

**SIXTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
19 July 2015



**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**  
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



# what's coming



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

## july

### 19 SUNDAY, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (St. Anne's Sister's in Faith).  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

**Two priests from UNBOUND will be visiting Saint Mary this weekend at all Masses.**

Second parish WorkCamp team leaves for Catholic Heart WorkCamp in Greensboro, NC today.

### 20 Monday, Weekday (Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr)

### 21 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church)

6pm, Sports Tuesday for Middle and High School students, Old Mill Park.

### 22 Wednesday, Saint Mary Magdalene

5pm, Youth Ministry's Movie Night, John Paul II House.

### 23 Thursday, Weekday (Saint Bridget, Religious)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

### 24 Friday, Weekday (Saint Sharbel Makhlef, Priest)

1pm, Health Ministry volunteer class, Parish Life Center.

### 25 Saturday, Saint James, Apostle

10am, Health Ministry volunteer class, Parish Life Center.  
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

### 26 SUNDAY, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Preschool)

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center.  
11:30am, New Family Welcome Meeting, Church.  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

### 27 Monday, Weekday

### 28 Tuesday, Weekday

6pm, Sports Tuesday for Middle and High School students, Old Mill Park.  
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 29 Wednesday, Saint Martha

5pm, Youth Ministry's Movie Night, John Paul II House.  
7pm, College Night hosted by the Associates of St. John Bosco, Parish Life Center.

### 30 Thursday, Weekday (Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

### 31 Friday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

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## august

### 1 Saturday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

2pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, Rm. 204.

### 2 SUNDAY, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Troop 1410)

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center.  
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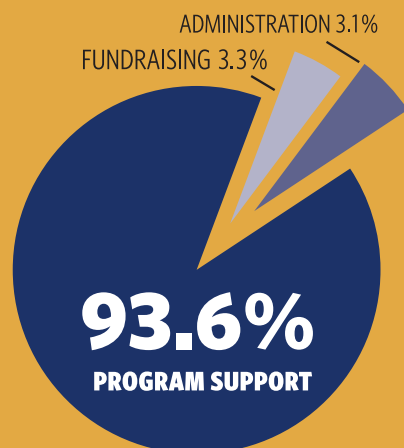
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We inspire confidence and offer opportunity and encouragement to children, families and the elderly living on the margins of society. We create practical and trustworthy ways for people to help others and nurture the human connections that uplift us all.

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nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✚ There will be **New Altar Server training on August 6 and 7** from 2-4pm in the church for rising 5th graders and older. If interested, you must contact Chris Lanzarone ahead of time at [clanzarone@stmaryfred.org](mailto:clanzarone@stmaryfred.org) or 540-373-6491.
- ✚ **Join us to build up a robust ministry of ushers and greeters.** Consider serving the Church in this manner. Call the office and add your name to the list for the meeting August 29.
- ✚ Please pray for our Sisters, Fr. Don and Rick Caporali as they continue the **Parish Pilgrimage to South Africa** and visit the Oblate Sisters' missions in Pella and Springbok, South Africa, and Gabis, Namibia. They return Friday, July 24.
- ✚ Be sure to keep up on all that is happening at St. Mary by **subscribing with your email address** at our home page, lower right corner, at [www.stmaryfred.org](http://www.stmaryfred.org)!

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm All Night Adoration, First Friday Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 <a href="mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org">stmary@stmaryfred.org</a> Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm,</i> <i>Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i>  Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Lino Rico Rostro Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio  Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Sacred Music, David Mathers Secretary, Mary Fitch
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<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
<b>HEALTH MINISTRY</b>	845-3031 Beth Palacios, RN
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
<b>MARRIAGE</b>	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
<b>JOIN US</b>	New Family Registration meetings held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.  
Send articles to [bulletin@stmaryfred.org](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

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## from our pastor



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

This has been a rich couple of days at our CADEIO (Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers) Institute for Ecumenical Formation in DC. One of the leaders of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity for 26 years in Rome is leading our Institute, and priests and lay leaders from across the U.S. have entered into a few days of continuing education. We leave for Africa tomorrow—I wish I could tell you about that already, but as usual, I'll write about that next week and will be home already when you are reading about it! Please know that we will carry your intentions in our prayers and Masses throughout our mission pilgrimage to South Africa and Namibia.

