



St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH EST. 1938

OCTOBER 22, 2023
TWENTY-NINTH 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


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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, Oct 21	5:00pm	Jack & Jeanette Snider †
Sunday, Oct 22	8:30 am	Helen Podgorsky †
	11:30 am	Deacon Nick Goldblatt †
		Viola Ladner †
Tuesday, Oct 24	9:00 am	No Daily Mass
Wednesday, Oct 25	9:00 am	Bob Cafarella †
Thursday, Oct 26	6:30 am	No Daily Mass
Friday, Oct 27	11:15 am	No Daily Mass

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

Oct 22 – Empowering God's Children Training Program

Oct 22 – World Mission Sunday

Oct 24, 26, 27 – No Daily Mass, No Reconciliation

Oct 24-Nov 1 – Novena for Life

Oct 28 – 1st Annual Trunk-or-Treat, 10am-Noon

Nov 1 – All Saints Day – Holy Day Masses Noon & 7pm



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

Families may submit prayer requests to officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENING

- Early bird signup for the Diocesan Youth Conference is now available thru November 20. DYC is a gathering of 8th - 12th graders from all over our diocese and one of our most anticipated events of the year! DYC takes place Feb 9-11 in Richmond. Sign up today to get a \$50 discount! Email Austin (email below) or use the QR code.
- NRV High School Youth Group meets this **Wednesday October 25** at St. Mary's 7:30-9pm. See you there and invite your friends!



Austin Mee
nrvym@richmonddiocese.org
540-251-1754



Weekly Offering

October 15

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$2,720.61
Debt Reduction	\$197.00

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Offertory	\$4,035.00
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Mass Attendance: 671 ↑ 119
YTD Average Attendance: 613

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Lourdes Gift Shop Oct/Nov Schedule 75% OFF SALE

October 21/22

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am & 11:30am

November 4/5 and 18/19

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Annual Peanut Butter Drive

Please support the Annual Peanut Butter Collection for the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Bring jars of peanut butter **October 14 - October 30**. Collection table will be located in the Narthex



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

1st annual Trunk-or-Treat on **Saturday, October 28** from 10am to 12pm located in the Parish parking lot. Looking for parishioners or parish groups to sponsor a spot to decorate a table or vehicle to give out goodies to all those that attend. Please contact Matt Wheeler at businessmanager@stmarysblacksburg.org to register for a spot. Look forward to seeing everyone there!



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 3, 6:30-8:00 pm

Advent By Candlelight returns, when the Parish Hall will be aglow with candles and warm fellowship as the women welcome in the Advent Season of Hope. Would you like to be a hostess to a table of 7? Email Jennifer Fenrich at jenfenrich@gmail.com.

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: 1,579.54 lbs.



Goal: 2000lbs.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session:

Tuesday, October 24, 7pm

Topic: Prayer, Devotions, Confirmation Names

Speakers: Deacon Rick, Mary Bland & Irene Furman

rcia@stmarysblackburg.org

stmarysblackburg.org/rcia

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Be the Lord's 'Witnesses' in Prayer and Support This World Mission Sunday! When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Pope to provide mission support to:

- 844,000 catechists teaching the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters caring for children and families
- 38,140 seminarians preparing for the priesthood
- 26 million children in primary schools
- 12,000 clinics caring for the sick and dying



ST. JOSEPH STATUE

You may have noticed a new statue in our Worship Space, and wondered where St. Anthony went! Last December, we lost a wonderful member of our Parish family, Joey Wheeler. If you were blessed to know Joey, he was truly remarkable. He never met a stranger, and always remembered your name. He served as an Usher at every Mass he attended, worked along side his Dad doing various projects for the church, and was an active member of the K of C. Joey made a huge impact in such a short time and he is so missed.

When we heard the news that Joey had passed, several parishioners thought it was time to bring in a statue of St. Joseph and dedicate it in honor and memory of Joey. Matt and Jill Wheeler, Joey's family, and the pastoral council were consulted, and the idea was approved. And by God's grace, the statue has been paid for with private donations. God bless you, Joey. St. Joseph, pray for us! St. Anthony will continue to watch over us with his powerful intercession from his new home in the Narthex.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

Our Sanctity of Life Committee is joining the Knights of Columbus to host a Novena for Life in the worship area from **Tuesday, October 24 through Wednesday, November 1** at 7:30 pm on weekdays and after 5pm Mass Saturday and 11:30am Mass Sunday, concluding after 7pm Mass on All Saints Day, November 1. We will pray A Novena to Three American Saints for Life. Saints Elizabeth Seton, Frances Cabrini and John Neumann are powerful witnesses to the Gospel of life, each in their own time. USCCB suggests these three days of prayer to each of the Saints for the promotion of Life in our country and our Church today. Please contact Matt at businessmanager@stmarysblackburg.org if you would like to help lead a rosary on one of these evenings.

ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY

We celebrate **All Saints' Day Wednesday, November 1 with Masses at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.** Our parish tradition includes a **portrait display of loved ones** we have lost in the past year, as well as a **candle lighting vigil for All Souls' Day** following the 7:00 pm Mass. Pictures of loved ones who died this year may be sent to us via email, or hard copies may be dropped off at the front office by **Friday, October 27.** The portrait display and candle lighting vigil are a cherished tribute to the precious souls gone before us, bringing comfort to the grieving of St. Mary's Community. Email photos to liturgy@stmarysblackburg.org.



RESPECT LIFE - BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Every life (including yours!) is a gift from God. The USCCB has designated this month "Respect Life Month" to remind us that life is to be cherished and protected—all ages, all the time. Our 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center of the New River Valley prcsupport.com/babybottles. Just pick up a bottle from the Narthex table and fill it with coins, cash, or **checks payable to St. Mary's** then return it to Church the weekend of **October 28-29.**

Your loose change can bring about great change for pregnant women in our area! Donations to the two Pregnancy Resource Centers (in Blacksburg and Radford, near both campuses) will provide free ultrasounds (on the very machines your past contributions purchased!), counseling and emotional support, maternity clothing, diapers, baby wipes, cribs, and pre-natal classes for new parents.



INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY BAGS

307 CANS as of 10/15

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 **Sunday, OCTOBER 22.** 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: Knights of Columbus

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

The Knights of Columbus have started their annual **Keep Christ in Christmas: Send Religious Cards (and car magnets) Sale!** This year's sale supports a Diocese of Richmond Seminarian. Prices are located on the front of each box of cards. Cash or checks made out to Knights of Columbus (with note for FPSF) are accepted. Donations for the Seminarian Fund are also gratefully accepted.

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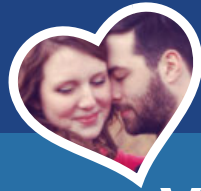
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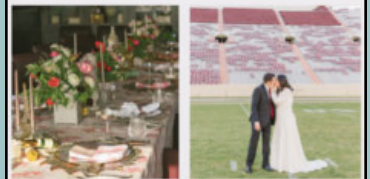
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