



9900 Thomas Nelson Highway  
Lovingson, VA 22949  
May 21, 2023

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Pastor: Fr. Roger Abadano**

**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.**

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE:**

I extend a warm welcome to our parishioners and our visitors. St. Mary's Catholic Church is where we pray, work, and journey as one united family. Together we create an environment that is Christ-centered and full of spirit. May you always feel welcome and find your place in our parish.

Rev. Fr. Roger Abadano  
St. Mary Catholic Church, Pastor

## **Mass Intentions:**

10 AM

+Calvin Ness and (L) The Ness & Korab Families

12:30PM

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## **Masses at St. Mary's**

- Sunday 10:00 A.M. (English) and 12:30 P.M. (Spanish)
- Every Wednesday 10:00 A.M. - English Mass
- 1st and 2nd Friday of the month 10:00 A.M. - English Mass
- 3rd and 4th Friday of the month 7:00 P.M. - Spanish Mass
- (If there is 5th Friday 10:00 A.M. English Mass)
- Confession: (Sunday) 9:30-9:50 A.M. and 11:45 - 12:20 P.M.

Holy Hour / Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

- 1st Friday of the month right after 10am Mass
- 3rd and 4th Friday of the Month 7:00 -8:00 P.M.
- First Sunday of the month right after 12:30 P.M. Mass

## **Masses at St. Francis**

- Saturday 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday 8:00 A.M. (No Mass, first Sunday of the month)
- Wednesday 1:00 P.M.
- Confession: Saturday 4:30 - 4:50 P.M.

Holy Hour / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- 1st Wednesday of the month right after 1:00 P.M. Mass

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday during the Mass and Holy Hour at St. Mary's, Father will offer a healing blessing and an Anointing of the Sick for those who wish to receive it.**

**Sacraments**

*Baptisms – Contact the office 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.*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

*Monday thru Friday: 8A.M.-12:00 P.M.*

*Fridays: 5:00 -8:00 P.M.*

*Sundays: 9:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M*

**Calendar of Events**

**May**

- 17** Building & Renovation Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 25** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 27** Pentecost Vigil Retreat from 6:30-10pm
- 28** Pentecost Sunday

## Parish News and Notes

- This year we will have **Vacation Bible School** again. The dates are **June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30pm to 8:30pm**. All children ages 4 years and older are invited to attend. After the pandemic, this is a great way for children to get involved again and build relationships with others and with Jesus Christ. There is no cost for this program. Dinner will be served at 6pm for those attending. You can speak with Wayne & Cindy Parent for more information or with Raquel in the office. **We are in search of a few adult volunteers, please consider helping!**
- The office will be closed May 17-19, sorry for any inconvenience.
- In 2022, our 4th degree knights started a flag recognition for Veterans interred at St. Joseph of Arimathea (formerly Holy Cross Cemetery) and Appomattox Catholic Cemeteries. We placed a flag at each of the Veteran's graves in honor of their service to our country. For this year's Memorial Day holiday, we will continue to place the flags. If you have a loved one that is interred at either of these cemeteries, and you noticed that a flag had not been placed on their graves last year, we would like to rectify that omission. We will be meeting at **St. Joseph of Arimathea (Holy Cross Cemetery) at 10 AM on May 27, 2023.** Please provide the name, location or grave number to:

Len Thompson  
Faithful Navigator  
Holy Cross Assembly  
[lenthompson@gmail.com](mailto:lenthompson@gmail.com)  
434-944-0191

- The **Diocesan 2023 Appeal** continues, the QR codes to donate electronically are in the bulletin, on the bulletin board and the front door. Envelopes to donate via paper the old way will be available at a table in the Narthex.

St. Mary has contributed 86% of our 2023 goal of \$10,180.

If you have any issues Wayne Parent is always available to help, as is Raquel in the office, and you can call **Give Central** and they will help. But it is actually pretty easy. If you want to use the old way, we have packages with a pledge form that you can fill out and mail in the enclosed envelope. We will have those available if you request one. We will do the same next weekend at Mass.

