/location/1348](http://www.givecentral.org/location/1348) or the parish office . Email Austin at [nrvym@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:nrvym@richmonddiocese.org) with questions.**

## **DIOCESAN HOME MISSIONS - 2ND COLLECTION MAY 20 & 21**

This 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!

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

The St. Mary's Community extends CONGRATULATIONS to all of our college and high school graduates - Virginia Tech, Radford University, Blacksburg High School and Christiansburg High School! Best wishes on your graduation day! *"May He grant you your heart's desire and crown all your plans with success!"* - Psalms 20:4

## **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!

## **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

We ask you to make an act of faith by giving to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Like the disciples in today's Gospel, after worshipping Jesus atop a mountain, we worship Jesus at the "source and summit" of our Eucharistic faith. After worshipping, He sends us out to make disciples. The word Mass comes from the Latin word missa, which means "sending." We make disciples in our homes, workplaces, and our neighborhoods. We need your prayers and financial contributions to fulfill our commission to make disciples in our community. Help us fulfill it so that he will find us busy with the good work when He comes back. God be with you.



Annual Appeal  
QR Code

## **VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

We are in need of many adult and 8th-12th grade volunteers 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](mailto:formation@stmarysblacksburg.org).

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



**Registration is OPEN!**  
(Children ages Rising K - 5th Graders)

### **SHINE THE LIGHT OF JESUS**

Ready, Set, Launch! It is time to register for this year's **STELLAR** Vacation Bible School, being held **July 17-21**.

Kids will Shine Jesus' Light with "out of this world" fun activities including Stellar Bible Adventures, Imagination Stations, Cinema, Galactic Snacks and All-Star Games.

VBS meets every morning from 9am-noon. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or at [stmarysblacksburg.org/parish-forms](http://stmarysblacksburg.org/parish-forms). The supply fee is \$50 per child. Registration deadline is **July 5**. No late registration forms will be accepted.

## **ST. MARY'S MINISTRY CORNER**

**This week: WELCOME MINISTRY**

**Looking for friendly, smiling faces!**  
**Join the Welcome Ministry as a Greeter!**

Welcome Ministers create a friendly, inviting and helpful environment for all who gather during weekend Masses. "Welcome Greeters" greet people in the Narthex before and after each Mass and are at the ready with information about ongoing and upcoming events, parish registration packets, and ministry opportunities at St. Mary's. Ministers serve on a convenient rotating schedule for a Mass of their preference.

**Join us!** We need Greeters for all weekend Masses. Training provided at your convenience. Please contact Phyllis & Mike Quinn ([mpquinn84@comcast.net](mailto:mpquinn84@comcast.net)) for more information.

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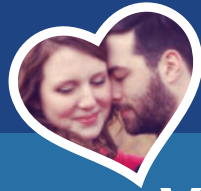
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