

ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH

PO Box 7, 370 E. Main Street

Wytheville, VA 24382

Office (276) 228-3104 Fax (276) 228-3322

E-mail officemanager@stmaryswytheville.org

Website www.stmaryswytheville.org

Rev. Francis K. Boateng, Pastor
Kim Street, Office Manager

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, December 30</u> | 5:00 pm Liturgy Intention-John Young, Sr. |
| <u>Sunday, December 31</u> | 9:00 AM LITURGY <u>NO EVENING VIGIL</u> |
| <u>Monday, January 1</u> | 10:00 am Liturgy-Solemnity of Mary OFFICE CLOSED |
| <u>First Friday, January 5</u> | 11:00 am Rosary & Benediction 12:00 am Liturgy |
| <u>Saturday, January 6</u> | 5:00 pm Liturgy Intention-Mary Anthony |
| <u>Sunday, January 7</u> | 9:00 am Liturgy 10:00 am Parish Breakfast |

Liturgy Intentions for Sat., Dec. 30th are in loving memory of John Young Sr. given by Norah Young.

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of John Young Sr. by Norah Young.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| December 30-31 | Holy Land Emergency Appeal |
| January 13-14, 2024 | St. Marys Capital Improvement |

AT THE BISHOP'S REQUEST there will be a second collection held on December 30-31 to help with emergency needs and long-term needs in the key regions of Jerusalem, Gaza, Beirut and Amman. These funds will be distributed through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Please be generous.

THE AGAPE FOOD PANTRY: Requested for the first quarter of 2024 is rice, vegetables, spaghetti sauce/noodles (no glass please). Please be sure that all donated foods **ARE NOT EXPIRED**. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you to Grubb Funeral Home for their continued support of our bulletins!!

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY: There will be no vigil Mass on Dec. 31st. Solemnity of Mary Mass will be held on Jan. 1st, 2024, at 10:00 am. The office will reopen on Jan. 2nd. Happy New Year!

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY & BENEDICTION will be held on Fri., Jan. 5th at 11:00 am followed by the Noon Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARISH GATHERING: The next gathering will be breakfast on **Sun., Jan. 7th** following the 9 am Mass. Please bring your favorite dish to pass. Everyone is welcome.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL has voted unanimously to install a votive stand area at the Monroe Street entrance. Donations are being requested to cover the costs before anything is purchased. Please see the display in the gathering space with the details and envelopes for your donations. There is a box to leave your donations, or they can be mailed back to the parish. Thank you for your support. **Please see the updated donation information on the chart.**

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are now available to be picked up in the gathering space. There is a chart by the boxes and names are on the envelopes. PLEASE BE SURE TO GET THE CORRECT ONE. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please add your information on the sheet and you will be contacted when they are available. **The 2024 calendars are now available.**

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED: Please remember that the parish is always looking for volunteers to be ushers, lectors, choir members and where you may see a need. We are a small parish and there is always a need for help.

Sacrificial Offering

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| December 23, 2023 | Operating Funds | \$5,585.00 |
| | Poinsettias | \$75.00 |
| | Christmas Offering | \$30.00 |
| December 24-25, 2023 | Christmas Offering | \$2852.00 |
| | Capital Improvement | \$50.00 |
| | Catholic Charities | \$1465.00 |

Please see the updated financial information/meeting minutes posted on the bulletin boards.

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 "Open Door Community". 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.**

Please continue your prayers for our sick and homebound: Brother John, Helen Conrad, Jason Conrad, JoAnn Detta, Gene Deshler, Charlotte Driggers, Angelo Faraci, Elizabeth Fields, Will Franklin, George Fuderer, Yvonne Grothues, Suzanne Molloy, Bill Mutschler, Sister Mary Ellen, Elizabeth Paradise, Fran Parks, Evelyn Smith Reese, Rich Sandidge, Pete Sawyer, Michele Sealander, Judith Sweeten, Hayes Wheeler, Joan Word. **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!**