The QR codes will be available in the church and contained here in the Bulletin for your use if desired. **THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING TO GIVE TO THE 2023 DIOCESAN APPEAL.**



- **EWTN Kids Faith Adventures** is a free, fun and fortified programming with important lessons to build a strong foundation of faith. Give your children entertainment you can feel good about. Stream on any device or watch on channels 370 (DirectTV) and 261 (Dish Network). Visit [www.ewtnkids.com](http://www.ewtnkids.com) for more information.
- Holy Cross in Lynchburg has an opportunity for one interested teen to travel to SW VA to help build homes for the needy from **June 22-29**. More Information can be found here: <https://richmonddiocese.org/event/diocesan-work-camp-3/>
- There will be a conference in Atlanta, sponsored by LifeTeen. Holy Cross has one spot left if any teen is interested. The dates are **July 11-14**. <https://richmonddiocese.org/event/steubenville-atlanta-youth-conference-3/>

## CCD INFORMATION

Congratulations to all of the First Communicants, Confirmands, and RCIA students for receiving their sacraments and making this a successful year. New classes will begin in the Fall.

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator

909-762-3829

[briandudley@gmail.com](mailto:briandudley@gmail.com)

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FOR EMERGENCY USE AFTER HOURS THE PHONE NUMBER AT THE RECTORY FOR  
FATHER ROGER IS 434-361-6007.

### St Mary Security System Procedures

The new security system at St. Mary requires a 4-digit number to be inputted within 60 seconds of unlocking the front door. If you do not have a code to input, then the alarm will be set off and several people will be immediately notified as well as the Sheriff's office. If you have access to the outside lock box but do not have a 4-digit code, you do not have access to the church. If you are having a meeting during normal working hours then the system should be off if people are already in the church. If you have a question, or if you require access to the church call the office at 434-263-8509.

## SUPPORTING OUR PARISH.

**eGiving** is a secure online method of supporting our parish. It is provided by the **Catholic Foundation in Richmond**. You can easily sign up at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA947>. You can also easily opt out of any planned gifts at any time.

You can also still give via the envelope method. Please see contact the office to sign up for envelopes or email the parish secretary at [secretary@stmarylovingston.org](mailto:secretary@stmarylovingston.org).

## COLLECTIONS REPORT FY 2023

	April	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 7,735.50	\$ 73,262.50
12:30 PM Mass	4,065.00	73,262.50
Wintergreen	-	3,553.00
e-giving	7,090.00	44,672.74
Holyday	1,004.00	8,632.00
Other Donations	220.00	3,475.63
Totals	<hr/> \$ 20,114.50	\$161,655.87
Annual Budget		\$170,000.00
YTD Budget		143,846.15
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 17,809.72

*Note:* The minutes of the Financial Council meetings are available. See Raquel or Jerry in the Parish office.

### Communications

We are now publishing electronically a Bulletin which is distributed via Flock notes and posted on our website. If you are not receiving it, please sign up for a **Flocknotes** account. You can do so by **texting GUADALUPE to 84576** and following the instructions. If you need to do it in **Spanish then text GUADALUPE to 202-765-3441**. There are small cards with this info available in the Narthex and on the Bulletin Board.

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 or communication from the pastor or church.

## **Prayer List**

Jordan Shirk, Hank Gibb, Annabelle Laudeman, Dave Smith, Sutter Blair Strong, Ellie Lattus, Sr. Federico Ruiz, Brianna Vergara Alfaro, Richard Painter, Raymond Parent and Elaine Guidry.

*Please call the office at 434-263-8509 to have someone placed on this prayer list.*

## **Readings** for the next week.

Sunday May 28, 2023, Pentecost Sunday

- I. Acts 2:1-11
  - II. 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
- Gospel: John 20:19-23

Lectors – Jeanne Scott & Gary Scott

Coffee Hostesses Team 2: Mary England, Jean Smith, Lynn Leader, Joyce Claman

## **Altar Servers (Tom Eick) (540) 430-7661**

Anyone interested in helping in this area please contact Tom Eick at 540-430-7661 or [thomaseick4@gmail.com](mailto:thomaseick4@gmail.com).

