



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway

Lovington, VA 22949

September 27, 2020

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Intention for Henry and Audrey Eick by Tom Eick

Pastor *Fr. Rogelio Abadano*

Deacon *Robert Kruse*

#### **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.**

**PARISH BULLETIN September 27, 2020/NEWSLETTER #21**

**1. Anyone needing to contact Father Roger should do so via Eleanor at the office. The office is open Mon-Fri 8-12. 434-263-8509 or email:**

[secretary@stmarylovingston.org](mailto:secretary@stmarylovingston.org). Father's phone number for Emergency Use Only (sick call or hospital visitation) is 757-709-5717.

#### **Masses**

*Sunday: 10:00-am English, 1-pm Spanish*

*Wednesday & Friday 12:00 Noon English*

*Confessions Sunday: 9:30 & 12:30*

**Eucharistic Adoration** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday after Mass and Benediction

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30-1:30

#### **Masses at St. Francis of Assisi**

Amherst

*Wednesday and Friday 1:05 pm*

*Saturday night 5:00 pm*

*Sunday morning 8:00 am*

#### **Sacraments**

*Baptisms – Contact the office 6 months in advance.*

*Weddings – Contact the office to schedule an appointment with Father at least 6 months in advance.*

*Confession/Penance – 9:30 and 12:30 on Sunday and any time by appointment.*

**2) Public Masses at St Mary's continue this Sunday September 27. The following continue to apply and we ask that all follow this guidance.**

**Sunday Mass times will be 10:00 am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish).** A group of Parishioners have volunteered to participate as Safety Ushers in these masses to keep all of us safe. Please follow their guidance!

3) Parishioners must bring their own face coverings - that must be worn properly over the nose and mouth and mask must not have an exhale port which allows exhale with less restrictions.

**Parishioners must arrive at Mass at least 30minutes prior to the start of Mass, i.e. at 9:30 and 12:30.**

4) **THE BISHOP'S DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AND THE MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED(Facebook St. Marys's Group (<https://m.facebook.com/groups/616666051719052>) FOR THE FAITHFUL WHO DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH ATTENDING IN PERSON. THE DISPENSATION WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS OUR CHURCHES ARE NOT FULLY OPEN.**

## 5) **2020-21 CCD Registration Procedures, LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION Sunday 27 September.**

This year due to the pandemic, CCD will be at-home Parent based. Materials will be provided for each week of the year. Students will complete the materials under their parent's direction. Father Roger and Deacon will meet with a parent at the beginning of each 8 week period to hand out materials, provide instruction and take questions. The CCD Coordinator and Ass't will take questions at any time.

First Communion and Confirmation preparation will start after Christmas with the sacraments taking place later in 2021. All students who plan to receive those sacraments must be registered and active in the program at this time.

### Registration process

1. Download a form from the Flocknotes sent out, from our website, or pick one up after the two Sunday Masses in the Narthex on Sunday 13 September and return by Sunday 27 September.
2. Fill out the form completely!!!!
3. You can also mail it to the church but be sure it will arrive before Sunday 27 September. Regardless of the method please write CCD on the envelope and ensure it is sealed.
4. Cash or check for the students to be registered must be included in the envelope. Checks should be made out to St. Marys and annotated for CCD registration for (Family Name).
5. Meetings to distribute materials to a parent of registered students will be scheduled soon

Completed Registrations forms and payment must be received by 27 September.

Direct your questions to Cindy Parent, CCD Coordinator at 703-887-5980, texts are fine as long as you identify yourself.

6) Parishioners in a vulnerable category are encouraged to stay at home (over 65 and/or immune-compromised) vice coming to mass.

7) **Daily Mass and Mass intentions.** Daily Mass will be held on Wednesday and Friday at 12 Noon. To have a mass said for special intentions call the office at 434-263-8509 or send an email to [secretary@stmarylovingston.org](mailto:secretary@stmarylovingston.org). Daily Mass on Wednesday will be livestreamed on our Facebook Group. **We could use a volunteer to help with this important service.** All that's needed is a modern smart phone and the ability to log on to the Facebook Group at church! Training will be provided.

## 8) Supporting the Parish.

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS REPORT FY 20-21

	Last Week	Month to Date	Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 3,135.00	\$ 13,827.00
12:30 PM Mass	469.00	1,231.00	5,677.00
e-giving	-	2,272.78	10,110.94
Wintergreen	-	-	-
Holyday	-	-	25.00
Totals	\$ 1,644.00	\$ 6,638.78	\$ 29,639.94

Annual Budget	\$154,000.00
Year to Date	
Budget	37,773.58
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (8,133.64)

While we have limited means to take up a traditional collection the parish still has expenses and bills as shown above in our collections report. So this would be a great time to sign up for eGiving (<https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA947>) if you are capable of giving. Lastly you can always mail a check to the parish or drop your envelope in the basket at the back of the church if you are attending mass.

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9. **PASTOR INSTALLATION**- The Installation of Father Roger as Pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church was held on Saturday 26 September. The mass to install Father Roger was offered by our Bishop Barry Knestout. The mass was livestreamed and is available on our facebook group.

