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Email addresses will be coming soon, via our new web site!

Twin Springs Farm 434-964-6911

Gary & Jeanne Scott
Ecologically Grown Produce & Berries

Freespiritflowers.com

Sharon Gress 434-361-1280

Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia

Charlottesville, VA 434.220.3777

Call for information on other locations

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

“Our world today needs weeping. The marginalized weep, those who are neglected weep, the scorned weep, but those of us who have relatively comfortable life, we don’t know how to weep. Certain realities of life are seen only with eyes that are cleansed by tears. I ask each one of you to ask: Can I weep? Can I weep when I see a child who is hungry, on drugs and on the street, homeless, abandoned, mistreated or exploited? Or is my weeping the self-centered whining of those who weep because they want to have something else? Let’s learn to weep.”

Pope Francis

The Pope’s Mission Daily Reflections



Bishop Nestout in a personal audience with Pope Francis in Rome on Dec 8, 2019

Mission Statement

St. Mary's is a Roman Catholic community based on faith. We are committed to celebrating the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We believe we are called to serve the Lord and our community.

Vision

St. Mary's Parish is committed to the discipleship of Jesus Christ in each of its members. We will encourage discipleship by providing educational programs for spiritual growth to include all age groups. We will promote and maintain our growing Christ centered ministries strengthening the family where ever possible. We will endeavor to understand and be accepting of every culture represented in our community with the goal of sharing the message and love of Christ with everyone we encounter.

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**Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019**

**Mass Intention: Palmar Rossi
Requested by Luis and Jackie Castro**

Pastor: Rev. Carlos Lerma
Deacon: Richard Nees
Deacon: Robert Kruse

Masses

Sunday: 10:00-am English, 12:30-pm Spanish
Wednesday & Friday 12:00 Noon English

Confessions Sunday: 9:30 English 12:00 Spanish

Eucharistic Adoration 1st Friday after Mass and Benediction

Masses at St. Francis of Assisi

Amherst

Wednesday and Friday 1:05 pm

Saturday night 5:00 pm

Sunday morning 8:00 am

December Calendar of Events

15 Annual Santa Claus visit and Ladies Guild Crafts Sale
19 Parish Christmas Potluck 6:30pm
Pastoral Council 7:30
20 Penance Service 7pm
22 Ladies Guild Greens and Bake Sale
24 Christmas Eve 7pm (Bilingual)
25 Christmas Day 10am
12Noon Wintergreen

January Calendar of Events

1 January Mass 10am
4 Ladies Guild 9am
8 Staff Meeting 6:30
11 Migrant Worker Ministry Training
14 Knights of Columbus Mtg 7pm

CCD Information

-The Diocesan Youth Conference will be held from 7-9 February at the Marriott Conference Center in Richmond. Chaperones and drivers are needed.
-The Diocesan Confirmation Retreat will be held on 7 March at St. Mary's in Richmond. This retreat is required for the confirmand to receive the sacrament. Confirmation-29 May @ St. Thomas Aquinas.
-St Mary's is still looking for a Youth Director!

Father Carlos' Reflection on The Third Sunday in Advent- Gaudete Sunday

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word Gaudete means rejoice and refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing near when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom.

As we celebrate Gaudete Sunday how can this help you to prepare for and rejoice in the Lord's coming at Christmas?

For what things in your life should you rejoice the most and what things you are not?

What hope would you have at this time of Advent? Perhaps, to be more patient, more kind, more charitable and so on.

May this Gaudete Sunday give you joy to prepare for the Lord's imminent coming. We pray together: O God, who sees how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to accept the joys of such great salvation and to celebrate always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through Christ, our Lord Amen.

December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lectors

Tom Rich
John Petchul

Eucharistic Ministers

Karen Kruse
Mary Anne Stevens

Altar Servers

Lilly

Coffee Host

Amy Gruber
Mary Ann Popielarz
Kathy White

First:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Second

Romans 1:1-7

Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-24

St Mary's Advent Penance Service

Friday, 20 Dec @ 7pm

Enhance your advent journey with this important sacramental step.

The **Angel Tree** is back this year. The tree benefits the women at the Pregnancy Center in Charlottesville. Please take an angel, purchase a gift and return the gift to St Mary's prior to 1 January or as soon as possible.

The Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia are very grateful for your assistance throughout the year.

December Anniversaries

Jerry and Sharon Gress(17) Becky and Greg Davis(18) Gary and Jeanne Scott(26) Gene and John Demsky(26) Bob and Barbara Yates(26) Gary and Jeanne Scott(26) Stan and Emmy Olah(27) John and MaryEllen Maybee(27) George and Mickey McKinney(29) Terese and Mike Whitehead(29)

December Birthdays

Nailda Mulder(2) Larry Anderson(10) Gwen Casale(12) Dale DelPriore(14) Alice Clair(15) Nathan Manthey(18) Mary England(19) Ginny Hamner(20) Stephanie Popielarz(26) Hannah Noel Vanison(26) Wyatt Massie(28) Aleta Childs(29) Tim Tinsley(31) Larry Lynch(31)

eGiving

eGiving has come to St. Mary's! We have contracted with Faith Direct (www.faithdirect.net), a highly regarded electronic giving provider based in Alexandria, VA.

Sign up at

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA947>

Our Knights raised over \$800 for the pregnancy Center in Charlottesville from the Baby Bottle Campaign. Thanks to all for your generosity!!!

Parish Ministry Activities

Ladies Guild

1st Saturday each month at 9:00am for Rosary, a meeting & coffee.

Prison Ministry

Volunteers from St. Mary's visit the inmates at Buckingham Correctional Center on the 2nd Thursday at 2:30pm for Mass. Participants leave the church at 12:30 and go to lunch in Dillwyn before mass at the prison. If you are interested in participating, please contact Gwen Casale @ 434-263-5025.

Knights of Columbus

St. John Paul Council 16535 of the Knights of Columbus meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Locations alternate between St. Mary's and St. Francis.

Choir

St. Mary's Choir is always happy to have new members, no experience necessary.

Migrant Worker Ministry

The ministry visits two migrant worker camps per month from February to October to provide the sacraments and materials. New members are always welcome.

RECYCLING AT ST MARY'S Please remember that we recycle plastic paper and aluminum. These products are very harmful to our environment. We recycle these products, in the three black trash cans. The cans are labelled. Please DO NOT PUT Styrofoam IN THE PAPER RECYCLING BOX! If you have any questions, please see Molly Lynch.

Coffee Cups – St Mary's is reducing use of disposable Styrofoam cups. Please use the real coffee cups after mass. Note the different trays for clean and dirty cups!

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE TO BENEFIT KNIGHTS

As usual our Knights of Columbus John Paul 2nd Council will again sell Christmas cards after mass starting on this Sunday and continue until all the cards are sold. Please consider buying some of these very beautiful Christmas cards.

St Mary's Prayer List

Please pray for Deacon Dick Nees, Len Thompson, Richard Plourde and Claudia Van Koba.