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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good
and faithful servant.”
– Mt 25:21

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CLERGY

Rev. John Asare, Pastor
Deacon Mike Ellerbrock
Deacon Rick Furman

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 12:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM
Monday: No Daily Mass
Tuesday: No Daily Mass
Wednesday: 9:00 AM
Thursday: No Daily Mass
Friday: 11:15 AM



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This Week's Announcements

ANGEL TREE WILL BE VIRTUAL

St. Mary's Virtual Angel Tree: Due to COVID, this year's Angel Tree will be all virtual. The website to view and sponsor Angels is: stmarysangeltree.com. On this site, you will be able to view this year's Angels, their wish list, and sponsor a child. When you select an angel, you will be prompted to enter your name and email address. You will then be sent an email with your child's wish list and the address to have the packages delivered. Please shop on-line (we suggest Target.com, Walmart.com, or Amazon.com), add the items to your cart, and have the items shipped directly to the sponsoring organization (VICCC or Catholic Charities). The address for the sponsoring organization will be in the email you receive once you sponsor a child (be sure to check your spam folder). Thank you for your support of this year's Angel Tree in these trying times. For questions, please contact Lisa Goatley at lzgoatley@yahoo.com.



CENSUS COMMITTEE BEING FORMED

St. Mary's Catholic Church is preparing to do a comprehensive parish-wide census in order to determine our goals for the new decade! If you are interested in helping to organize the census and wish to join our Census Committee, send your name and contact information to Liam Watson at officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org.



TO OUR HOUSE MINISTRY SIGN-UP NOW OPEN

This is the time of year when we start thinking about housing To Our House (TOH) guests and feeding them. You can volunteer for this ministry during the week of Saturday, December 26 to Saturday, January 2, 2021. The sign up will start Monday, November 30. You can contact the St. Mary's office at officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org or (540) 552-1091 and give your name, contact information and what you wish to volunteer for.

Due to the pandemic there are some changes: TOH is being housed at the Knights of Columbus building at 400 College St., Christiansburg, VA, and the telephone is 540-382-2890. There will be no need for a bus since the guests will check in at the K ofC bldg. The tasks will be the same as the past: welcoming host, overnight stay, laundry help and unpacking the equipment on the first day and changing sheets at the end of the week. However, we are going to include serving the meals this year as the Support Church during the week that we host, December 26 to January 2, 2021. Three volunteers per night are needed for the evening meal.. It is optional whether to stay and serve if comfortable or to only deliver the food.

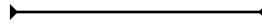
Please consider volunteering a small amount of time for this important work of mercy during the holy days of Christmas and New Years. We are to be the hands and face of our God to help the least among us, and this is an opportunity to do so. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!





“We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life.”

– Pope Francis



Saturday, November 14	5:00 PM	The Community of St. Mary's
Sunday, November 15	8:30 AM	Catherine Schurott †
Sunday, November 15	11:30 AM	Father Paul Gallagher † Joe Wiencko †
Wednesday, November 18	9:00 AM	Mildred Oddo †
Friday, November 20	11:15 AM	Christine Petitti †



A Meditation on This Week's Gospel

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is “mine” and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

COVID-19 UPDATES

We are OPEN!

Our custodial staff actively cleans the parish thoroughly.



ARRIVE TO MASS EARLY

Arrive 30 minutes early to mass to allow time for seating and screening.



DOORS LOCK PROMPTLY

To ensure proper socially-distant seating, the doors will lock at the start of mass, so arrive on time.



WORSHIP AREA CLEANED

The worship area is cleaned after the celebration of every Mass, in accordance with CDC guidelines.



COLLECTION IN NARTHEX

Offertories can be placed in the collection baskets in the Narthex, or given through Faith Direct.



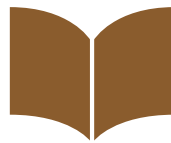
CHECK YOUR TEMPERATURE

If your temperature is above 100.4°F, please stay home to protect your fellow parishioners.



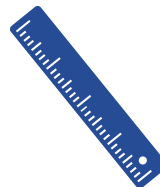
MASKS ARE MANDATORY

Face coverings must be worn, but they may be removed briefly to take communion.



NO PHYSICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Worship aids and Father John's homily can be found online at stmarysblcksburg.org



MAINTAIN 6 FEET OF DISTANCE

Ushers will seat you and your family 6 feet away from others. Please maintain this distance after mass.



STAY HOME IF YOU'RE ILL

The Bishop has granted all Catholics in the diocese a dispensation from the obligation to attend mass.

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL MASS

Live-streamed on Facebook

Wednesday: 9:00 AM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

MASS FOR HIGH-RISK GROUPS

Reserved for 65+ and immunocompromised parishioners

Friday: 11:15 AM

FAITH DIRECT®

Faith Direct is St. Mary's online offertory program that allows parishioners to conveniently and consistently make church contributions, with a credit/debit card, or a direct debit from a checking/savings account. Online giving provides an easy opportunity to support St. Mary's, even when not attending Mass.

