



St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH EST. 1938

DECEMBER 24, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
& CHRISTMAS WEEK

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


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 officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

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 23	5:00 pm	Shirley Marguerite McGinty †
Sunday, Dec 24	8:30 am	Mary Kelley †
		Kimberly Havard Diano †
	4:00 pm	Nicholas & Theresa Datria and Raymond Bolger †
	7:00 pm	Chris Wysocki
		Emma & Kenneth Doughton †
	11:00pm	Tom Anthony †
		MARYLOU †
Monday Dec 25	9:00 am	Terry Robinson †
Tuesday, Dec 26	9:00 am	NO Daily Mass
Wednesday, Dec 27	9:00 am	NO Daily Mass
Thursday, Dec 28	6:30 am	NO Daily Mass
Friday, Dec 29	11:15 am	NO Daily Mass

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

Dec 24 - Christmas Pageant begins 3:45
 Dec 24 - Christmas Masses - 4:00, 7:00 & 11:00pm
 Dec 24 & 25 - Second Collection - Catholic Charities
 Dec 25 - Christmas Mass - 9:00am
 Dec 25-Jan 1 - Parish Office Closed
 Dec 26-29- No Daily Mass



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

Families may submit prayer requests to
officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENING

- Merry Christmas! May the peace of Our Lord be with you as we celebrate God's coming to be one of us. NRV Youth Ministry events are on pause until January 10. Enjoy time spent with family and friends and the special liturgies we celebrate this time of year!
- Signups for the Diocesan Youth Conference continue through December 30. 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. **Email Austin (email below) THIS WEEK** for more instructions on how to register. Very limited spots remain.



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



Weekly Offering

December 10

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$2,409.16
Holy Day	\$1,081.10
Debt Reduction	\$431.00

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Offertory	\$1,835.00
Debt Reduction	\$20.00

Mass Attendance: 657 ↓ 41
 YTD Average Attendance: 616

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.



RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS FOR BENCHES AT ST. MARY'S

THANK YOU TO ALL for helping St. Mary's acquire enough plastic for THREE benches! We are still collecting so be sure to bring your used plastic bags to the Parish Hall.

2023 Total: 1902 lbs.
Goal: 2000lbs.



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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 - 5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24 - 8:30am

THERE IS NO 11:30am MASS

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24

Children's Pageant begins 3:45pm

4:00pm - Children's Choir

7:00pm

11:00pm

Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 25

9:00am



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session

January 9, 2024

Watch for 2024 calendar of sessions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

rcia@stmarysblacksburg.org
stmarysblacksburg.org/rcia

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dec. 24, 31, and Jan. 7, 2024 — **No Classes**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Our Religious Education students in the First Sacraments Program have completed their reconciliation preparation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

ANGEL TREE

We'd like to thank all the families who participated in this year's Angel Tree program. As you could see by the amount of gifts under the tree, it was a tremendous success. The gifts have been delivered and we have heard from The Valley Interfaith Child Care Center, Catholic Charities of Virginia and Warm Hearth. They were all very thankful for the love and generosity of St. Mary's parish and our parishioners. Many thanks for your support and we wish you and your families a very blessed holiday season.

Bob and Teresa Bolger



WELCOME ALL VISITORS

We are glad you are here! Whether from around the corner or around the country, we are glad you joined us this Holy Christmas season! If you would like to become part of our St. Mary's community, please check out our website, stmarysblacksburg.org, for more information or email Teri at officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped make Advent and Christmas wonderful for the St. Mary's community!!

Special thanks to members of the Environment & Art Ministry, all Liturgical Ministers, the Children's Christmas Pageant and Choir participants and their parents, and all Music Ministers. Our volunteer ministers are a blessing to St. Mary's community and our Christmas celebrations are richer because of them!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Every year, our parish is beautified during the Christmas season with poinsettias. This décor is made possible by the kind, selfless, loving parishioners who have generously given their time and money to donate to our church in remembrance or in honor of a loved one.

A Prayer in Remembrance and in Honor of Those We Love:

O God, source of all life and goodness, you fashion human lives in your image and likeness, and through your love, give each human life dignity, sacredness, and priceless worth; awaken in every heart new reverence for the least of your children, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life at all stages, and in all conditions. Amen

COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES **SECOND COLLECTION - CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Since 1923, Commonwealth Catholic Charities has provided life-changing human services to vulnerable individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. CCC offers quality and compassionate human services to all people, especially the most vulnerable, regardless of faith.



In our area, CCC focuses resources on Adoption, Foster Care, Pregnancy Support and Baby Clothes Closets

ST. MARY'S MINISTRY CORNER

This week's ministry: 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) for more information.

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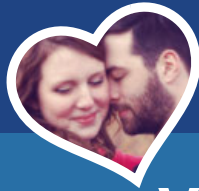
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