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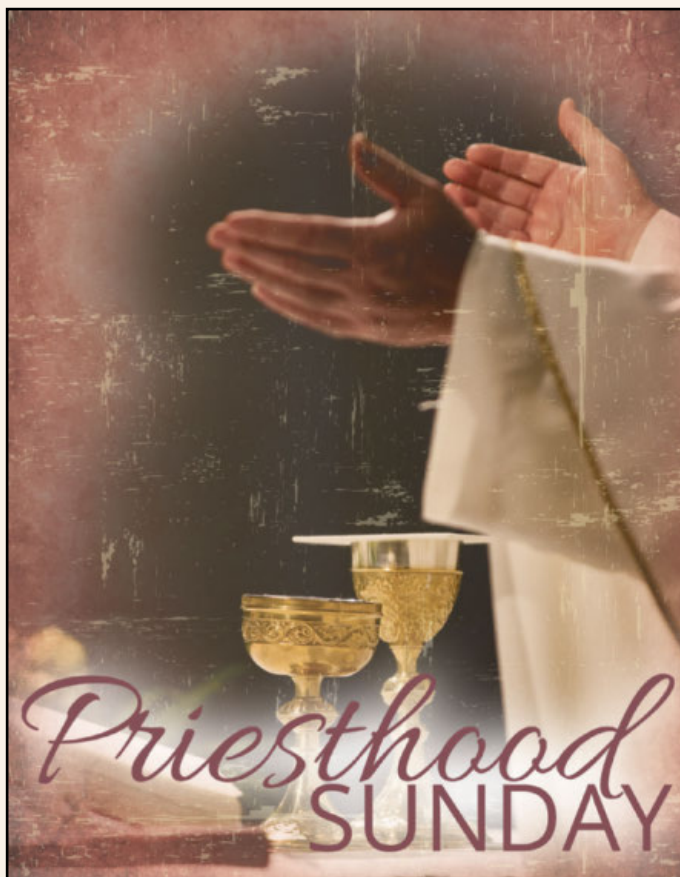
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

## 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




## OUR LOCATION

### St. Mary's Catholic Church


 1205 Old Mill Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060


 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)

 [www.facebook.com/stmarysblacksburg](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysblacksburg)



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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 23	5:00pm	James Tura †
Sunday, Sep 24	8:30 am	Martin Hamberger †
	11:30 am	Deacon Nick Goldblatt †
Tuesday, Sep 26	9:00 am	The Community of St. Mary's
Wednesday, Sep 27	9:00 am	Lili Lomas
Thursday, Sep 28	6:30 am	Arleen Einloth
Friday, Sep 29	11:15 am	Michael Brunelle †

### Upcoming Events

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

Sep 21 - Sacristan Cleaners, 9am  
 Sep 23 & 24 - Flower Bouquet sales in the Narthex  
 Sep 23 & 24 - Retired Religious - 2nd Collection  
 Sep 24 - Knights of Columbus FREE Pancake Breakfast  
 Sep 24 - First Day of Religious Education Classes  
 Sep 30/Oct 1 - Learn to Lead - Special Collection



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
		Loretta Zamer

Families may submit prayer requests to  
[officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org](mailto:officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org)

### Weekly Offering

Sep 17

#### Regular Collection

Offertory	\$2,218.00
Debt Reduction	\$176.00

#### eGiving

Offertory	\$2,090.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,095.00

**Mass Attendance: 645 ↓ 81**  
**YTD Average Attendance: 607**

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### 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



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### YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENING

- NRV Wednesday Night High School Youth Group meets this **Wednesday, September 27** at St. Mary's 7:30-9pm. Friends, fun, and faith. Invite your friends!
- To keep up with middle school and high school youth ministry events throughout the year, subscribe to our Flocknote listserv at [nrwym.flocknote.com](http://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: 1,443.88 lbs.**

**Goal: 2000lbs.**



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## **RCIA**

### **Next Session:**

Tuesday, September 26, 7pm

**Topic:** First 7 Ecumenical Councils

**Speaker:** Deacon Rick

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[stmarysblackburg.org/rcia](mailto:stmarysblackburg.org/rcia)

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**THIS Sunday, September 24**, we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday**, the beginning of our Religious Education classes. We celebrate our journeying together to learn and grow in our relationship with Christ.

Please thank and pray for our catechists who have answered the call to walk with our children and youth this year:

Anna Kambach, Annie & John Irrera, Maureen Powers, Sarah Hoffman, Linette Kerr, Candace Ferrell, Cara Bandara, Sabrina Wheaty, Clare O'Harren, Hannah Beaver, Zach Moore, Grace Brown, Myra Blanco, Mark Golusky, and Bobby Crnkovich.

We also pray for all parents who are the first catechists to their children.

## **PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU**

Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors! You made the picnic fabulous...even with the rain! A special thank you goes out to Vintage Cellar for donating the wine, John DeLuca & Pepsi for donating the non-alcoholic beverages, McCoy Funeral Home for lending us 2 tents, the Knights of Columbus for doing all of the grilling, the Church Ladies for running our 50/50 Raffle, Mary Arnold our ice cream minister, everyone who helped with food, drinks, set-up, clean-up and Bingo and Matt and Teri for coordinating the entire event to make sure we had everything we needed! One additional thank you goes out to all of the children who sang in the Parish Feast Day Kid's Choir at the 8:30am Mass and their leaders!

## **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 - 2nd Collection September 24 & 25**

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](http://retiredreligious.org)

## **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](http://learntoleadcampaign.org) or scan the following QR code. Thank you!



## **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](mailto:cburgmom@gmail.com).



## **INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY BAGS**



Goal 350 Cans

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!

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

**This week's ministry: His Hands Ministry**

### **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](mailto: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.



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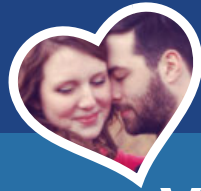
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