



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway

Lovington, VA 22949

October 4, 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Intention for the health and well being of Father Pat Apuzzo

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 October 4, 2020/NEWSLETTER #22

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. 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 1st 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 Closed,**

Great news! 40 children have been registered for CCD. As soon as the materials arrive from the publisher two sessions will be scheduled for 1 parent of each child to attend one of the preparation sessions with Father, Deacon and Cindy. Look for a Flocknote announcement on this soon.

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. Daily Mass on Wednesday will be livestreamed on our Facebook Group. **We could use a volunteer to help with this important service and livestream the Friday daily mass.** 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 Week ending 25 September.

	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

THANK YOU TO BISHOP NESTOUT FOR COMING OUT TO OUR AREA LAST SATURDAY , TOURING THE CHURCH AND RECTORY AND INSTALLING FATHER ROGER AS OUR PASTOR DURING THE 5PM MASS AT ST FRANCIS! IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT DUE TO COVIDE MORE PEOPLE COULD NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED AND MET THE BISHOP. IN ADDITION THE BISHOP ALSO HELD A ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING LAST FRIDAY WITH THE MEMERS OF OUR PASTORAL AND FINANCIAL COUNCILS AND PARISH STAFF MEMBERS. THANK YOU BISHOP NESTOUT!

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 GUADLUPE to 84576** and following the instructions. If you need to do it in **Spanish then text GUADALUPE to 202-765-3441.**

If you do not text, you can still register with an email by going 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 and CCD registration. 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 so you can manage your FLOCKNOTES account yourself. The data you put on flocknotes is secure.**

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, the Wednesday daily mass are livestreamed on this group page. Plans are to add the Friday daily mass as soon as possible. Masses are posted on the group page after the livestreaming and can be accessed at any time later for viewing. **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 Father Pat Apuzzo.

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. **Readings** for next week. October 11, 2020, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I. Isaiah 25:6-10a

II. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel. Matthew 22:1-14

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.

secretary@stmarylovingston.org 434-263-8509

Ministry News

CCD – See above info on registration and upcoming meetings with the parents of children registered for this year.

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 2nd 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 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)

