



# St. Mary's

## CATHOLIC CHURCH EST. 1938

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### 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



### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.  
- Mk 9:7-8

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## OUR LOCATION

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

1205 Old Mill Road  
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540-552-1091

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### Office Hours

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

[www.stmarysblacksburg.org](http://www.stmarysblacksburg.org)

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**Parish Registration:** Are you new to St. Mary's? Welcome! Please register at [stmarysblacksburg.org/parish-forms](http://stmarysblacksburg.org/parish-forms).

## 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 24	5:00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, Feb 25	8:30 am	Ann Wilson †
		Donald Natarelli †
	11:30 am	The Community of St. Mary's
Tuesday, Feb 27	9:00 am	Shelton F. Leake †
Wednesday, Feb 28	9:00 am	Sharon Desilets
Thursday, Feb 29	6:30 am	Allen & Bernadine Wysocki †
Friday, Mar 1	11:15 am	Marian Whiteman

## Upcoming Events

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

Feb 24 & 25 - KofC - 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent  
 Mar 1 - First Friday Adoration, 10am  
 Mar 1 - Fish Fry, 5-7pm  
 Mar 1 - Stations of the Cross and Adoration, 7pm  
 Mar 3 - RCIA 1st Scrutiny  
 Mar 3 - Donut Sunday  
 Mar 8 - Lenten Soup Supper, 6-7pm  
 Mar 8 - Stations of the Cross and Adoration, 7pm  
 Mar 9 & 10 - 2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services  
 Mar 13 - NRV Reconciliation Service, 7pm - St. Jude  
 Mar 22 - Fish Fry, 5-7pm

## Weekly Offering

**Feb 18**

### Regular Collection

Offertory	\$3,476.40
Debt Reduction	\$382.00

### eGiving

Offertory	\$3,295.00
Debt Reduction	\$20.00

**Mass Attendance: 774** ↑ **41**

**YTD Average Attendance: 712**

*Thank you for all your continued generosity and support!*



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

**Feb 24 - 5:00pm**  
**Feb 25 - 8:30 & 11:30am**  
**Mar 3 - 11:30am**  
**Mar 9 - 5:00pm**  
**Mar 10 - 8:30 & 11:30am**  
**Mar 17 - 11:30am**  
**Mar 23 - 5:00pm**  
**Mar 24 - 8:30 & 11:30am**  
**Mar 31 - 11:30am**



Rosemary Anderson	Butch Kelly	Solei Mueller
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	Paul Sorrentino
Maryann Enos	Martins Family	West Vaughn
Renee Gambon	Annie Martin	Doug Whichard
Elijah Garbatini	Becky Meisner	Loretta Zamer
Brittany Heath		

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

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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

- The deadline for Work Camp early bird (discounted) registration is fast approaching on **February 29**. See the youth ministry bulletin board in the Narthex or email Austin for more info. See the QR code below.
- NRV High School and Middle School Youth Group will be having an evening of prayer at St. Jude this **Wednesday, February 28**. Come for 6pm Mass followed by Praise and Worship Adoration and confession until 7:30pm. Bring the entire family or email Austin about arranging a ride if you can't get your teen there.
- To keep up with middle school and high school youth ministry events throughout the year, subscribe to our Flocknote listserv directly at [nrwym.flocknote.com](http://nrwym.flocknote.com) or email Austin at [nrwym@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:nrwym@richmonddiocese.org).

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 540-251-1754

Work  
 Camp  
 QR Code



## 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: 307 lbs.**  
**2024 Goal: 2024 lbs.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## **RCIA**

**Next Session**  
February 27, 2024

**Topic**  
Sacraments of Vocations:  
Single, Married, Religious, Ordained

**Speakers**  
Fr. Patricio, Deacon Rick, Myra & Mark Golusky  
[rcia@stmarysblackburg.org](mailto:rcia@stmarysblackburg.org)  
See schedule at: [stmarysblacksburg.org/rcia](http://stmarysblacksburg.org/rcia)

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Congratulations to all St. Mary's Students who were Confirmed on Friday, February 16 and Sunday, February 18!!

Tess Dickhans  
Clara Ferreira  
Aaron Guerrero  
Jessica Hogan  
Linus Krometis

Addison McSorley  
McKinley Owczarski  
Alex Perez  
Santos Perez

Evelyn Rhoads  
Jack Rhoads  
Cameron Roy  
Abby Whaley

- Stations of the Cross with the RE children and families on **March 17**, 10am

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

### ***Sharing His Love with Others***

We are still collecting for the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish such as Fuel and Hunger Fund grants and youth and young adult ministry.



Our portion of the overall goal here at St. Mary's is **\$33,100**. Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. The collective spirit we bring to this effort today will be a major step to our success with this year's Appeal. Keep in mind: the more we collect, the more we receive back through the parish sharing formula of the Appeal.

### **40 CANS OR \$40 FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT**

The Knights of Columbus have kicked-off their annual food collection event 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.

Collected as of February 18: **41 lbs**



## **LENTEN COLLECTION - NEWBORN BABY BAGS**

Led by our Religious Ed program, we are collecting baby items to make Newborn Baby Bags. These bags will be distributed by Commonwealth Catholic Charities. CCC is excited to serve new mothers in need in the NRV areas by distributing baby bags to hospital newborn nurseries and NICU's to help them welcome their little ones to the world. Please place donations in the baby playpen in the Narthex.



- Newborn diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Blanket
- Sleeper (0-3 months)



## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

St. Mary's will host our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Palm Sunday, March 24** at 1pm for all kids aged 1 - high school seniors. Please bring in donations of plastic Easter eggs and/or wrapped candy to help make this event **eggstra** special! A basket for donations can be found in the Narthex.

## **FISH FRY FRIDAYS - MARCH 1 & 22**

Mark your calendars for Fish Fry Fridays sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Pre-Orders will be taken in the Narthex after all Masses.

March 1 Fish Fry: Preorders March 24 & 25

March 22 Fish Fry: Preorders March 9 & 10 and March 16 & 17

The cost is \$10 for a fish dinner (grilled or fried), french fries, coleslaw and a cookie, dine-in or takeout.



## **Stations of the Cross** **Blessed Sacrament Adoration**

Join in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross starting at 7pm on all Fridays in Lent.



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

This week: **HAITI MINISTRY**

### **HAITI SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN**

The Haiti Committee sponsorship campaign is reaching out to parishioners and the community to ask for support in sponsoring 150 students for the academic year 2024-25 at our twin parish. The cost of a full student sponsorship remains at \$200, which enables each student a year of schooling, lunches, teacher salaries, and a maintained school facility. Our target goal again this year is to raise **\$30,000** to cover all of the students.

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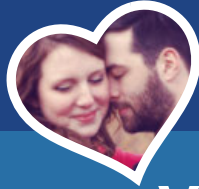
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