Well, we were talking today at the Institute, and our conversation began to work around to the topic of unity (naturally). One of those attending our classes is a new bishop, and he has some incredible insight, very well-read in all that the Pope has written. He was telling us that Pope Francis said, in one of his presentations in Rome, that "The mystery of unity has already begun." It seems sort of obvious, but we tend not to appreciate the reality that has already happened. The fact that some of us are even together studying and preparing how to work toward unity in our dioceses proves that the mystery is begun already. God begins the work we do with the desire in our hearts, then he gives us the strength to follow through. "As we are walking together toward Christ, we are coming closer together to each other."

This image is a classic one of spiritual writers. Imagine a wagon wheel with many spokes. Christ is at the center, and each of us is at a point on the circumference of the wheel's circle. As each of us comes to the center, like the spokes of the wheel, each of us also comes closer to each other. It is a fact in the spiritual life that all we need to do is seek him, and we will find each other.

But this bishop also said something that I found so powerful, perhaps because I think of it a lot, too. Pope Francis speaks of this a lot. He said that the one resulting thing, if we are seeking Christ, is that our closeness to Christ also demands that we pay attention to the relationships that result among us. These

relationships come with the deal. They demand reverence, because their closeness to God makes them holy. Pope Francis, in his "Joy of the Gospel," says that time is greater than space. Space is just here or there, but time allows us to make something out of that space. He likes to use the image of planting seeds. In fact, that was his simple message to us Buddhists and Catholics when we met him in Rome: "The world is a place of confusion of violence. I am thankful that you are here, planting seeds of peace. Yes,...planting seeds. ...this is important."

Time allows us to enter and grow by our relationships. We are always better people together than we are alone, we always grow more, learn more about ourselves, learn patience and gentleness, above all self-less-ness, when we are with other people. It is the purpose for community: we are defined by our love, and our love can't have meaning if we are alone. Relationships are not plannable. They surprise us, and we must remain open to them. Above all, open to our relationship with God, but also all those whom he has placed in our lives.

"But at what point," my friend the bishop asked, "does the individualism of today become self-destructive?" You see it everywhere. People acting out all over the place out of self interest, by some inwardly-driven hatred or indifference to those around them? How many marriages do you know that have ended just out of selfishness? Family relationships, too. We were never placed here to serve only ourselves. We live in a time when this individualism has been enshrined as the ideal of life. It is a lie. It is a trap you can get lost in.

There are a few values we must rediscover, between individuals, between churches and nations. Willingness to change, in the sense of conversion of heart. *I must change*. We must pray together more as an integral part of our relationships. We must be willing to heal memories. The past, simply, is usually not pleasant but it can't define this moment, now. We must intentionally live virtue, especially humility and charity. We must seek friendship that feeds our spirits, not our appetites, but our souls.

If we could but fix our relationships, maybe we'd have a better shot at changing the world.

God bless you.

*Fr. Don*

# religious education

## Parents: Register your children for Religious Education classes

In our parish there are about 2,558 children from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Almost half of these children did not attend Religious Education classes last school year. **We invite you to join us this coming year!**

Religious Education classes help children to be:

- successful and reflective Catholics who enjoy learning more about their faith,

- confident individuals who are able to live joyful, safe, healthy and fulfilling lives,
- responsible citizens with a Catholic conscience who make positive contributions to society.

Religious Education promotes the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of children. It enhances their awareness and understanding of themselves, God's Natural Laws and the Common Good as taught by the Catholic Church. The Church provides the best path to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

## We love our parents!

As stated in documents of Vatican II, "As it is the parents who have given life to their children, on them lies the gravest obligation of educating their family. They must, therefore, be recognized as being primarily and principally responsible for their education." *Vatican II Declaration of Christian Education.*

**We will do all that is necessary to support the parents as primary teachers of the faith to their children.**

**We look upon each person as created in the image and likeness of God and as a reflection of his goodness. We understand that Christ loves each one of us infinitely and that he calls us to know him so that we may develop a deeper understanding of who we are called to become—living witnesses of the Gospel.**

**At Saint Mary, our Religious Education program is a total parish experience. We involve children, parents, catechists, our priests and Oblate Sisters.**

