

ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS: **Mon. – Closed - Call the Rectory for sacramental emergencies**
Please only use for sacramental emergencies (illness or death). Thanks 276-228-1019
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 am – 5 pm Fri. 9 am – 3 pm

MASS SCHEDULE: **Fridays 12:00 pm unless otherwise posted differently; Confessions immediately following or by appointment.**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.
St. Edwards: Sunday 11:00 am

St. Marys Weekly Calendar

<u>Saturday, February 18</u>	5:00 pm Liturgy Intentions-James Early
<u>Sunday, February 19</u>	9:00 am Liturgy
<u>Monday, February 20</u>	Office Closed
<u>Ash Wednesday, February 22</u>	6:00 pm Distribution of Ashes/Mass
<u>Friday, February 24</u>	12:00 pm Liturgy
<u>Saturday, February 25</u>	5:00 pm Liturgy
<u>Sunday, February 26</u>	9:00 am Liturgy

Liturgy Intentions for Sat., Feb. 18th are in loving memory of James Early given by The Companions of Francis and Clare Secular Franciscan Fraternity.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 4-5	St. Marys Capital Improvement
March 18-19	Catholic Relief Services

Please continue your prayers for our sick and homebound: Michaela Bethard, Emil Butler, Brother John, Glenn Carroll, Helen Conrad, Gene Deshler, Charlotte Driggers, Doris Graham, Yvonne Grothues, Amy Johnson, Jean Thomas McClamroch, BJ Miller, Mark and Cathy Miller, Steve Mohr, Bill Mutschler, Joe Padgett, Sister Mary Ellen, Ray Raffeyner, Jeff Russell, Michele Sealander, Dolly Shumate, Judith Sweeten, Don Westphal, Joan Word, Norah Young. ***If there is anyone that you would like to add to or can be removed from the list, please email, or call the office. Thank you!***

THE AGAPE FOOD PANTRY: Requested for the first quarter of 2023 is cereal, rice, and canned beans. ***Thank you for your continued support.***

Thank you to Barnett and Grubb Funeral Homes for their continued support of our bulletins!!

Barnett Funeral Home

Tom & Judy Reese
325 S. Church Street/PO Box 558
Wytheville, VA 228-3121

Grubb Funeral Home

6th & Spring Street
Wytheville, VA 228-3101
Helping families in time of need

ASH WEDNESDAY Distribution of Ashes/Mass on Wed., Feb. 22nd has been scheduled for 6:00 pm at St. Marys and 4:00 pm at St. Edwards. ***Be sure to pick up a Lenten prayer book from The Word Among Us in the gathering space or the Monroe Street entrance. They begin on Ash Wednesday.***

FROM THE OFFICE: Beginning ***Feb. 20th***, the office manager will be out of the office for 4-6 weeks. ***There will be no bulletins in March; they will resume when she returns.*** Roberta "Bobbie" Matthews, the new Administrative Assistant's office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am – 5 pm. Her email address is: adminassistant@stmaryswytheville.org. Bobbie will be answering calls, retrieving office emails and voicemails, along with her other duties, during her scheduled time in the office, so you may contact her if you need something during that time. Father Boat will also be available. ***If you have been reading Father Boat's homilies on the website, please visit St. Edward's website to read them: <https://stedwardpulaski.org/> beginning Feb. 19th.***

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Next weekend is the informational weekend for the 2023 Appeal. The parish target for 2023 is **\$6,660.00**. Please prayerfully consider your donation and keep in mind that tax free money will be returned to the parish. If you have not received a letter from the Bishop you may also visit <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/> for more information to donate. Please be sure to designate Saint Mary the Mother of God (Wytheville) as your target parish. Thank you.

UPCOMING BISHOP VISIT: Bishop Barry Knestout ***had to reschedule his visit to St. Marys for a "Parish Celebration" for Sunday, March 5th*** to officially install Father Boat as Pastor, to bless our new pews and improvements to the church, and preside over the Mass. The reception will still be held following the Mass so all those who signed up, please mark your calendars.

Sacrificial Offering

February 11-12, 2023	Operating Funds	\$1346.00
	Capital Improvement	\$125.00

Monthly Finance Report ending 01/31/2022

You can find these UPDATED figures on the bulletin boards. Thank you.

HOPE PACK PROGRAM: We continue to accept donations for the Hope Pack Program in memory of Deacon Charles May. The baskets and envelopes are in the gathering space and at the Monroe Street entrance. ***Please make all checks payable to Hope, Inc and designate in the memo for Hope Packs in memory of Deacon Charles May. Plastic shopping bags continue to be accepted.*** Thank you for your continued support.

DOG/CAT FOOD AND CAT LITTER DONATIONS: URGENT REQUEST: Brother John is continually accepting cat and dog food donations. Please leave them at the Monroe Street entrance. He is grateful for your continued support. ***Please pass the word.***

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER: Along with the needed items on the list on the wall above the bin, packaged plastic silverware is now welcome/accepted. They can use this along with all other paper products when they must house a family in a motel. ***Please include in the designated container in the gathering space.*** Thanks.

ABOUT SR. CLARE MCBRIEN: I received a note from Sr. Maria Timoney about Sr. Clare, her passing and some information about her time after she moved from here, and I wanted to share with the parish. Thanks, Kim

"After Sr. Clare left Wythe County, she moved to our Community's headquarters in the U.S. and joined other Sisters in retirement. She established an art studio there and offered painting classes to those who were interested. Also, they had taken down a building on our campus shortly before her arrival and she spearheaded a project to create a Native Garden at the location. She engaged landscape architects from the area in the planning and oversaw the plantings and upkeep carefully. Several of the Sisters worked with her and many more take pleasure in walking, sitting and reading in this beautiful space. The Audubon Society spent the day in the summer and informed them that there were now 36 different species of birds who have taken up residence in the garden. Our Earth thanks you, Clare!" From Maria Timoney.