

COMMUNITY NEWS



Canned Goods Needed

Please remember to bring food goods (cans and packages) and place them in the offering baskets. Just one can per family makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity!

Sing Praise!

Gary Jaketic's CD, "Sing Praise," is now available for \$10 in the glass cabinet in the Narthex. Please see Mary Anne Stevens for details or to purchase one.

NEW ST JOSEPH MISSALS

Revised St. Joseph Missals will be available in the narthex cabinet as soon as they arrive. Please see Mary Anne Stevens for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements during Mass will be made by either Deacon Nees or Mary Anne Stevens after Holy Communion. Please see them before Mass with announcements that need to be made. Thank you!



"I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out."

Time flies at warp speed.
Lord, let us not cling to things.
Make us indifferent
to everything
but love

A. Osdieck

COLLECTION REPORT

	Regular	4 wk. av.	
11/06/11	\$3,936.00	\$3,007.05	(\$162 All Saints)
11/13/11	\$2,253.00	\$2,804.75	(\$35 All Saints)
11/20/11	\$2,409.00	\$2,943.00	
11/27/11	\$1,889.00	\$2,621.00	(\$160 Wintergreen)

(There is a notebook in the Church Library with the Finance Council Meeting Minutes. This includes the latest Fiscal Year Budget and Annual Report. Additionally, Finance Council Information" binder is available for review in Eleanor's office.)

👑 HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY! (day) 👑

Lilly Smith (1), Joanne Camden (4), Joe Serkes (5), Joseph Rednagle (6), Paul Drumheller (16), Mary Anne Stevens (18), Tom Eick (19), Abigail Mitchum (19), Alayna Wade (21), Martha Anderson (21), Fred Masotti (23) Luis Castro (24), Madeline Hamilton (26), Martí Naro (28)

PARISH CONTACTS

Altar Servers	Tom Eick	277-5491
Baptisms & Marriage	Fr. Kelly	263-8509
Bookkeeper	Edie Rider	263-8509
Building Maintenance	Bill England	277-9551
Church Main Number		263-8509
E-Mail	stmarystfrancischurch@verizon.net	
Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors	Mary Ann Stevens	263-4940
Ladies' Guild	Mary Ann Popielarz	263-5981
Mass Intentions	Eleanor Crichlow	263-8509
Music & Choir	Peggy Nees Kathleen Vanison	263-6923 962-5493
Pastoral Council	Jerry Gress Jose Zepeda	361-1571 946-9039
Parish Secretary	Eleanor Crichlow	831-2791
Prison Ministry	Gwen Casale	263-5025
Rectory		263-4625
Religious Education	Deacon Richard Nees	263-6923
Weekly Bulletin	Martí Naro	263-4762
Website	Paul & Martí Naro	263-4762
Website Address	www.stmarycatholicchurch.com	
Youth Group	Jim Imbur	933-8185

New Parishioners: Welcome! You are invited to be an active and participating member of our parish. Please fill out a registration card and ask about our welcome packet.

AA/NA Meetings: For those recovering from alcohol and/or drug addiction. Monday night, 8 PM.

Learn more about Catholicism: Fr. Kelly meets Thursdays, 10 AM, in the church library. Please call to confirm in case of cancellation.

Ladies' Guild: Meets the 1st Saturday of the month. The recitation of the Rosary begins the meeting, followed by the guild meeting and then a covered-dish luncheon. Please be welcome to join this productive and enjoyable group.

*"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"
Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

Ps. 40



St. Mary's Catholic Church

9900 Thomas Nelson Highway
Lovingston, VA 22949

January 22, 2012
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intention: † George Marker
Requested by: Alec and Peggy Robertson

Father Daniel Kelly, Pastor



Masses:
Sunday/Domingo 9:00 AM (English), 11 AM (Español)
Wednesday/Miércoles 12:00 Noon
Friday/Viernes 12:00 Noon

Confessions:
Sunday/Domingo 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Wednesday, 11:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration:
First Friday/Primier Viernes, after Mass and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

WHO ARE YOU?

The first reading poses a puzzle that has bedeviled philosophers and theologians.

God tells Jonah to announce to the people of Ninevah this line: Forty days more and Ninevah shall be destroyed.