**We warmly welcome you and your family to explore the many programs offered for young and old alike!**

# education youth ministry



## Attention Class Of 2015!

The Associates of St. John Bosco are conducting a workshop on how to keep and grow your Catholic faith when you enter college. The workshop will be held Wednesday, **July 29 from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish**

**Life Center.** The workshop is designed for rising college freshmen and seeks to prepare students for the transition into college. Catholic student representatives from George Mason, JMU, UVA, Virginia Tech, Mary Washington and other schools will be on hand

to offer advice, perspective, and stories of their transition into college. This is a great opportunity to network with other Catholic students. Pizza dinner will be provided. **To register, please visit [www.asjb.org](http://www.asjb.org).** Registration is limited to 50 students.

## Sports Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, **through August 11, from 6pm-8pm**, come out to Old Mill Park (2401 Caroline St) to play sports: Soccer, flag football or Ultimate Frisbee. All middle school and high school age teens are invited. Bring friends and a water bottle!



## Diocesan Kings Dominion Day

**Middle & High School students:** Join Saint Mary's CYM on **Friday, July 31** as they participate in the Diocese of Arlington's trip to Kings Dominion for a day of fun. The day begins at 9am with Mass at Saint Mary and then we head out to Kings Dominion

and return by 9pm. Cost is \$35 for a ticket or \$5 if you have a season pass (\$5 is to help pay for the gas of chaperones driving). **Parents:** we will caravan to Kings Dominion so if you can help with transportation please contact the Youth Ministry office. **RSVP to the CYM Office by Thursday, July 23** with permission slip and money.



## Movie Nights: every Wednesday in July

Middle School (rising 7-8 grade) and High School students: join us **Wednesday nights from 5pm-8pm at the John Paul II House** as we watch the *Star Wars* Series. Please bring \$4 for pizza and soda.

### Schedule:

- July 1: *Episode IV*
- July 8: *Episode V*
- July 15: *Episode II*
- July 22: *Episode III*
- July 29: *Episodes VI*

## Follow Saint Mary's Youth Ministry



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- [instagram.com/stmarycym](https://instagram.com/stmarycym)
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# parish life happening here

## Afternoon at the park with Saint Mary Young Adults

Please join Saint Mary's Young Adults for our second annual afternoon at the park playing kickball. We will meet **Sunday, July 19, from 2 to 5pm** at Pratt Park in Stafford County. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm and then start up our kickball game (for all ages). Light snacks and water will be provided. Children are encouraged to attend! For more information on this and other upcoming activities, please **contact Allison Gatrone** at [StMaryYA@gmail.com](mailto:StMaryYA@gmail.com) to join our email list.

## Join the Children's Choir!

The Saint Mary Children's Choir sings every other Sunday at the 8:30am Mass from September to June and for Christmas and Easter; **they rehearse every Thursday 4:45pm-6pm**. The Children's Choir is for children who love to sing, or who would like to learn to sing, and are in **2nd through 6th Grade**. To join, call the Saint

Mary Music Office at (540) 373-6491 ext. 217 to schedule an interview with director David Mathers and receive a free vocal check-up. 2nd graders must be seven years old by September 30, 2015. **Rising 7th graders** are invited to join the Saint Mary Youth Choir. Call the Music Office for more information.

## 'Tis a fine chance!

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be selling "chances" after Masses on July 25-26 and August 1-2. The prize the choice of a **Trip for Two to Ireland** (includes airfare, lodging and rental car) or a cash prize of \$2500. The departure date is up to you. Only 1,000 tickets are for sale. Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

## Fredericksburg area Cursillo summer picnic

Please join us for a **Cursillo summer picnic** at Alum Spring Park in Fredericksburg on **Sunday, August 9 from 2-6**. Spouses and children are welcome! For questions, contact Joyce Bodoh at 540-521-0588.

## Health Ministry volunteer classes

Interested in volunteering? Find out more at one of our Health Ministry Volunteer classes: **July 24 from 1pm-3pm, July 25 from 10am-12 noon, or September 17 from 1pm-3pm**. You only need to attend one session. To register please call 540-373-6491. For additional information, contact the parish Nurse at 540-845-3031 or [epalacios@stmaryfred.org](mailto:epalacios@stmaryfred.org).