## **Lectors 10 AM Mass Mary Anne Stevens (434) 263-4940**

May 21

- I. John Petchul
- II. Claudia Van Koba



May 28

I. Jeanne Scott

II. Gary Scott

### **Migrant Worker Ministry.**

Workers have arrived at several camps. We have made several visits to distribute the clothes donated. We will start making visits with Father in June. If you want to be part of this very rewarding work, let me know. If you have men's clothing to donate, please do so ASAP. Please see Wayne Parent for a large donation and put smaller things in the tub provided in the Narthex. Sweatshirts, towels, blankets, jeans, socks and gloves are always in demand. Thanks to all who have donated in the past and those who will donate in the future. Wayne Parent 571-477-5045, [Comms@stmarylovingston.org](mailto:Comms@stmarylovingston.org).

### **Prison Ministry Jackie Castro (240) 620-1465**

Please consider joining the Prison Ministry. We are few in numbers and cannot say enough how fulfilling visiting the residents at Buckingham Correctional Center is. The gentlemen of the St. Mary's Community we encounter there are so memorable and capable of sharing their devotion to our Lord. It truly has become one of the best days of our month. They appreciate having visitors since many do not have family near, which makes it a good time to begin the process of joining the Prison Ministry. If you have any please call Jackie Castro at 240-620-1465.

### **Ladies Guild (Mary Ann Popielarz /Mary Anne Stevens)**

**(434) 996-8081**

**(434) 263-494**



**John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Council 16535**

**Grand Knight – Wayne Parent**

**Deputy Grand Knight – Len Thompson**

**This year's Officers were installed on July 12 by District Deputy and Father Roger. For a complete list of all the Officers, see the list posted on the Parish's bulletin board.**

**Join the Knights!** Our Knights of the John Paul II Council have in a few short years established the council as the go-to organization if you need help with any efforts at the parish (Special Masses and Feast Days, funerals, weddings, etc.). The council raises several thousand dollars each year to donate to Charitable organizations (Ukraine Solidarity Fund, Lifespring Pregnancy Center, KOVAR and more). We hold dinners and breakfasts to raise funds and partner with the Ladies Guild to make purchases for the parish (Pascal Candle, Outside Nativity Scene, etc.). Our members are Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, CCD Teachers and more. If you want to be part of this effort, see Wayne Parent, Len Thompson or any Knight (wearing nametags at Mass). We would be happy to have another Catholic Gentleman join our ranks. You must be 18 years of age and a practicing Catholic.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries for May**

### May Birthdays

- 01 Patricia Davis, Miguel Casimiro A.
- 05 Colleen Mitchem, Jacob Bender, Olivia Annalise Velázquez
- 08 Aura Ramírez
- 09 Luz María Soriano
- 10 Dave Smith, Trinidad Lopez, Mariana Casimiro Álvarez
- 11 Evelio Arroyo
- 12 Lindy Casale
- 13 Brian Bonilla Jiménez
- 14 John Demsky, Aura Aguilar
- 17 Nancy Oyer
- 19 Roslyn Whitehead, Raquel Garcia

- 21 Stan Olah, Viviana Lopez
- 24 Mateo Alcántara Casimiro
- 25 Ed McCann
- 26 Stella Johnson

**May Anniversaries**

- 01 Hector & Raquel Garcia
- 02 Bill & Mary England
- 15 Dr. James & Cindy Brewer
- 19 Wayne & Cindy Parent
- 20 Dave & Jean Smith
- 21 Sr. Pedro Jr. & Cynthia Serrano
- 22 José & Silvia Serrano
- 28 Jorge Lopez & María Sánchez

**Please submit your name and birthday or anniversary to the office to be included:  
secretary@stmarylovingston.org or 434-263-8509.**