God is announcing his own intention here, and God does not lie—Furthermore, the people of Ninevah believe this line to be true. That is why they fast and repent. And God is pleased with them for doing so.

BUT here is the problem: the line seems to be false. At any rate, forty days after Jonah's announcement, the city is still standing. And so here is the puzzle: could God say and approve people for believing a line that is false? *(cont. below)*

HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE THE LORD IS WITH THEE

(cont. from above)

Philosophers and theologians have had a lot to say about this puzzle. But here is a simple thought.

When God intervenes dramatically in your life, he puts your whole life immediately at a major cross-road. You can either ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn't really matter, or didn't really care what you did, or maybe didn't really exist at all.

Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with trust and a willingness to obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life aside, for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won't be who you were before. You will be a new person, in him and for him.

The people of Ninevah respond to God's call in this second way. When they hear God's voice through Jonah and repent, their whole lives change. Because they repent, they become very different people from the people they had been. And so the whole city becomes a very different city from the one it had been.

There are, then, two ways in which the Lord's line can be true. Ninevah can be destroyed either because God destroys the city or because the people cease to be the Ninevah that they were. Either way, the old Ninevah will no longer exist.

And so God's line is never false. The people of Ninevah make it true in the best way by believing it to be true. When they respond with repentance, with trust and obedience, they cease to be what they were. And then, in that best way, Ninevah is destroyed.

Dr. Eleonore Stump, "Glancing Thoughts," <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

SUPPORT THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are given to individuals who need God's comforting arms wrapped around them while they recover from illness, surgery or other treatments, or in times of loneliness. This ongoing ministry has offered over 50 prayer shawls. Thank you for your time and donations of yarn! Your suggestions for recipients are welcome. For more information, please contact Jean Smith (277-5224), Joanne Camden (361-2439) or Mary Anne Stevens (263-4940).



Every 3rd Thursday at 9 AM the narthex is open for fellowship while knitting and crocheting!

JOIN THE PRISON MINISTRY

Please consider joining this important parish project. For more information, Please contact Gwen Casale (263-5025).

NOVENAS: SOMETIMES WE NEED A REMINDER!

From www.praymorenovenas.com:

Have you ever started praying a novena only to forget to pray it after a few days? This used to happen to me all the time! I started this website to help me and you to remember to pray all 9 days of the novena prayers. I do this by sending you email reminders with the novena prayers right in the body of the email.

Now, if you're like me, you check your email every day. So, when you're checking your email, you will be reminded to get praying!

It turns out that I'm not the only one who needs reminding... So far, several thousand people have joined in praying novenas with the help of these little reminders!

You can get your own reminder and pray together with thousands of others by signing up at <http://www.praymorenovenas.com>

This month we are praying the novena to St. John Bosco (Don Bosco).

Join us in praying!



HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY! *(day)*

Nick & Kathy Hamner (3), Andrew & Osiris Shannon (10), John & Sue Petchul (13), Luis & Jackie Castro (15), Emil & Nancy Kritzer (28), Al & Elaine Guidry (28)

FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

Scriptures	Dt 18:15-20 Ps. 95 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28
Altar Servers	Alayna, Max and Seneca
Lectors	Jeanne and Gary Scott
Cantor	Aleta Childs
Eucharistic Ministers	Buzz and Brenda Goad
Coffee Hosts	T3: Aleta, Gene, Claudia



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Our homebound parishioner: Bernardino Rodrigues.
Our infirm: Ruth Adams, Ryan Babral, Marsha Babcock Bryant, Susan Carol Caylor, Frank Castaldi, Evelyn Cheape, Nancy Clark, Piper Gill, Susie Hammond, Rebecca Hee, Fernando Iniesta, Carol King, Nancy Macke, June Nixon, Sue Norris, Patricia Powers, Iris Ryder, Rowena Scott, Linda Shiffett, Becky Smith, Tonya Snead, Ginger Taylor, Carrie Wade, Dorothy Young.
Please pray for God's Blessings: Marguerite Stiemly, Marianne Mahoney and Carrie Wade.

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Nota bene: The deadline for receipt of bulletin additions are noon, Thursday. Outside of special circumstances, space is on a first come-first serve basis. Thank you! ~mn