



St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH EST. 1938

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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





24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

OUR LOCATION

St. Mary's Catholic Church


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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, Sep 16	5:00pm	The Community of St. Mary's
Sunday, Sep 17	8:30 am	Nicholas and Theresa Datria †
	11:30 am	Joyce Weber †
Tuesday, Sep 19	9:00 am	Eileen Hallenbeck
Wednesday, Sep 20	9:00 am	Laurel Desilets
Thursday, Sep 21	6:30 am	Becky Meisner
Friday, Sep 22	11:15 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

Sep 16 & 17 - Food For the Poor - 2nd Collection
 Sep 20 - Liturgical Ministry Annual Formation Meeting, 7pm
 Sep 21 - Sacristan Cleaners, 9am
 Sep 23 & 24 - Retired Religious - 2nd Collection
 Sep 24 - Knights of Columbus FREE Pancake Breakfast
 Sep 24 - First Day of Religious Education Classes



Rosemary Anderson	Kendra Kohl	Madison Neale
Ryan Barbeau	Kyle Kuzemchak	Stephen Orr
Joyce Bolger	Ariyah Jarome	Butch Perkins
Alex Brisendine	James Laignel	Therese Petersen
Jill Burley	Darla Linkous	Phyllis Quinn
Nelson Carey	Donald Litteau	Ted Ricks
Carmyn Collins	Martins Family	Bev Shull
Renee Gambon	Becky Meisner	West Vaughn
Elijah Garbatini	Solei Mueller	Doug Whichard

Families may submit prayer requests to officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENING

- Our first NRV Middle School Meetup of the school year is this **Friday September 22** at St. Mary's from 7-8:30pm. Open to *6-8th graders. Play crazy fun games, grow in your relationship with God, and build virtuous relationships with Catholic middle school teens! Invite your friends! *5th graders also welcome if cleared by Austin beforehand 7:30-9pm. Friends, fun, and faith.
- NRV Wednesday Night High School Youth Group meets this **Wednesday September 20** at Holy Spirit 7:30-9pm. Friends, fun, and faith. Invite your friends!



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: 1,407.82 lbs.

Goal: 2000lbs.



Weekly Offering

Sep 3

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$4,094.40
Debt Reduction	\$771.00

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Offertory	\$470.00
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Sep 10

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$3,852.00
Debt Reduction	\$450.00

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Offertory	\$730.00
Debt Reduction	\$20.00

Mass Attendance: 726 ↑ 58

YTD Average Attendance: 606

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



Welcome to Give Central! Please register at www.givecentral.org/location/1348 or use the QR code to give.



Lourdes Gift Shop

SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER SCHEDULE

September 23/24

Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:30am & 11:30am

October 7/8

Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:30 am & 11:30 am

October 21/22

Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:30am & 11:30am

JOY & GRATITUDE

Today, Your Church is Hosting a Food For The Poor Clergy Speaker

We are thrilled and grateful your church has chosen a clergy speaker to share the Gospel of Jesus with you today. We hope the clergy speaker you hear today will inspire you and help you in your faith journey.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session:

Tuesday, September 19, 7pm

Topic: Who is Jesus?

Speaker: Deacon Mike

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes begin on **Sunday, September 24** for all grades, K -10.

- Elementary Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 10-11:15am.
 - Middle and High School Classes meet from 1-2:30pm in the Parish Hall with lunch at 12:30pm.
- Registration forms and handbook are available **now** in the Narthex and online at www.stmarysblacksburg.org/religious-education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS CATECHISTS!

Religious Education is looking for a few more great Catechists! We are in need of 1st & 3rd grade teachers, and a middle school leader for the upcoming school year. If you are interested, please contact Sue Ellerbrock at oreoangel@yahoo.com.

CONFIRMATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

If you missed the Confirmation parent meeting on August 30 and would like your teen to be in the Confirmation program this year, please contact Sue Ellerbrock at oreoangel@yahoo.com. Thank you!

NEW HOLY WATER FONT

The new Holy Water font located near the Baptismal font has been donated to St Mary's Church by Ellen Miele and Andrew Cohill in memory of Michael Dominick Miele. He is the former husband of Ellen Miele and father of Erin Foster, and Adam and Patrick Miele. He was a wonderful husband and loving father who inspired others by living his deep Catholic faith.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus, Father Fox Council 6747 will be hosting a FREE pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 Mass on **Sunday, September 24**. The menu will include pancakes, sausage patty, and toppings (syrup and other toppings for the kids). To-Go boxes will be available for those that want a breakfast and cannot stay. This is a great time to connect with fellow parishioners. We invite you to stay after Mass and eat in the parish hall or pick up a to-go box to eat at home. Donations are greatly appreciated.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Many religious communities do not have enough money for their senior members' care. You can help by supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious at Mass next weekend. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. retiredreligious.org

ANNUAL NRV HEALING MASS

The annual NRV Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick is **Saturday, October 14** at 11:00 am (with livestream on Facebook.) If you or someone you love is challenged by a diagnosis or facing surgery, recuperating from illness, or burdened by physical pain or emotional distress, come and receive the grace of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Anointing. Everyone who attends is invited to pray over the sick and share in this powerful experience of Christ's healing love. A light lunch reception in the parish hall will follow, and blessed prayer shawls will be distributed. For information, contact Pastoral Care & Healing Ministry Coordinator Mary Evans Arnold, cburgmom@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Liturgical Ministers, new and returning, are invited to our annual ministry formation with Fr. John **Wednesday, September 20** at 7:00 pm. As we continue to celebrate the Year of the Eucharistic Revival, Fr. John will lead Adoration with evening prayer, reflection and Benediction. Ministers will then have a chance to review updated procedures for serving at mass in their respective ministries. Please join us for this special evening of prayer and formation, and thank you for your continued service to St. Mary's Community.



Learn to Lead Capital Campaign

Special Collection Weekend: September 30 – October 1

Bishop Knestout invites your participation in the Learn to Lead Capital Campaign that will strengthen the extraordinary ministry of our Catholic schools. Our Catholic Schools shape the lives of more than 7,000 young people – helping them realize their greater purpose – succeeding and serving God, their families, churches, and communities. If you have been blessed by a Catholic education or believe in the importance of its mission, please make a generous gift. To learn more about this campaign or to make a secure online gift now, please visit learntoleadcampaign.org or scan the following QR code. Thank you!



ST. MARY'S MINISTRY CORNER

This week's ministry: Interfaith Food Pantry

The Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry is once again collecting food for Holiday gift bags for Thanksgiving and Christmas for its clients. Last year we collected over 400 cans of green beans for this project. This year, our goal is **350 CANS OF CREAMED CORN**. The deadline for contributions is **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**. Please place your contributions in the regular Food Pantry Box in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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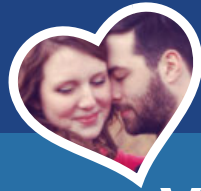
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