



St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH EST. 1938

FEBRUARY 4, 2024
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

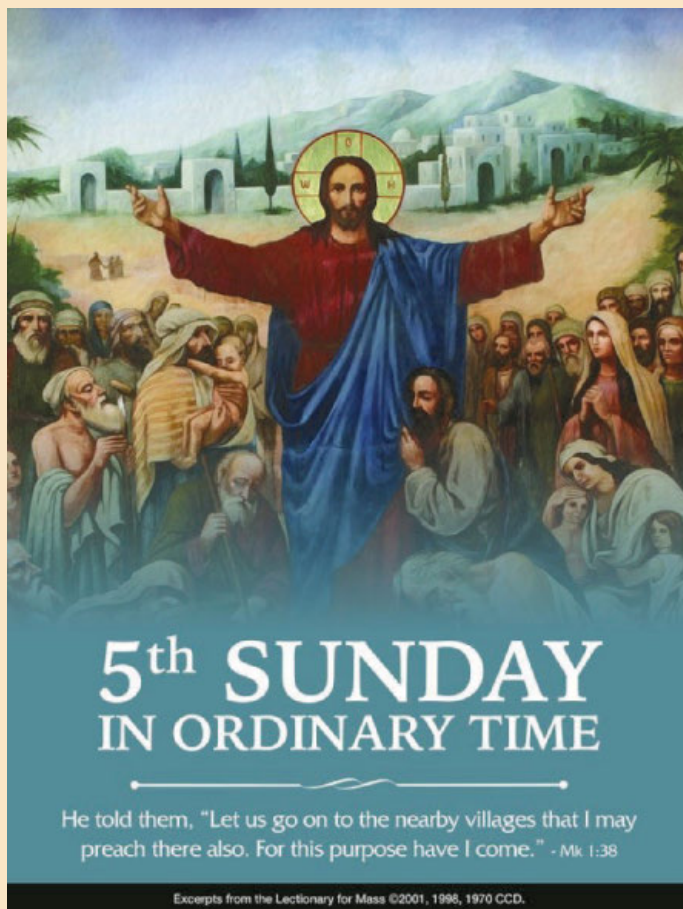
Friday: 11:15 AM*

*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

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Mass Intentions 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 person.

Saturday, Feb 3	5:00 pm	George Baumgartner † Kevin Masters †
Sunday, Feb 4	8:30 am	Donald Natarelli † Charles "Buzz" Cardone †
	11:30 am	The Community of St. Mary's
Tuesday, Feb 6	9:00 am	Thomas Moran
Wednesday, Feb 7	9:00 am	Betty Julio and Family
Thursday, Feb 8	6:30 am	Dorothy Kubak †
Friday, Feb 9	11:15 am	Allen & Bernadine Wysocki †

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

Feb 3 & 4 Knights of Columbus - Super Bowl Sub Orders
Feb 4 - Donut Sunday
Feb 10 & 11 - Knights of Columbus Sub Delivery
Feb 10 & 11 - K of C - 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent begins
Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday, Masses: Noon & 7pm
Feb 16 - Lenten Friday Soup Supper, 6pm
Feb 16 - Stations of the Cross, 7pm
Feb 16 & 17 - Glean Team Potato Drop
Feb 17 - Children's Eucharistic Adoration - 10am
Feb 17-23 - To Our House Meal Preparation



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

Families may submit prayer requests to officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS FOR BENCHES AT ST. MARY'S

We accomplished our 2000 lbs. goal for 2023! With everyone's help, we collected **2023 lbs** of plastic and were able to get two benches. Thank you for all the plastic. Next year's goal is 2024 lbs.

2024 Total: 177 lbs.
2024 Goal: 2024 lbs.



Weekly Offering

Jan 28

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$2,387.00
Debt Reduction	\$601.00

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Offertory	\$16,195.00
Debt Reduction	\$325.00

Mass Attendance: 722

YTD Average Attendance: 699

Thank you for all your continued generosity and support!

Parish Registration

Are you new to St. Mary's?
Welcome! Please register at stmarysblacksburg.org/parish-forms.



