

<u>February Calendar of Events</u> 25 Visit of Father Joseph Mary, Dean, 9-12 25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ St. Francis 5:30pm 26 Ash Wednesday Mass Noon and 6:30pm 27 Migrant Camp Visit 5pm 28 Soup/Bread Supper@ 6, Stations @ 7 29 Men's Prayer Group 8:30am Boy Scout Fund Raiser 6pm Firehouse <u>March Calendar of Events</u> 6 Stations and Soup and Bread Supper 7 Confirmation Retreat in Richmond Ladies Guild 9am 8,15 Annual Diocesan Appeal In Pew Sunday 10 Knights of Columbus Mtg 7pm 11 Pastoral Council Mtg 6:30 12 Community Dinner 5:30-7pm 13 Stations and Soup and Bread Supper 6 & 7 15 Holy Land Fund Raiser(religious items for sale after masses) 20 Stations and Soup and Bread Supper 21 Diocesan Men's Conference, St Bede Williamsburg 29 Easter Egg Hunt Between the masses

<u>CCD Information</u> -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. -First Communion will be held on 3 May@ Both Masses -RCIA candidates will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil on 11 April. ALL PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO ENSURE THAT ALL REQUIRED FORMS ARE COMPLETE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH RECEIVING SACRAMENTS.


<u>Father Carlos' Reflections on the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. We must, if we are truly Christian, forgive those who offend or injure us. We must love all men, whether they be friends or enemies. "We are commanded to love our neighbors and our enemies; they are generally the same people." This is very true for all of us. Let's ask ourselves this question. It is very easy for me to love. Our charity must spread from the home to our neighbors to all those with whom we have contact. It is easy to get on with most people, but in every neighborhood and in every village or town there will always be those who are difficult. There will be the dishonest, the tale-bearers, the quarrelsome, the critic of everyone and everything. The heart of the Ten commandments is to love your neighbor as you love yourself? How you should treat those who harm you? How often do you pray for those who persecute you? As Jesus' disciples, we are called to show love equally for enemies and neighbors? How can you accomplish that in your life? As Jesus continues his Sermon of the Mount, the Lord says love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Let's pray for one another. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reign forever and ever. Amen.
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Next Sunday March 1, 2020 <u>First Sunday of Lent</u> <u>Lectors</u> <u>TBD</u> <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> <u>TBD</u> <u>Altar Servers</u> <u>TBD</u> <u>Coffee Host</u> Mary England Jean Smith <u>First:</u> <i>Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18</i> <u>Second</u> <i>1 Corinthians 3:16-23</i> <u>Gospel:</u> <i>Matthew 5:38-48</i>
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Saint Mary's is forming a <u>Men's Study and Prayer Group</u> . We will have our first meeting Saturday February 29th at 8:30 AM at St Mary's, a light breakfast will be provided. A great way to kick off the season of Lent! We will be using the book <i>Into His Likeness</i> by Edward Sri. For additional information see Gary Scott 434-964-6911, twinspringsfarmva@gmail.com . There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. We need a head count for food and ordering books.
<u>Make your Lenten Preparations Special This Year.</u> We are rapidly approaching one of the greatest parts of the year for a Catholic. Consider making your individual preparation for Easter special this year by undertaking one of the efforts listed in today's and future bulletins. EX: Marian Blue Wave, Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever, Word on Fire Lenten Gospels, Attending Stations and the Soup and Bread Suppers, attending Daily Mass, Attending the new Men's Prayer and study Group, Attending our Lenten Penance Service or receiving Reconciliation/Penance at another time during Lent.

<u>February Anniversaries</u> Hank and Barbara Gibb (3), David and Cathy White (12)
<u>February Birthdays</u> Jim Brewer (3), Eleanor Critchlow (4), Ina Waterman, Mathew Vanison (6), David White (7), Richard Kelley (9), Maddy Brewer, Christine Gangloff(10), Mike Hamner, Nick Mason(11), Bill, England, Nancy Lauler (12), Anna Allard (14), Patrick Drumheller(15), Maria Kelley, Wanda Espada(16), Mary Ann Poipielarz, Woody Lynch (17), Nick Hamner (18), Carolyn Drumheller, Amy White, Sara Glatt(24)
<u>St Mary's Prayer List</u> Please pray for Ashby Smith, Gwen Casale, Deacon Dick Nees, Len Thompson, Richard Plourde, Dave Ladjack and Claudia Van Koba.
FLOCKNOTES has arrived. Text GUADLUPE TO 84576 (espanol 202-765-3441) to register. 

<u>Parish Ministry Activities</u> <u>Ladies Guild</u> 1 st Saturday each month at 9:00am for Rosary, a meeting & coffee. <u>Prison Ministry</u> Volunteers from St. Mary's visit the inmates at Buckingham Correctional Center on the 2 nd 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. <u>Knights of Columbus</u> St. John Paul Council 16535 of the Knights of Columbus meets every 2 nd Tuesday of the month. Locations alternate between St. Mary's and St. Francis. <u>Choir</u> St. Mary's Choir is always happy to have new members, no experience necessary. <u>Migrant Worker Ministry</u> The ministry visits two migrant worker camps per month from February to October to provide the sacraments and materials. New members are always welcome. SOUP, SALAD AND BREAD SUPPER FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS An annual Lenten tradition at St. Mary's is the Soup, Salad, Bread Supper and Stations of the Cross held every Friday in Lent. Please consider attending one or more of these very special events. Bring a pot of your favorite soup or a salad or some bread and share fellowship with your fellow parishioners. 6pm Supper, 7pm Stations
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 ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
<u>eGiving</u> 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!

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Knights of Columbus #16535	G.K. Ron Doran	434-263-4050
Community Dinner	Woody Lynch & Bruce Leder	540.710.4646
Altar Servers	Tom Eick	434.277.5491
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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS REPORT FY 19-20

	Last Week	Month to Date	Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 1,116.00	\$ 6,306.00	\$ 67,640.00
12:30 PM Mass	548.00	1,810.00	21,852.50
e-giving	1,915.00	1,915.00	15,425.00
Wintergreen	315.00	3,535.00	5,644.00
Holyday	-	-	5,442.00
Totals	\$ 3,894.00	\$ 13,566.00	\$116,003.50
Annual Budget			\$165,000.00
Year to Date			
Budget			107,884.62
Surplus/(Shortfall)			\$ 8,118.88

Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia
Charlottesville, VA 434.220.3777
Call for information on other locations

Twin Springs Farm 434-964-6911
Gary & Jeanne Scott
Ecologically Grown Produce & Berries

Soup, Salad and Bread Supper

During Lent St. Marys holds Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7pm preceded by a Soup, Salad and Bread supper at 6pm. Please consider bringing one of the meal components and sharing some quality Lenten time with your fellow parishioners. It’s a good thing to do! If you don’ t want to do dinner than attend Stations!

2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal – Building Our Family of Faith
Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements



2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
Building Our Family of Faith

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Building Our Family of Faith.*

The 2020 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Advancing Social Ministries, Cultivating Catholic Leadership and Empowering Parish Communities.

In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2020 Appeal also benefits us through the following ministries and programs. *Seminarians, Migrant Worker Ministry and all Youth programs.*

In pew Pledge Sundays will be held on 8 and 15 March.

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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020

Mass Intention: Mary Lou Thibodeau
Requested by: John and Joyce Claman

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