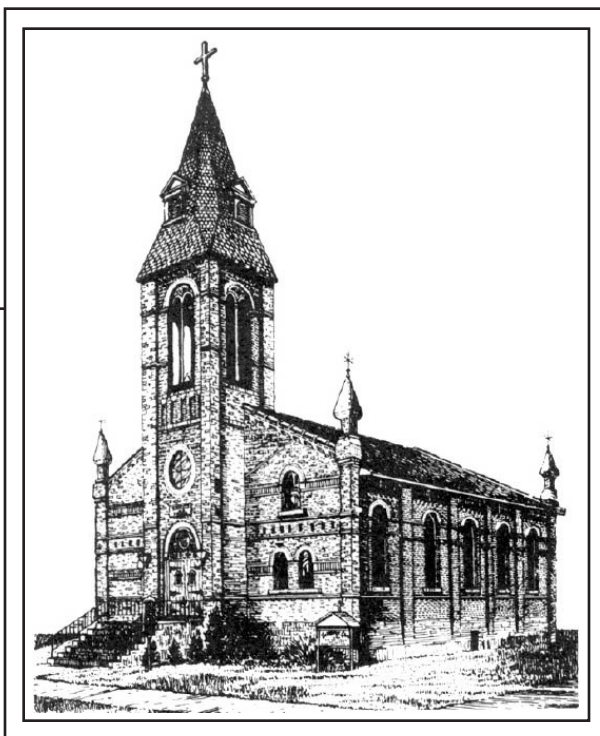


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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to Mass

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH

St. Mary's Elementary School . . . 705-445-6132  
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**BAPTISMS:** Please call the Parish Office.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS:** Holy Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** must be received at the parish office by Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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## LENT: FIVE DAYS OF REFLECTION AT ST. MARY'S

Five, one-hour Lenten Talks in the church  
each Thursday of Lent:

**Thursday, March 13**

**Thursday, March 20**

**Thursday, March 27**

**Thursday, April 3**

**Thursday, April 10**

At 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a Penitential season. This is a serious time for us to respond to the grace of God as both the Church and each of us individually. As pastor, I will be hosting 5-days of 1-hour reflections at 7:00 pm on each of the Thursdays of Lent, except for the Thursday following Ash Wednesday (March 6) when there is a Confirmation Parent Info. Meeting. The talks on various Lenten themes will be given in the church each week and I will plan for a time near the end of each session to address questions that can be placed in a 'Question Box'. If there are no written questions, I will just continue to drain the life out of all participants for the hour.

In the 3+ years I have been pastor of St. Mary's, we haven't had a series like this but it will be a bit of a spiritual stretching for me as a priest-presenter and will afford all of us, who want to deepen our faith and grow closer to Christ, to look squarely at the Lenten message to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel". The present and great divisions in the world are really evidence of the divisions within ourselves where temptation can lead us down paths and in directions that are contrary to our salvation in Christ. They can and will never lead us to a real sense of happiness. Christ is our home and while we tend to regard Christmas as the nostalgic time to return home for the holidays, we are all the more in need of coming for the first time or returning once again to the Father's House. Christ waits for us like the father in Jesus' Prodigal Son story, but He won't wait for ever.

Grace is at work in us and in every person you know who also needs God. We can head in many directions in life in order to find fulfillment but only the Heart of Jesus can occupy that space because He made it and desires to dwell there with our renewed or first-time invitation of Him to do so. In John's Gospel, he so often speaks to our heart, the center of all our loves with the invitation to 'abide in me as I abide in you'. (Jn 15:4) When I ask the children in school during class visits, "Where is Jesus?", they either say He's in heaven or in our hearts. Yet the indwelling of Jesus, His life, His love, His truth must be stirred up like the Spirit He gave so that its reality is far more than mere words but an experienced sense of just how close He is to us. We live the life of Jesus in that He ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in us not just camping out there but moving us toward the experience of and living with God. Come home to Christ, being reconciled to Him through the great gift of Reconciliation and allow Him to live in you as you live and make your home in Him.

