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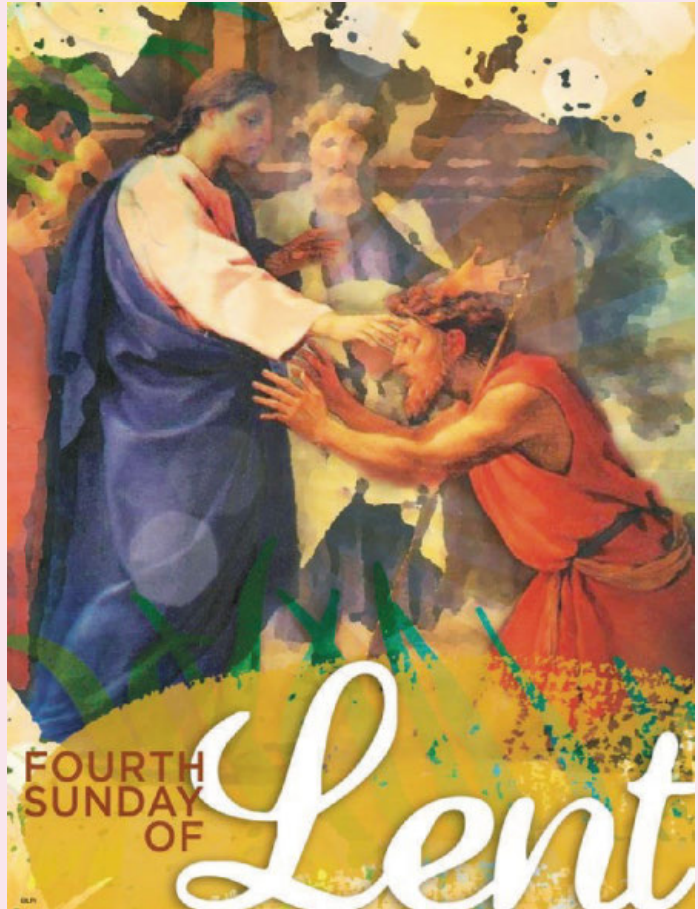
MARCH 10, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY

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

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Blacksburg, VA 24060

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Office Hours

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

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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 9	5:00 pm	Tom Anthony † Salvatore Natarelli †
Sunday, Mar 10	8:30 am	Aaron Austin Davis † Douglas Anthony Davis†
	11:30 am	The Community of St. Mary's
Tuesday, Mar 12	9:00 am	Margaret Zuccher †
Wednesday, Mar 13	9:00 am	Glenn Craig †
Thursday, Mar 14	6:30 am	Juraj Gracanin †
Friday, Mar 15	11:15 am	Mary Catherine Yost †

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

Mar 9 & 10 - KofC - 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent
 Mar 10 - RCIA 2nd Scrutiny
 Mar 9 & 10 - 2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services
 Mar 9 & 10, 16 & 17—Preorders for Mar 22 Fish Fry
 Mar 12 - Lenten Rosary
 Mar 13 - NRV Reconciliation Service, 7pm - St. Jude
 Mar 15 - Lenten Soup Supper, 6-7pm
 Mar 15- Stations of the Cross and Adoration, 7pm
 Mar 16 - **NO** Children's Adoration
 Mar 16 & 17 - 1st Focus Groups/Survey of parishioners
 Mar 17 - Stations of the Cross, Religious Ed Families, 10am
 Mar 19 - "Young at Heart" Easter Egg Hunt, Coffee & Donuts, after 9:00am Mass
 Mar 22 - Fish Fry, 5-7pm



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	Greta Marle	Doug Whichard
Elijah Garbatini	Martins Family	Loretta Zamer
Brittany Heath	Annie Martin	

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: 404 lbs.

2024 Goal: 2024 lbs.

Weekly Offering

Mar 3

Regular Collection

Offertory \$5,615.00
 Debt Reduction \$1,281.00

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Offertory \$570.00
 Debt Reduction \$705.00

Mass Attendance: 646 ↓ **99**

YTD Average Attendance: 708

Thank you for all your continued generosity and support!

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!



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 March:
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

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

- NRV High School Youth Group is off next week to encourage your family to go to the **Lenten Reconciliation Service March 13, 7pm at St. Jude**. Hope to see you there!
- 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 for more info.



Austin Mee

nrvym@richmonddiocese.org, 540-251-1754



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session
March 12, 2024

Topic
Communion of Saints and Mary

Speaker:
Mary Bland

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

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. To date we have collected **\$4,775**. Thank you!

FISH FRY FRIDAYS - MARCH 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 22 Fish Fry: Preorders March 9 & 10 and March 16 & 17

The cost is **\$10** for a fish dinner (grilled or fried), hushpuppies, mac 'n cheese and coleslaw.

2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ST. MARY'S TARGET: \$33,100) - COLLECTED AS OF 3/3: \$40,598

We are still collecting for the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity to support important ministries outside of our parish boundaries but also includes services the Diocese provides directly to our Parish. If you have not yet made a commitment, please join in helping exceed this year's goal! To contribute to the Appeal, please scan the QR code or go to richmondcatholicfoundation.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 March 3: 193 lbs & \$1,131



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.



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**.

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.

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: Glean Team

On **Thursday, March 21**, the Glean Team will be cutting down 3-8 in. diameter locust and walnut trees near the flower garden and the septic drainfield and the small barn from 8am-noon. This is to prepare the land for regular mowing and to protect the flower garden from varmints. Bring heavy duty gloves, chainsaw if you have one, extra blades, tools to tighten the blades, fuel, etc. Volunteers can take the cut trunks home as firewood. On **Saturday, March 23**, at 3pm we need volunteers to help run the cut trees through a large wood chipper. If you can come, please text John at 540-392-1184 or Mike at 540-239-0878. Bring heavy duty gloves and water to drink.

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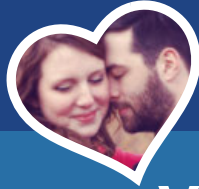
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