

St. Mary Catholic Church

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stmarylovington.org

Pastor: Father Rogelio Abadano
Deacon Peter Coleman

*“Lord Jesus, open
the Scriptures to
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speak to us.”*

- Luke

24:32

*April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter*





St. Mary Mass Schedule

Sunday | 10 am English

12:30 pm Spanish

Wednesday | 10 am

1st, 2nd, & 5th Friday | 10 am English

3rd & 4th Friday | 7pm Spanish

3rd Friday | 7pm Healing Blessing & Anointing

St. Francis Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5 pm

Sunday | 8 am

No Mass the 1st Sunday of the month

Wednesday | 1 pm

Holy Hour/Adoration Schedule

St. Mary: 1st Friday | 10:30 - 11:30 am

2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday | 7:00 - 8:00 pm

1st Sunday | After 12:30 pm Mass

St. Francis: 1st Wednesday | After 1:00 pm Mass

Reconciliation

St. Mary: Sunday | 9:30 - 9:50 am

11:45 am - 12:20 pm

Or By Appointment

St. Francis: Saturday | 4:30 - 4:50 P.M

Or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours

Sunday | 9:30 am - 12:30pm

Monday-Thursday | 8 am - 12 pm

Friday | 8 am - 12 pm | 5 pm - 8 pm

Saturday | Closed

For **Emergency Use** after hours the phone number at the rectory for
Father Roger is 434-361-6007.

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.

Fr. Roger L. Abadano
Pastor

Stay Connected

Phone - (434) 263-8509

Email - secretary@stmarylovingston.org

Website - www.stmarylovingston.org

Flocknote - Text **Guadalupe** to 84576 to join our email communications



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

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

10am Mass:

✠ **Joseph & Ruth Kessel**

requested by
Marti Naro

12:30 pm Mass:

Rafael Carrillo

requested by
Raquel Garcia

Prayers for Parishioners

Jordan Shirk, Hank Gibb, Annabelle Laudeman, Sutter Blair Strong, Ellie Lattus, Federico Ruiz, Brianna Vergara Alfaro, Raymond Parent, Elaine Guidry, Colleen Doran, Tony Kitchen, Gary Jaketic, Carmen & Ramon Garcia, Carl Doerr, Bob Donovan, Stu Harvey, Richard Plourde, Renee Brumfield, Marti Naro, Juan Casas, and Chris Flynn.



Bulletin Info

Contact the Parish Office if you wish to add someone to the Prayer List, Mass Intentions, Birthday/Anniversary List or would like something announced.

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 am & 12 pm on Sunday and any time by appointment.



Next Week's Readings

Sunday April 21,
Fourth Sunday of Easter

I. Acts 4:8-12

II. 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Lectors- Houser Boyette and Ruger Young

Coffee Hostesses: Team 1: Mary Anne Stevens, Becky Davis, Kay Thompson

April Lector Schedule

April 07

I. Jerry Gress

II. Ed Camden

April 14

I. John Petchul

II. Claudia Van Koba

April 21

I. Houser Boyette

II. Ruger Young

April 28

I. Jeanne Scott

II. Gary Scott

Events

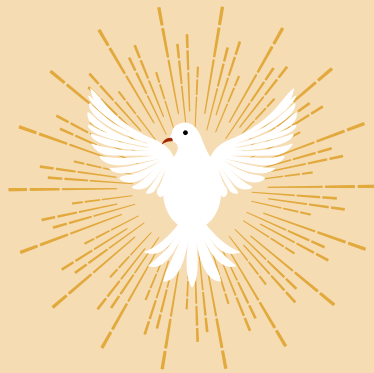
APRIL

- 12 3rd Annual Knights of Columbus Ukraine Benefit 6-9pm
- 14 Hispanic Altar Server Consecration Practice after 12:30p Mass
- 21 Hispanic Altar Server Consecration during 12:30p Mass
- 28 Last Day of CCD classes, Food Sale between Masses

MAY

- 03 Holy Communion Confessions and Rehearsal @ 6pm
- 05 Holy Communion @ 10am & 12:30pm
- 16 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 26 Food Sale between Masses

Congratulations to our Confirmation students this year for receiving their Sacrament on Thursday, April 11th!



Adriana Albarran Villa
Jocelyn Alonso Becerra
Immanol Barragan Ortiz
Brandon Espinosa Navarro
Briadna Espinosa
Brian Espinosa Navarro
Cristofer Flores Puentes
Elisabeth Galvez Becerra
Angel Mandujano Ruiz
Stephanie Mendoza Aguado
Josue Ramirez Donjuan
Brandon Gonzalez
Isabel Rodriguez Jaimes
Yoselynn Vazquez Apolinar
Cipriano Villa Andres

Parish News

- A big **Thank You** to Leticia Gomez, the Divine Mercy Coordinator, and all the volunteers for their contributions to the successful celebration last Sunday.
- **Walk For Life 2024** benefiting Life Spring Pregnancy Center will be **Saturday, April 27th**. Please see Mary Ann Popielarz if you would like to sponsor her. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Thank you** to all the families who contributed towards the Easter Lilies and making our parish look beautiful for Easter.
- **First Communion** will be on **Sunday May 5th, 2024**, here at St. Mary. The students' **First Confession** will be on **Friday May 3rd at 6pm**. Please let Ms. Raquel which Mass your child will attend so that we can properly prepare for that day.
- A ring has been found in the church parking lot and turned into the office. If you believe it might be yours, please see Ms. Raquel and describe the ring, even better if you have a picture of the ring.
- A key was also found in the parking lot near the Food Pantry. If you have been missing a key, please see Ms. Raquel to see if it might be it.