Here's how you can enroll:

- Visit **faith.direct/VA969** in any web browser
- Call Faith Direct at **1-866-507-8757**
- Text **"ENROLL"** to (540) 274-2005
- Visit **St. Mary's website** click Faith Direct



COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

25 hours/week

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

The Coordinator for Youth Ministry will provide primary leadership for the design and implementation of each of the youth ministry programs at St. Mary's, Blacksburg, VA, St. Jude, Radford, VA and Holy Spirit, Christiansburg, VA. A creative, energetic and charismatic leader whose focus will be to support the growth of youth programs in the three Parishes is needed. Must be an active, practicing Catholic, with knowledge/ability to share Catholic faith to youth. A bachelor's degree in a related field is preferred. Travel will be required for certain events.

To learn more about this opening, to find the diocesan application, or to submit your completed application, visit: www.stmarysblacksburg.org/hiring



LEAD CUSTODIAN

Part-Time

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

St. Mary's Catholic Church Blacksburg is hiring for a Custodian and Maintenance position. This position requires an individual who is a self-starter and able to complete tasks with a minimum amount of direct supervision. Seeking an individual with experience in the areas of commercial cleaning and light maintenance.

This is a part-time position, primarily Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please submit your resume or diocesan application to Matthew Wheeler, businessmanager@stmarysblacksburg.org

To learn more about this opening, to find the diocesan application, or to submit your completed application, visit: www.stmarysblacksburg.org/hiring

Latest Ministry and Group Updates

CHANGES AT OUR TWIN PARISH IN SAVANETTE, HAITI

The parish priest, Fr. Nicolas Floreal, has been reassigned to a position in Cap-Haitien, and a new priest, Fr. Delva Dominique Joseph, is now the pastor in Savanette. Fr. Nicolas was pastor for nearly 8 years and provided excellent collaboration, support, and implementation of projects funded by us. The Haiti Committee hopes that the transition of pastors will be smooth and that we can continue the cooperative relationship that has existed between our parishes. In addition to pastor changes, the bishop of Cap-Haitien has restructured the Savanette parish. The parish of Savanette had 5 chapel communities affiliated with it: Bail, Bailly, Matabonite, Guacimal, and Buenabite. These satellite communities have small chapels, where the parish priest celebrates Sunday mass on a rotating schedule. The chapels of Guacimal and Buenabite have been removed from Savanette and elevated to a new parish with its own parish priest, Fr. Patrick. Fr. Delva and Fr. Patrick will undoubtedly collaborate to get the new parish organized and integrated within the surrounding Catholic parishes, but our twinning relationship will remain with the Savanette parish.

Our student sponsorship campaign will be difficult this year because of COVID-19, remote attendance at masses, and restrictions that preclude our usual display of student photos and sponsorship payments in the narthex. Please bear with us as we attempt to work out a means to continue our sponsorship program during these trying times. Haiti is struggling with COVID-19, political instability, and rampant inflation; thus, the need for sponsorships is greater than ever.

BICENTENNIAL PRAYER OF THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

Father of lights, the radiance of your Son has guided the advance of the Gospel across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries, strengthening our Church from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap. Grant that the nearness of your Son may dispel the darkness of our sins, so that as our love increases more and more, we may dare more than ever to fearlessly proclaim the word. Holding fast to the word of life, may we shine like stars in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our virtual CLOW can be used in several ways to help your children learn more about the Gospel each week. We envision you either watching as a family after Mass or having your children view the Virtual CLOW during Mass online. View the CLOW presentation online at: bit.ly/StMarysCLOW

Prayer Requests

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”
Matthew 7:7*

Aaron Johnson	Donald Rasmussen	Kathy Hummel	Paul Ringel
Alex Sepoli	Doug Whichard	Isaac Hummel	Paula Lovett
Alison Maguire	Baxter Perkinson	Leslie Pittges	Robert Metz
Amy Haugh Dodds	Frank Baker	Lisa Lavery	Rodney Allen
Ann Martin	Elaine Lutz	Lisa Walters	Richard Kelly
Anthony Atkins	Elaine Tedesco	Lori McDaniel	Rita Sullivan
Barbara Marino	Elina McCartney	Lou Cotroneo	Sandra Bowman
Baxter Perkinson	Eva Kelly	Lucy Agnes Foster	Stephen Orr
Becky Glazener	Frank Partsch †	Marie & Vivianne Castillo	Susan Kramer
Becke Chamberlin	Jace Baab	Marie Armstrong	Suzi Vass-Gal
Bev Shull	Jackie Fore-Dye	Mary Ann Barksdale	Thaddeus Baker
Bob Wheeler †	Janice Steele	Mary Claire Madera	Theresa Liuzzo
Bud Chamberlin †	Jen Austin	Mary Devens	Tom Heintzman
Charlotte Joyce	Jessica Moore	Mathias Baker	Vera Genua
Clark DeHart	Jim Armstrong	Mike Chandler	Vin Liuzzo
Daniel Brooks	Joel Rivera	Nancy Aull	Watt Shields
Dennis Kilper, Jr	John Bianchi	Nancy Close	Wayne Petersen
Diane Folz	Josefina Cerezo	Patty Carey	
Dick Stewart	Kathy Kelly	Nelson Carey	

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Vincent Vitiello
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OUR HAITI TWIN PARISH & SCHOOL

PRAYER AND SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE PROMOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY

HELP FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

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, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

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