



St. Mary's

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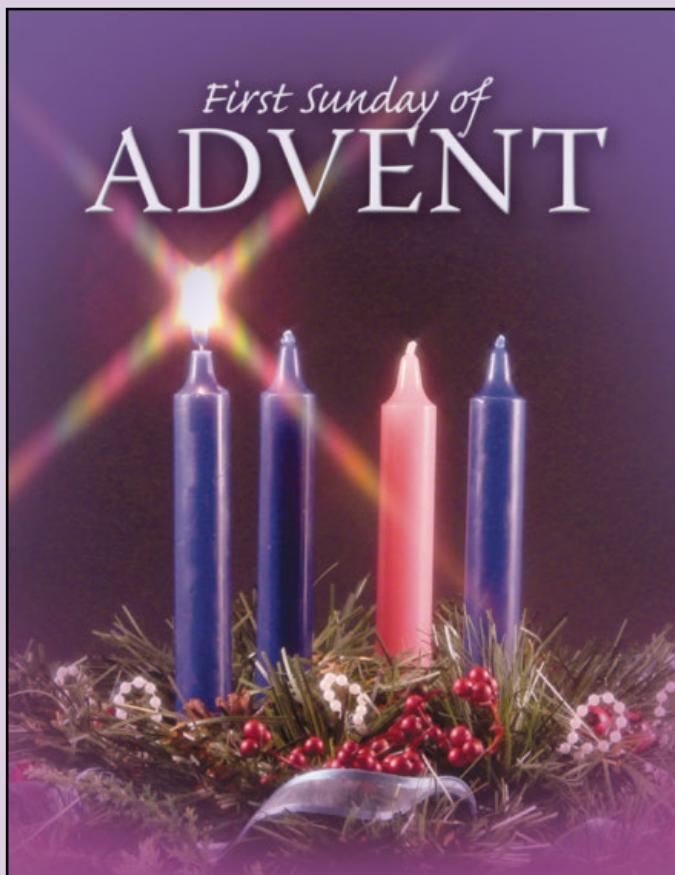
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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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, Dec 2	5:00pm	The Community of St. Mary's
Sunday, Dec 3	8:30 am	Jack & Jeanette Snider †
	11:30 am	Deacon Nick Goldblatt †
		Clair Kelley †
Tuesday, Dec 5	9:00 am	Walter and Ragnhild Sandberg †
Wednesday, Dec 6	9:00 am	Ethel Kirchner and Family †
Thursday, Dec 7	6:30 am	Marie Principe
Friday, Dec 8	12:00 pm	Great Thanksgiving for Parishioners of St. Mary's
	7:00 pm	Arleen Einloth

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

- Dec 3 - Donut Sunday
- Dec 3 - VT University Choirs Holiday Concert - Worship Area
- Dec 3 - Advent By Candlelight , 6:30-8pm
- Dec 5 - Advent Rosary, 6:30pm, Worship Area
- Dec 6 - Happy St. Nicholas Day
- Dec 7 - Sacristan Cleaners, 9am
- Dec 8 - **Feast of Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, Masses 12 & 7pm**



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

Families may submit prayer requests to officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENING

- NRV High School Youth Group meets this **Wednesday, December 6** at Holy Spirit 7:30-9pm. See you there and invite a friend!
- Middle School Meetup continues with an Immaculate Conception special from ***8-9pm on Friday December 8*** after the Holy Day Mass. Join us for fun and games, snacks!



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: 1,832.21 lbs.

Goal: 2000lbs.

Weekly Offering

November 26

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$2,482.00
Debt Reduction	\$10,110.00


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Offertory	\$1,910.00
Debt Reduction	\$210.00

Mass Attendance: 548 ↓ 91
YTD Average Attendance: 613

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

ADVENT ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Rosary 
Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30pm in the Worship Area.



