



St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH EST. 1938

MARCH 3, 2024
THIRD 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



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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OUR LOCATION

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Parish Registration: Are you new to St. Mary's? Welcome! Please register at 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, Mar 2	5:00 pm	Janet Caverly † Salvatore Natarelli †
Sunday, Mar 3	8:30 am 11:30 am	The Community of St. Mary's Lou Cotroneo †
Tuesday, Mar 5	9:00 am	Frieda Snyder †
Wednesday, Mar 6	9:00 am	Our twin parishes in Haiti
Thursday, Mar 7	6:30 am	
Friday, Mar 8	11:15 am	Mike & Phyllis Quinn- 40th Wedding Anniversary

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

Mar 2 & 3 - KofC - 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent
 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 9 & 10, 16 & 17—Preorders for Mar 22 Fish Fry
 Mar 13 - NRV Reconciliation Service, 7pm - St. Jude
 Mar 16 & 17 - 1st Focus Groups/Survey of parishioners
 Mar 17 - Stations of the Cross, Religious Ed Families, 10am
 Mar 22 - Fish Fry, 5-7pm

Weekly Offering

Feb 18

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$5,801.95
Debt Reduction	\$2,751.00

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Offertory	\$820.00
Debt Reduction	\$520.00

Mass Attendance: 745 ↓ 29

YTD Average Attendance: 716

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

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

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



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

Families may submit prayer requests to
officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

To contribute a lily and other flowers in honor of a deceased loved one this Easter, pick up a collection envelop from the Narthex, fill in their name and your name as the donor, include your monetary donation (any dollar amount is appreciated), and we'll add the name of your loved one to our Easter bulletin for prayers. Thank you for your generous support of our Environment & Art ministry this holy season!



YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

- NRV High School Youth Group is at Holy Spirit this Wednesday, **March 6, 7:30-9pm!**
- 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 or email Austin at nrvym@richmonddiocese.org.



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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: 360 lbs.
2024 Goal: 2024 lbs.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session
March 5, 2024

Topic
Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation &
Sacrament of the Sick
Presentation of the Creed

Speaker:
Fr. Asare

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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 parishes. 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.

From Fr. Patrick at our twinning parish in Guacimal: Hello, I announce to you that on Sunday March 10, 2024, we counted more than 60 children to receive the sacrament of communion and confirmation in our parish. Among them are those who attend our school in Guacimal. We already rely heavily on your prayers. THANK YOU

2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ST. MARY'S TARGET: \$33,100) - COLLECTED AS OF 2/25: \$25,560

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.



Currently, we are **77%** of 2024 Parish Target towards our parish goal. If you have not yet made a commitment, please join in helping to not only meet but exceed this year's goal! If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to the Appeal, or if you would like to make an additional contribution, scan the QR code or go to richmond catholic foundation.org/appeal/ where you will be able to make an ongoing recurring gift or a one-time gift. THANK YOU for your support of the Annual 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: **104 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) *Baby shampoo/wash



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. New this year, **Tuesday, March 19** after the 9am daily Mass, we will have an Easter egg hunt in the Parish Hall for the "Young at Heart" (ages ~30-103) along with coffee and donuts! Please bring in donations of plastic Easter eggs and/or wrapped candy to help make these events **eggstra** special! A basket for donations can be found in the **Parish Hall**.

Lenten Friday Meals

Please join us on Friday evenings in Lent for a meatless meal of soup, salad and bread. You are invited to bring soup or salad to share, but it is not necessary.

We will begin eating at 6:00pm.



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: Parish Pastoral Council Surveys

The PPC is conducting small focus groups to determine where parishioners believe parish emphasis should be moving forward, what programs are liked and participated in, and ways that our parish can strengthen the engagement of our parishioners with our St. Mary's Community. This process will make it easy to share your thoughts. PPC members will be in the Narthex and parish hall after each Mass on March 16 & 17, and then again on April 13 & 14. Please seek them out for a few minutes after Mass. Thank you.

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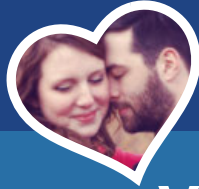
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