10) **Communications**. We are now publishing electronically a Bulletin/Newsletter. If you are not receiving it, you need to register on Flocknotes. You can sign up by **texting GUADALUPE to 84576** and following the instructions. If you need to do it in **Spanish then text GUADALUPE to 202-765-3441**. To do it online, go to <https://StMaryCatholicChurch12.flocknote.com/everyone>. Only a name and email is required to register but if you have a text number that is highly recommended to ensure you don't miss any important material. **Recently a number of people have been added to FLOCKNOTES using data from the parish's office records. Much of the data is incomplete so if you want to correct your data follow the above process to sign up on flocknotes. That will correct your data.**

**Facebook Group.** The parish has a Facebook Group <https://m.facebook.com/groups/616666051719052/> which you can join by having a Facebook account and then asking to join the group. There are a number of St. Mary Groups on Facebook so make sure

you have ours. Our Logo is prominently displayed and there is no other Lovington St. Mary's. As a member of the group you can post info and ask questions by commenting on posts. When you are asked a question upon requesting to join the group, answer I AM A PARISHIONER. And you will be allowed into the group. Sunday Masses are livestreamed on this group page. **Please pass this info to any parishioner you know who is not receiving information from the parish.**

11. Prayers: Please continue to pray for Deacon Bob Kruse, who is recovering but can use prayers. Please pray for Deacon Dick Nees and the repose of the soul of long time Parishioner Jim Deddens whose funeral.

19. **New Catechist Online Training Platform.** You have probably heard about **Pathways Delivered**. The new Diocesan online training program for CCD teachers, Youth Ministers and others involved with faith formation of children and youth has been released. The training costs \$35. Contact Cindy Parent (703)887-5980 via text if you are a CCD teacher and want to do it or if you want to do it and will become a CCD teacher.

20. **Staff Meeting with the Bishop.** On Friday October 2, all members of the Pastoral and Financial Councils and all staff members will have a virtual/zoom meeting with our Bishop. The zoom invitation has been sent out and a link to a short survey that each participant should complete has also been sent via flocknotes. If you have questions please see Father or call the office.

21. **Readings** for next week. October 4, 2020, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I. Isaiah 5:1-7

II. Philippians 4: 6-9

Gospel. Matthew 21:33-43

Lector - TBD

## **BULLETIN and PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS**

Items to be announced at mass or placed in the Bulletin or Flocknotes must be sent to the office NLT the Wednesday before the event or sooner. Items should be in a Word document that can be cut and pasted. A form to request the announcement is in the office and will be provided via Flocknotes and on our website.

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### **Ministry News**

**CCD** – See above info on registration and program.

### **Pastoral Council**

The council met on Wednesday 9 September at 6:30pm at the church. Minutes pend approval.

**Note, all those holding keys to the main entrance of the church should contact the office as soon as possible and ensure you are on the list.**

### **Migrant Worker Ministry**

The ministry has ceased visits to the migrant camps until it is safe to do so.

### **Prison Ministry**

The prison ministry is on hiatus until the state will allow visitors to the prison.

### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights held a meeting on Tuesday 15 September. Our Knights will shortly be collecting donations for this-years **Coats for Kids** campaign. While school may not be in session physically kids will still need coats for winter so consider donating to this annual cause when the solicitation come out.

**Adoration** – the Knights will participate in an hour of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** held on every First Friday from 12:30-1:30. Mass will be held at 12:00.

During this Pandemic the Knights are now allowing members to join completely on line. Anyone who would like to join via this streamlined and easy process can contact Wayne Parent (wcparent7@aol.com) or Len Thompson (lenthompson@gmail.com) to receive info on how to do this.

## **Knights of Columbus Essay Contest**

### **Sponsored by John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Council 16535**

All students in grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in the 2020 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The Knights of Columbus Essay Contest encourages young Catholics to be more connected with their faith, involve them in civic discourse, and instill in them religious and life-affirming values.

Participants will write a 500-750 word essay on the theme described here:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-essay-topic-2020.html>

Essays will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly the author presents the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination, and overall development of the topic. Essays should be neatly typed using a word-processing program such as Microsoft Word or Google Docs. The author's name should only appear on the entry form (attached) which must be submitted with the essay. Essays should be double-spaced and should have a title. Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the author's original work.

The author of the best essay submitted to our Council will be awarded a cash prize of \$100.00.

All submissions should be emailed to Brian Dudley at [briandudley@gmail.com](mailto:briandudley@gmail.com) by November 15. The form should be submitted also. It is attached to this Flocknote and available for downloading on our website.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

Birthdays: Buzz Goad(1) Nicholas Puzon (1), Emily Anderson (3), Stuart Moore (4), Charlotte Saxon (5), Fr. Kelly (8), Timothy Brown (10), Paul Dudley (11), Donald Mitchem (12), Patty Schmitt, Barb Yates (16), Stu Harvey (17), Matthew Drumheller (19), Desmond Stump (19), Lynn Leder (21), Pattie Millison (23), Sara Ziegler (25) Nikki Waterman (29).

Anniversaries: Gary Jaketic & Claudia Van Koba (20), Donald & Colleen Mitchem (22)