Events & News

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- The **Trail at St. Mary's** has been cleared and can now be enjoyed by all. Feel free to visit the Stations on the trail while you enjoy the tranquility around you. We do advise that you be careful if you do hike the trail.
- St. Mary is still looking for a committed pianist/organist that is available for Sunday Mass (English and Spanish Mass). Ms. Peggy would like to spend more quality time with her brother and her family. Please contact the office or Ms. Peggy if you are interested.
- The movie **Irena's Vow** is based on the real-life experiences of Catholic nurse Irene Gut Opdyke (1918-2003). Famed for her rescue of Jews, Opdyke was named Righteous Among the Nations by the Israeli Holocaust Commission. In 1995, she received a special blessing from St. John Paul II who also invited her to a personal audience. This film will be in theaters on **April 15th and 16th** at select theaters. Please see link for tickets and showtimes:
<https://www.fathomevents.com/events/irenas-vow/>

St. Mary's New Religious Education Building



If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Kay Thompson, Father Roger, or the office. For questions regarding donations or e-Giving, please reach out to Jerry Gress.

E-giving for the Education Building Fund

There are two ways to donate to the education building fund using FaithDirect for a donation.

1. If you already contribute through FaithDirect, you can set up periodic payments to go to the building fund. Simply log on to your account and set up the donation as you would for any other donation you make through FaithDirect.

2. If you do not contribute now through FaithDirect, or if you do but prefer not to set up periodic payments, you can make a one-time donation (as many times as you would like) by using the following link:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA947/54470>

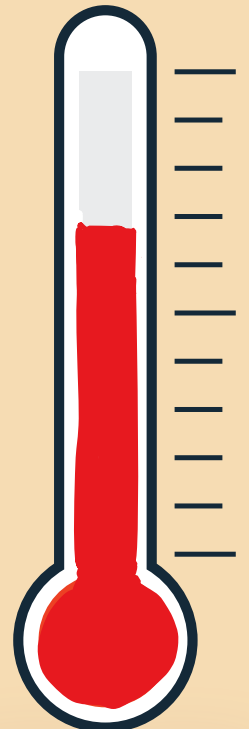
\$ 168,770

FUNDS RAISED
TO DATE

\$ 518,770

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO DATE

OUR
GOAL
\$750,000



69.2%

Ministry Coordinators

If you are interested in helping in any of the ministries shown below please reach out to the corresponding person or contact the Office.
We are always in need of volunteers and all are welcome!



English Coordinators

Financial Council
Edward Camden

Pastoral Council
Gregory Davis

Ladies Guild
Mary Ann Popielarz

Knights of Columbus
Gary Scott

Migrant Ministry
Wayne Parent

Choir
Peggy Nees

Bulletin
Raquel Garcia

FlockNotes Coordinator
Wayne Parent

Decorations/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers
Mary Anne Stevens

Altar Servers
Thomas Eick

Maintenance
Gary Scott

Bookkeeper
Jerome Gress

Prison Ministry
Jacqueline Castro

Ushers
John Petchul

Community Life
Eleanor Crichlow

CCD
Brian Dudley



Hispanic Coordinators

General Coordinator
Jose Lopez

Children's Mass
Kathy Barragan

Baptism Preparation
Norma Espinoza

Quniceañera Preparation
Angeles Crescensio

Wedding Preparation
Henry & Karina Lopez

Choir
Imelda Huerta

Divine Mercy Coordinator
Leticia Gomez

Children's Dance & Presentation Coordinator
Modesta Sosa

Lectors
Rosa Mateo

Altar Servers
Jorge Lopez

Decorations/Flowers
Guadalupe Serrano

Eucharistic Ministers
Karen Rodriguez & Guadalupe Serrano

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Pedro Serrano

Ushers
Miguel Casimiro

Video Camera Operator
Franco de la Luz



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

John Paul 2nd Council 16535

Grand Knight: Gary Scott

Deputy Grand Knight: Jay Flynn

Join the Knights! There are over 29,000 Knights in Virginia doing amazing works of Charity while providing support for our Parishes.

Our Knights of the John Paul II Council have 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 funds to donate to Charitable Organizations (i.e., the Ukraine Solidarity Fund, LifeSpring Pregnancy Center, KOVAR homes for mentally disabled, etc.) We hold breakfasts and dinners to raise funds and partner other Church Organizations like The Ladies Guild to make purchases for the parish. Come join our ranks you must be 18 years of age and a practicing Catholic.

