

St. Mary Catholic Church

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stmarylovington.org

Pastor: Father Rogelio Abadano
Deacon Peter Coleman

*“A great
prophet has
risen in our
midst.
God has
visited his
people.”*

-Luke

7:16



July 28, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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:

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12:30pm Mass:

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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, Carmen & Ramon Garcia, Carl Doerr, Stu Harvey, Richard Plourde, Renee Brumfield, Marti Naro, Chris Flynn, Krissy Martin, Joshua Piland, Ron Westgate & Kathleen Vanison.



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, August 04

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I. Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

II. Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Lectors- Jeanne Scott & Gary Scott

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

August Lector Schedule

August 04

I. Jeanne Scott

II. Gary Scott

August 11

I. Kay Thompson

II. Houser Boyette

August 18

I. Jerry Gress

II. Carolyn Drumheller

August 25

I. Elizabeth Mason

II. Nick Mason

Events

JULY

29 Father Roger's Vacation to the Philippines Begins

AUGUST

01 Explore Catholicism's **MOVIE NIGHT @ 6:30pm** (St. Francis)

08 Migrant Camp Visit: Leave church @ 6:30pm

10 Parish Yard Sale

18 CCD Starts

22 Migrant Camp Visit: Leave church @ 6:30pm

25 Food Sale between Masses

Parish News

Faith Formation for Children and Adults: We are excited to announce a learning tool called **FORMED** that will be used as a resource by our catechists, and more importantly its for students and parents in the home. [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) is a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, cartoons, audio dramas, ebooks, and talks in English and Spanish. **It is free for every parishioner!** You can sign up for **FORMED** if you don't have a smart phone by using your computer. Go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) and put in the zip code for St Mary's - **22949** - and then complete the registration information as requested and you're done!

- **Explore Catholicism's MOVIE NIGHT:** We will feature a Catholic movie classic. The title is a surprise, but it's guaranteed to delight you and your family (middle schoolers and older). The theme is persistence and trust in God. There will be popcorn and drinks. Please be prompt.
Date: Thursday, August 1st
Time: 6:30pm
Location: St Francis of Assisi Social Hall (332 South Main St., Amherst)
- **CCD Registration has started.** Please pick up a registration form from the office or off the table in the Narthex. **Last day to register will be August 4th!** Classes begin **August 18th.**
- 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.
- We marked our **3rd Annual Family Day** last Sunday. A big **thank you** to all those who contributed significantly to its success, as well as everyone who participated in the event. We can't wait to do this again next year!

Events & News

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>

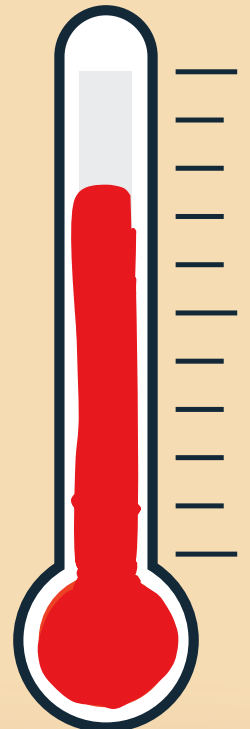
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FUNDS RAISED
TO DATE

\$ 540,419

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO DATE

OUR
GOAL
\$750,000



72.06%

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.

Ladies Guild

Mary Ann Popielarz & Mary Anne Stevens

St. Mary's Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, August 10th** from **8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Household items that are gently used are most welcomed. We do have a few restrictions on items that we can accept. They are (1) only baby clothes, (2) no T.V.'s, and (3) no baby cribs. The yard sale is organized by the Ladies Guild. We will be accepting donations on **Sunday, August 4th after the 10:00 Mass and Monday – Friday, August 5th thru August 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** We do need volunteers to help organize and price the items. Please contact Mary Ann Popielarz (434-996-8081-prolifemema@aol.com) or Mary Anne Stevens (434-841-1453 - mastennis@earthlink.net) if you have any questions or would like to help with the set-up and/or the sale.

The proceeds from the sale this year will help fund projects for St. Mary's. Members from the Ladies Guild will help coordinate the set up and sale, but we would appreciate help from volunteers from the parish.

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.

Our Ministries

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CCD

Brian Dudley, Faith Formation Coordinator

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

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.

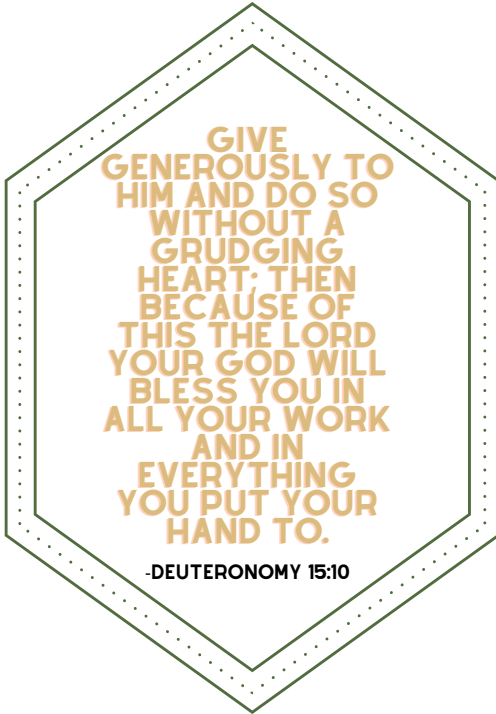
-Jackie Castro

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



	June	Fiscal Year to Date
10 AM Mass	\$ 4,884.00	\$ 76,896.28
12:30 PM Mass	2,492.00	35,071.00
e-giving	4,050.00	49,180.00
Holyday	-	10,551.00
Other Donations	-	3,612.00
Totals	\$ 11,426.00	\$175,310.28
Annual Budget		\$173,000.00
Year to Date		
Budget		173,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 2,310.28

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 July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 3 Hank Gibb
4 Dylan Domínguez
5 José María Serrano Maldonado
7 Virginia Saunders, Yeidi López Espinoza
8 Sarah Castline
10 Mary Ellen Maybee
11 Hannah Glatt
13 Liam Romero
14 Mickey McKinney
15 Veronica Massie, Makaula Massie
16 Amy Bender, Mark Miller, Ethan Castline
19 Amy Gruber
20 Lucero López-Sánchez
21 Haley Wade, Danica McGeehan
22 Silvia Maldonado
24 Crispín Mateo
25 John Petchul
26 Jordi Ariel López Sánchez
27 Gary Scott
28 Noel Maldonado
29 Bruce Leader, Missy Wade, Terry Brown

Anniversaries

- 7 Joe & Judy Serkes
21 John & Joyce Claman
24 José & Trinidad López

*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 7:16

