

March Calendar of Events

- 5 Migrant Camp Visit 5:30
- 6 Stations and Soup and Bread Supper
- 7 Confirmation Retreat in Richmond
- 8 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
- 14 Men's Study and Prayer Group
- 15 Annual Diocesan Appeal 2nd In Pew Sunday
Holy Land Fund Raiser (religious items for sale after masses)
- 17 RCIA Teacher Retreat STM, Lynchburg
- 18 Financial Council Mtg
- 20 Stations and Soup and Bread Supper
- 21 Diocesan Men's Conference, St Bede Williamsburg
- 29 Easter Egg Hunt Between the masses

Note: the floors in the South Wing and Narthex will be resurface on 6-7 March. See Gary Scott to coordinate if you plan to use those spaces on those dates.

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. -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.

Father Carlos' Reflections on the First Sunday in Lent

In the Gospel for the start of Lent, the Church proclaims that Jesus' victory should be ours also. In us, as all around us, it is Christ's temptation, Christ's struggle, Christ's victory which is prolonged; our effort is his and so is our strength; his will be our victory at Easter.

The scene of the temptation, which opens the public life of Jesus, declares in the Gospels in a very forceful manner the great change in our lives that he introduces into the world by his work of redemption.

Lent is a time of conversion and forgiveness. How can this time help you to seek God in your life?

Jesus Christ has the power and courage to resist all temptations. How often do you ask the Lord to help you with temptations in your life?

As we begin this Lenten season, let's prepare ourselves to see what areas in our lives, we need to improve in?

May this Lenten season help us to return to the Lord and his goodness in our heart. Let's pray: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of Holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by our worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Next Sunday
March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Lectors

Jerry Gress

Virginia Saunders

Eucharistic Ministers

Wayne Parent

Ed Camden

Altar Servers

Ruger & Houser

Coffee Host

Gene Demsky

Claudia Van Koba

Aleta Childs

Rosalie Slonknes

Emmy Olah

Krista Lynch

First:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Second

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-9

February Anniversaries

Hank and Barbara Gibb (3), David and Cathy White (12)

February Birthdays

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)

St Mary's Prayer List

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 and start receiving information on happenings at St. Mary's.



Saint Mary's has formed a Men's Study and Prayer Group. The next meeting will be on **Saturday March 14 at 8:30 AM** at St Mary's, a light breakfast will be provided. A great way to celebrate the season of Lent! We will be using the book *Into His Likeness* by Edward Sri. For additional information see Gary Scott 434-964-6911, twinspringsfarmva@gmail.com.

Make your Lenten Preparations Special This Year. We are now celebrating one of the greatest times 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. Also you can participate in 40 Cans for Lent.

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.

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



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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!

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Community Dinner	Woody Lynch & Bruce Leder	540.710.4646
Altar Servers	Tom Eick	434.277.5491
Birthdays/Anniversaries	Lynn Leder	434.263.5970
Fellowship/refreshment	Ladies Guild	434.996-8081
Prayer Shawl Ministrv	L.G. & Jean Smith	434-277-5224



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST JOHN PAUL II

COUNCIL 16535

40 CANS FOR LENT

THE KNIGHTS ARE COLLECTING FOOD DURING LENT FOR THE NELSON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

THE PANTRY CAN USE SMALL CANS OF MEAT, FISH AND VEGTABLES

PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD IN ON THE 6 SUNDAYS OF LENT STARTING ON 1 MARCH AND PLACE IN THE BLUE WAGON IN THE NARTHEX

PLEASE HELP OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL COLLECT FOOD TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

“Ask the Lord for strength and go forward with humility, doing what you can. But don't put make-up on your soul, because the Lord won't recognize you. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be consistent, not to be vain, not to want to appear more worthy than we are. Let us ask for this grace, during this Lent: the coherence between formality and the reality, between who we are and how we want to appear.”
Pope Francis on Lent

2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal – Building Our Family of Faith

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements



Catholic Diocese of Richmond
1820 Bicentennial 2020

**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 2019 that was \$7111 of \$19,257 total donated.

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. *Seminarists, 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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**First Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2020**

**Mass Intention: Luke Norcross
Requested by: Nick and Kathy Hammner**

*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*