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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020

“Education helps people not to believe in the deception of those who would like to convince them that work, one’s daily effort, the gift of oneself and one’s study do not have value. It is essential to educate and follow the luminous and demanding path of honesty, avoiding the shortcuts of favouritism and recommendations. Lawlessness is like an octopus in hiding: it is concealed, submerged, but with its tentacles it seizes and poisons, polluting and doing so much harm. Educating is a great vocation: as St Joseph trained Jesus in the art of carpentry, you too are called to help the younger generations to discover the beauty of truly human work.”

Pope Francis

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

Our **Migrant Worker Ministry** is starting to prepare for the 2020 season. Last year over 200 Migrant Workers were assisted by our ministry at 9 different camps in Nelson County. Religious items, cold weather clothes, blankets, towels and personal hygiene items are distributed. Father Carlos said mass at 8 different camps during the season. CONSIDER:

1. **Volunteering** with this ministry
2. **Donating** good or new articles for the workers. See any member of the Ministry for info!

SAVE THE *new* DATE

All are invited to join Bishop Barry C. Knestout for the

Bicentennial Regional Mass

Commemorating the arrival of our first Bishop of Richmond, Patrick Kelly, and the opening of our Bicentennial

This is the first of three Masses which will be celebrated in each of the vicariates during the yearlong diocesan jubilee



Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 10:30 am

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND BICENTENNIAL

1820-2020 WEBSITE WITH CALENDER AND EVENT INFORMATION

<https://2020.richmonddiocese.org/>

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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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

**Mass Intention: Richard J. Koba
Requested by Claudia Van Koba**

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



January Calendar of Events

5 The Epiphany of the Lord
8 Staff Meeting 6:30
9 Pastoral Council Mtg 6:30
14 Knights of Columbus Mtg 7pm
15 Financial Council Meeting 6pm
18 First Bicentennial Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 10am
22 Prison Ministry to Buckingham Correctional Center

February Calendar of Events

7-9 Diocesan Youth Conference
(Richmond)
26 Ash Wednesday

CCD Information

-The Diocesan Confirmation Retreat will be held on 7 March at St. Mary's in Richmond. This retreat is required for a confirmand to receive the sacrament. Confirmation will be held on 29 May @ St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville. -St Mary's is still looking for a Youth Director, if you know someone who could be good at this task, please encourage them! Our youth deserve it!

Father Carlos' Reflection on the Epiphany of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem he is now revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has forever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.

How can this feast of the Epiphany help you to recognize Jesus Christ as a ruler and king in your life and family?

The three kings bring incense, myrrh and gold to the Lord to honor him. Today what gifts can you bring to the Lord to glorify his name?

How as a Church, family, nation and people should we manifest to others that our Lord Jesus Christ is our king and prince of our lives and hearts?

As we celebrate this Solemnity of the Epiphany, let's pray for the joy and unity of all the faithful to rejoice in the Lord always and shine his light in our hearts. May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through Christ our Lord.

January 12, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

Lectors

Jerry Gress
Virginia Saunders

Eucharistic Ministers

Wayne Parent
Ed Camden

Altar Servers

Cameron & Houser

Coffee Host

Gene Demsky
Claudia Van Koba
Aleta Childs
Rosalie Slonksnes
Emmy Olah
Krista Lynch

First:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel:

Matthew 3:13-17



Our Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated to the recent Baby Bottle Campaign to Support the Pregnancy Center in Charlottesville.

A check for \$1001.20 was recently sent to the Center for Respect Life and Pro-Life Activities. Thank you for your generosity to this great cause.

THE KNIGHTS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC MEN TO JOIN!

January Anniversaries

Nick and Kathy Hammner(3), John and Sue Petchul(13), Luis and Jackie Castro(15).

January Birthdays

Lily Smith, Becky Davis, Rose Slonksnes(1), Ti mothy Holland, Ethan Mason (3), Joanne Camden, Krista Lynch (4), Joe Sderkes(5), Joseph Rednagle(6), Samantha De Sibour(8), August and Mark Mason, Mike Whitehead(10), Bronwyn Whitehead (14), Oaul Drumheller(16), Mary Anne Stevens, Cindy Parent (18), Tom Eich(19), Alayna Wade, Melissa Hamner, Robert Mulder(21), Fred Masotti, Bob Yates(23), Luis Castro(24), Madeline Hamilton(26), Marti Naro, Tim Roan(28), Wayne Parent (30)

St Mary's Prayer List

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

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!

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>

You can also sign up on our website!