This year's Officers were installed on July 12 by District Deputy and Father Roger. For a complete list of all the Officers please see the Parish's Bulletin Board.

Ladies Guild

Mary Ann Popielarz & Mary Anne Stevens

If you have questions or are interested in joining the Ladies Guild contact Mary Ann Popielarz at (434) 996-8081 or Mary Anne Stevens at (434) 263-4940.

CCD

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator

For questions or more information contact Brian Dudley at (909) 762-3829 or briandudley@gmail.com.

Our Ministries

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Prison Ministry **Jackie Castro**

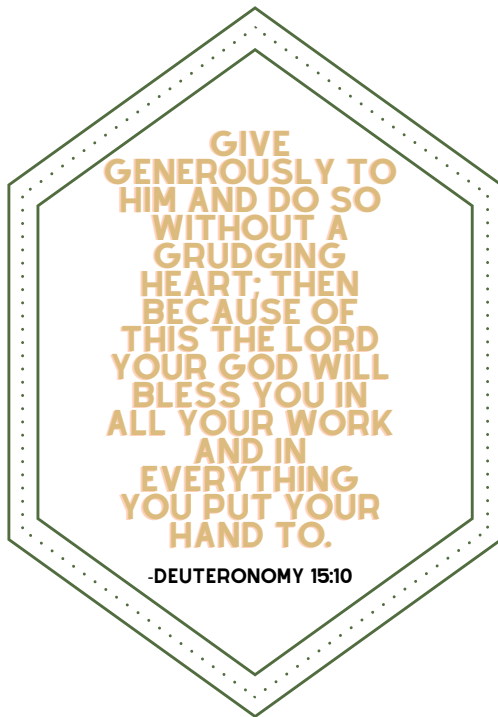
THE PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! Our Saint Mary's prison ministry is now down to only 3 people. We cannot say enough how rewarding an experience this is. It takes several weeks or more to go through the process of getting approved, so if you've been thinking about doing this, please start now. Thank you for considering this worthwhile and life-changing experience.

-Jackie Castro

Migrant Worker Ministry **Wayne Parent**

One of the oldest ministries at St. Marys is the Migrant Worker ministry which records visits to the migrant worker camps during Father Hamlin's time as pastor in the 1989's. At present there are approximately 12 migrant camps in the Nelson County area housing upwards of 300 migrant workers at various times of the year. The ministry is a presence ministry attempting to reach as many of the workers as possible each year. We distribute donated clothes especially cold weather clothing, pray with them, distribute faith items, and Father celebrates mass at several of the camps each year. Our effort is well recognized as the diocese provides us with a financial grant each year which allays some costs. As well, several local parishes provide support to us as well. We distribute faith articles such as rosaries, bibles, prayer cards and holy water. We also purchase and distribute personal items such as gloves, socks, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc . If you want to help this large group of Catholics in our area, please contact Wayne Parent (571-477-5045, wcparent7@aol.com) or see Raquel in the office. We typically start with clothes distribution in late February and end the season with visits at Christmas time to camps with workers overwintering.

Parish Giving



	March	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 5,538.00	\$ 59,725.28
12:30 PM Mass	3,562.00	27,852.00
e-giving	4,115.00	37,930.00
Holyday	405.00	10,200.00
Other Donations	-	2,737.00
Totals	\$ 13,620.00	\$ 138,444.28
Annual Budget		\$ 173,000.00
Year to Date Budget		133,076.92
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 5,367.36

Note: The minutes of the Financial Council meetings are available for review by any Parishioner. See Raquel or Jerry in the Parish office.

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.



Upcoming April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Abigail Mason
- 3 Nancy Kritzer
- 6 Kyle Kelly, Greg Wade, Eleanor Jones
- 10 Abril Casimiro Santarrosa
- 13 Peggy Nees, Ruger Young, Yodi Morales Garcia
- 15 Cathey McCann
- 19 Sue Ellen Petchul, Sebastian Bonilla
- 20 Jorge Lopez Lopez, Stacy Puzon, Elizabeth Mason, Terry Rednagle
- 24 Gary Jaketic
- 25 Ed Camden, Thomas Alcantara Casimiro
- 26 Abigail Vega Muñoz, Erika Martinez
- 27 Jeremiah Mahoney, Julian Jimenez
- 28 Paul Naro, Amy Brown
- 30 Christina Boyette

Anniversaries

- 13 Henry & Karina Lopez
- 16 James & Barbara Tinsley, Linda Whitlock & Terry Brown
- 19 Richard & Judy Plourde
- 24 Dick & Peggy Nees
- 28 Bruce & Lynn Leder

*May your
next year be
filled with
His joy and
love.*

Birthday Blessings are performed on the 1st Sunday of the month during 10am Mass and on the 2nd Sunday of the month during 12:30pm Mass.



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-Luke 24:32