Special 100th Birthday Request

Our parishioner **Marie Principe** turns 100 years old on **December 6!** Help make Marie's birthday extra special by writing a note of love and prayers. Cards are being collected in the Narthex until December 3. There are extra cards at the table or sign one of the "group cards". Let's shower her with our loving care on this milestone birthday!



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



Lourdes Gift Shop Nov/Dec Schedule

**75% OFF SALE
ALL MERCHANDISE**

December 2 & 3

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 11:30 am

December 16 & 17

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

HOLIDAY CONCERT

The **Virginia Tech Choirs**, under the direction of Dr. Dwight Bigler and Dallin Baldwin, will present their Holiday Concert at St. Mary's on **Sunday, December 3** at 4pm. Tickets are **FREE** and do not need to be reserved in advance. Come and enjoy some beautiful holiday music!

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

Do you have a gift of accuracy, confidentiality and service to our faith community? Please consider serving as a Collection Counter Minister. Ministers serve 1-2 Mondays per month, meeting at 10am, for approximately 1.5-2 hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session:

Tuesday, December 5, 7pm

Topic: Social Justice

Speaker: Erin Raymond

rcia@stmarysblackburg.org

stmarysblackburg.org/rcia

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Dec 3 - Family Advent Wreath Making

Dec. 3, 10, 17th—Regular classes

Dec 9 - 1st Reconciliation, 9am

Dec. 24, 31, and Jan. 7, 2024—**No Classes**—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

KID'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CHOIR 2023!



Children ages 3 and up are invited to participate in the Annual Christmas Pageant presented at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass **December 24**, and kids ages 7 and up are invited to sing in the Christmas Choir. Rehearsals for the pageant and choir are Saturday mornings, **December 9, 16 and 23** from 10:00-11:15 am in the Worship Area. Sign up in the Narthex TODAY!

Contact Miss Beth for all the information: liturgy@stmarysblackburg.org.

NRV RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The NRV Advent Reconciliation Service will be held **Wednesday, December 13** at 7:00pm at St. Mary's. Priests from around the region will be joining us to hear individual confessions and celebrate the gift of God's merciful love this holy Advent season.

ANGEL TREE

ANGEL TREE GIFTS must be returned by NEXT WEEKEND, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th!! This will allow social workers time to collect and distribute the gifts in time for Christmas. Please place wrapped gifts under the tree with multiple packages bundled and the **angel/name tag attached**. Contact Bob or Teresa Bolger at rcbolger28@gmail.com if needed. Please be sure to continue praying for your angel and their family this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL AND HONORARY DONATIONS

You can help provide Christmas flowers for our church and remember or honor a loved one. Donations should be submitted by **Sunday, December 17** to be included in the Christmas bulletin. Use the special envelopes located in the Narthex. Be sure to write who the flowers are for along with your name as it should appear in the bulletin. Make checks payable to St. Mary's Church with a notation in the memo line "Christmas Flowers."

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARD SALE - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus have started the annual **Keep Christ in Christmas: Send Religious Cards (and car magnets) Sale!** This year's sale supports Diocese of Richmond Seminarian David Arellano. For more information on David's story, stop by the Christmas Card display in the Narthex. 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.

You can also support 2 great causes by purchasing a package of Christmas cards from the display and donating them to the Prison Ministry (box on the credenza in the Narthex)



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 - 5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24 - 8:30am

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

4:00pm - Kid's Pageant

7:00pm

11:00pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

9:00am



ST. MARY'S MINISTRY CORNER

This week's ministry: Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Founded by Blessed Michael J. McGivney in 1882, our primary mission is charity. Father Edward Fox council 6747 is the local council that serves the communities of St. Mary's, Holy Spirit, and Holy Family. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to www.KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #6747 for local information.

Contact: Grand Knight Tim Leake: GK6747@vakofc.org or

Membership Director Sir Knight Claude Steele: kofc6747@gmail.com

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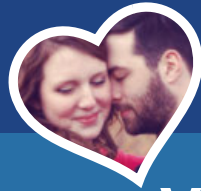
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