## Weekday Lenten Liturgy Changes

Each year in the season of Lent we have to make changes to our weekday schedule of liturgies due to the change on Fridays with Stations of the Cross. The following will be the Lenten schedule for weekdays:

**Ash Wednesday (March 5<sup>th</sup>)**

**Mass with Ashes at 12 noon and 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday** evenings – Mass at 7:00 pm.  
*with confessions from 6:30 – 6:55 pm.*

**Wednesday** – Mass at 8:30 am. (as usual)

**Thursday** morning – Holy Hour at 7:30 am  
with Mass at 8:30 am.  
*(Thursday's at 7:00 pm. Lenten Talks in the church)*

**Friday's** – 6:30 pm. Stations of the Cross  
followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

Confessions also each Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 pm.  
or at other times by appointment.

For Confessions, please prepare yourself to make a good and thorough preparation to have all your sins forgiven by picking up a copy of the  
Examinations of Conscience for  
Children, Young adults and Adults  
at the back of the church.

It is always recommended that you take an Examination home with you and prepare for the celebration of the sacrament by using this tool for a good and personal moral inventory of yourself based on the 10-Commandments.

## LOOKING TOWARD EASTER

*with the members of our RCIA*

Our parish has four adults who have been meeting since October in the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). One young woman has been discerning Baptism and full initiation in the Church and three other adults are looking for reception into the Catholic Church and full initiation. Jasmine, who desires to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, will participate in the Rite of Election on Sunday, March 9 at St. Clair's Church in Woodbridge, where our local auxiliary bishop, John Boissonneau will recognize her participation in discerning life in Christ and membership in the Catholic Church, and call her forward to the Easter sacraments. The three other adults, having already been baptized, will seek to be received into the Catholic Church and/or receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Please pray for Jasmine, Sandra, Tim and Sara



Tues Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	
6:30pm to Mass	Confession
7:00pm	+Therese Szydziak & Genevieve Prevost Requested by the O'Hearn Family
Wed Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Noon	God's Blessing on the Lassak Family Requested by the Family
7:00pm	+Helen Adams Requested by St. Mary's CWL
Thurs Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	
7:30am	HOLY HOUR
8:30am	Unannounced Mass
Fri Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	
6:30pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00pm	+Bogdan Chodynski Requested by the Family
Sat Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	
3:30 to 4:00pm	Confession
4:30pm	+Paul Robinson Requested by Gayle & Family
Sun Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+Rosemary Martin Requested by Chris Godin & Family

### *Please Pray for the Sick*

Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Albert Sant, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Ashley Zavitz, Alex Poirier & Family, Tammy MacDonald, Anita Taglione, Mary Little, Yvonne Grimm, Janine Wright, Anne Johnston, Dorothy Shaughnessy, Rose Flanagan, Norma Still, Pat Ironside-Mayes, Yvonne Besley.

### *Please Pray for the Recently Deceased*

Helen Adams



### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns

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### TIP TAP PAY BAR CODE

For an end-of-year tax receipt for your 'tiptap' gifts, scan the parish QR code right away with your smart phone **and register your payment card**. Once registered, you will receive an end-of-year tax receipt for your 'tiptap' gifts.

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### COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

A big thank you to those who supported the walkers for this year's Coldest Night of the Year, we had seven walkers and raised a total of \$2163.00. There was an amazing turnout for the event. Donations will be accepted until March 31<sup>st</sup> for Home Horizon who are doing amazing work for our youth in need. Again Thank You.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> 2025

### ANNOUNCING THE 2025 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 5793 here at St. Mary's are hosting a Shrove Tuesday supper in the Father Ellard Hall on Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>. The supper will be served between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. **This Sunday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to sign up for Shrove Tuesday supper.**



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