

COMMUNITY NEWS



ST MARY'S MARDI GRAS PARTY!

Come Celebrate Mardi Gras with us at St. Mary's! February 17, starting at 6 PM. Bring a favorite covered dish and BYO Beer and wine for all to enjoy.

GUIDELINES FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday Feb 22nd – Distribution of ashes at the 12 Noon Mass and the 6:30 PM Mass at St. Mary's and at the 1:10 PM and 5 PM Masses at St. Francis of Assisi in Amherst

Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7 PM at both St. Mary's and St. Francis of Assisi beginning next Friday, February 24th.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012 and Good Friday, April 6, 2012, are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

****Please see next page for fasting and abstinence guidelines.**

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!

COLLECTION REPORT

	Regular	4 wk. av.	Wintergreen
01/03/12	\$3,021.00	\$2,816.63	\$405
01/08/12	\$5,766.60	\$3,428.65	\$195
01/15/12	\$3,002.00	\$3,572.40	\$195
01/22/12	\$2,064.50	\$3,463.53	

(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.)

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	marti@xceltech.net
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.

But because of my integrity you sustain me and let me stand before you forever. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from all eternity. Amen. Amen. Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.. Ps. 41



St. Mary's Catholic Church

9900 Thomas Nelson Highway
Lovingston, VA 22949

February 19, 2012
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intention: † Andrew Garland
Requested by: Eric Hoover

Father Daniel Kelly, Pastor

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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.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

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! 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).

FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012	
Scriptures	Gn 9:8-15 ☼ Ps. 25 1 Pt 3:18-22 ☼ Mk 1:12-15
Altar Servers	Alayna, Max and Seneca
Lectors	Jerry Gress, Virginia Saunders
Cantor	tba
Eucharistic Ministers	Buzz and Brenda Goad
Coffee Hosts	T3: Grace, Gene, Claudia, Aleta



HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE THE LORD IS WITH THEE

STUDENT REFLECTIONS: SOMETHING NEW

I have heard today's first reading before. Now, you're probably thinking, "Of course she has, it has been read in Mass hundreds of times, and it's in the Bible, surely this girl has read that!"

Yes, it's true. What I mean, though, is that I have truly listened to today's first reading before: read it and have truly received meaning from it. A good friend first gave me this scripture reading about two years ago, during a time of spiritual crisis in my life, in hopes that it would guide me in my time of need.

During that period, I seriously doubted my faith, wondering if I could be Catholic if I was questioning the very pillars of the faith. I was seeking answers wherever I could, when I received Isaiah 43 typed on a sheet of computer paper. I remember reading the verse, "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?," and wondering if it could be true that God was using this tumultuous time to actually bring me closer to Him. A seed was planted that day; my faith crisis was not solved, not by a long shot, but as I look back upon that day in retrospect, I can see that God, indeed, was doing something new in my life. It was around that time that I decided not to give up hope.

To this day, some of my questions still have not been answered, and my faith is still being formed. However, I can say that I am spiritual woman, I will never give up on my journey for answers, and I am stronger for having gone through this. By means of my faith crisis I have discovered who my God is, how he is great, and why I truly do believe in him. That period of my life was not only turmoil, but also full of great blessings. Something new had been happening, after all.

Rachel Dratnol
Saint Louis University
Graduate Student

A POEM TO SIT WITH

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

Covenant

My child	I am putting my heart	
I know it is difficult to love	Now I will be suffering	
I know it is difficult to forgive	now I will be forgiving	
I know it is difficult to suffer	now I will be loving	
but look	in you	
I am taking away your heart and in its place	my heart is beating in you	J. Janda

👑 **HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY!** (day) 👑

Jim Brewer (3), Eleanor Critchlow (4), Matthew Vanison (6), David White (7), Richard Kelley (9), Maddy Brewer (10), Nancy Lawler (12), Patrick Drumheller (15), Maria Kelley (16), Bill England (17), Mary Ann Popielarz (17) Woody Lynch (17), Nick Hamner (18), Nancy Connor (18), Alice Imbur (20), Carolyn Drumheller (24), Any White (24) Sarah Glatt (24), Teddy Wood (26)

🐣 **HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY!** (day)

Hank and Barbara Gibb (5), David and Cathy White (12)

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, Becky 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! ~mm