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



The Lourdes Gift Shop will be open after the following Masses in January & February:

Jan 28 - 11:30am
Feb 4 - 11:30am
Feb 10 - 5:00pm
Feb 11 - 8:30am/11:30am
Feb 18 - 11:30am
Feb 25 - 11:30am

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

- If you missed our fundraiser this Sunday and would like to support our youth, please email Austin (nrvym@richmonddiocese.org) for more info! This particular fundraiser is to help support the cost of our 19 high schoolers attending the Diocesan Youth Conference in February.
- NRV High School Youth Group is combining with the Confirmation prep class for an evening of fun this **Wednesday, February 7** at **Holy Spirit!** If you are a part of Confirmation prep, stick around from 8-9 for a series of games, snacks, and your chance to win a gift card. For those not in Conf. prep, join as early as 7:30 in the mobile unit to have a shortened meeting before the festivities begin.
- To keep up with middle school and high school youth ministry events throughout the year, subscribe to our Flocknote listserv directly at nrvym.flocknote.com or email Austin at nrvym@richmonddiocese.org.



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540-251-1754



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session
February 6, 2024

Topic
Eucharist & Transubstantiation

Speaker
Erin Raymond

rcia@stmarysblackburg.org
See schedule at: stmarysblackburg.org/rcia

TO OUR HOUSE

Again this year, St. Mary's will be a support church providing hot meals for dinner, breakfast and a bag lunch. The host church is New Life Christian Fellowship at 1521 S. Main Street. Our week is **February 17 - 23**. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex in the coming weeks.



16th GLEAN TEAM POTATO DROP

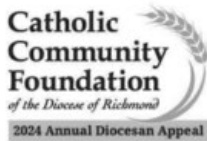
The 16th Glean Team Potato Drop will take place February 16 and 17 at the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Signup to help us distribute potatoes to regional food providers. Contact John Galbraith at jmg1@vt.edu for more information or to sign-up.

2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ST. MARY'S TARGET: \$33,100)

Sharing His Love with Others— Feb 17/18 & 24/25

By God's grace, in our prayer, worship, reception of the sacraments, we receive all that we need to share his love and hand on our faith to a new generation. Gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help to build up the Church and answer the call to *Share His Love with Others*. When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you help transform the lives of people who, like you, seek to be united in God's love and mercy. I hope you will consider a generous gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you again for sharing what you have received, and may God grant you every grace and blessing.

This week and into next week, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.



Your gift to the Annual
Diocesan Appeal Provides
for those in Need

Scan to donate or visit
RichmondCatholicFoundation.org/Appeal



40 CANS or \$40 FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT

The Knights of Columbus will kick-off their annual food collection event next weekend, **February 10 & 11** in the Narthex. Food and money collected will benefit the St. Mary's Caring Closet. Please consider this opportunity for part of your Lenten Almsgiving.

LARGE SUITCASE DONATIONS

Members of the Catholic Community at VT (students + leaders) are headed to the Dominican Republic on a service trip for Spring Break. They are looking for donations of old, large suitcases to bring extra religious articles and other supplies. The suitcases themselves will stay in the Dominican Republic as donations. If you would like to donate a suitcase, please bring it to Teri at the Main Office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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SUPER BOWL LVIII SUB FUNDRAISER



No matter who you are rooting for in the Super Bowl, you don't want to do it on an empty stomach!! Feed your inner beast and support a great organization at the same time!

Place your order at the Knights table in the Narthex

Orders will be taken after all Masses:

February 3-4

Subs delivery after the Masses on Super Bowl Weekend:

February 10-11

Subs are **\$10.00 per sub** with the choice of ham & cheese, turkey & cheese or combo & cheese.

Proceeds provide essential funding for multiple Knights of Columbus charities and administration costs.

ST. MARY'S MINISTRY CORNER

This week: 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 (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.

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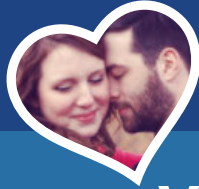
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