## CPR and AED classes

The CPR provider class and AED training for ushers and volunteers will be **August 7 from 6pm-10pm or August 8 starting at 9:45am** (30 registrants per class). To register, please call the Parish office at 540-373-6491. Indicate your class choice. For additional information, contact the parish Nurse at 540-845-3031 or [epalacios@stmaryfred.org](mailto:epalacios@stmaryfred.org).



# SAINT MARY HEALTH MINISTRY

## Called to serve as an usher or greeter at Mass?

**Please answer our open invitation to serve as an Usher or a Greeter at Mass.** Do you feel called to help people feel welcome and experience good order at our liturgies? We are currently seeking to fill our Ushers' roster with adults who can

help people as they arrive at Mass and get seated, facilitate the offertory and help with good order at Communion. We also invite teens and adults to welcome people as Greeters, help people from their cars into the church, give them a liturgy sheet and feel welcome. General training for Ushers and Greeters for the coming

year will take place **Saturday, August 29, at 9:30am** in the church. If God is calling you to get involved with community in this capacity, please contact Mr. Joe Cralle at [jacralle@gmail.com](mailto:jacralle@gmail.com) and let him know your contact information and the Mass at which you would be interested in serving.

## Sign up today!

# community mindful of the needs...

## Sewing machine donations needed

The Catholic Charities Office for Migration and Resettlement has several clients arriving in the next few weeks that have tailoring and seamstress skills but have no machines. **Our local office is looking for donations of sewing machines** in an effort to assist them with employment opportunities. If

you have a sewing machine that is collecting dust or are interested in getting involved, **please contact the parish office, 540-373-6491**. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office between 8:30am and 9pm, Monday through Friday or Saturday or Sundays from 9:30am to 1pm. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

## Food donations

The Fredericksburg Area Food Bank's collection of donated fresh produce continues throughout the summer at the **Spotsylvania Farmer's Market on Route 3 East** at the commuter lot. To date we have collected and donated over 500 pounds of produce to those in need. Purchase a little extra local produce from our area farmers and suppliers and **donate it at the Food Bank's "Grow for Your Neighbor" tent between 9am and noon on Saturday mornings**. For more information and opportunities to volunteer, contact the parish office.

## Donations for School Dressing Day

The Interfaith Community Council is holding their **Annual School Dressing Day event on August 14 and 15**. This event provides a new pair of jeans, a shirt, socks, underwear, a backpack, school supplies and toiletries to area needy children. **Donations of new jeans, shirts, underwear, socks, backpacks, and toiletries and gently used outerwear** (hoodies, jackets, coats and shoes) will be accepted in the bins in the office at Saint Mary or in the Parish Life Center through the first week of August.

**If you have need**, register at [interfaithcommunitycouncil.org](http://interfaithcommunitycouncil.org).

**To volunteer**, register at [SignUpGenius.com/go/9040C45AFA922A31-volunteer/2923451](http://SignUpGenius.com/go/9040C45AFA922A31-volunteer/2923451).

**Questions:** call Tess Thome at 757-870-8176 or email [tessnmike@cox.net](mailto:tessnmike@cox.net). Thank you for your generosity!



# Mary's Shelter

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## 6th Annual Summer Soirée and Fundraiser

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Pope Francis' introductory comments for *Laudato si'*

## Nothing in this world is indifferent to us

which not only rejected war but offered a proposal for peace. He addressed his message *Pacem in Terris* to the entire "Catholic world" and indeed "to all men and women of good will." Now, faced as we are with global environmental deterioration, I wish to address every person living on this planet. In my Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I wrote to all the members of the Church with the aim of encouraging ongoing missionary renewal. In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home.

4. In 1971, eight years after *Pacem in Terris*, Blessed Pope Paul VI referred to the ecological concern as "a tragic consequence" of unchecked human activity: "Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation." He spoke in similar terms to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations about the potential for an "ecological catastrophe under the effective explosion of industrial civilization," and stressed "the urgent need for a radical change in the conduct of humanity," inasmuch as "the most extraordinary scientific advances, the most amazing technical abilities, the most astonishing economic growth, unless they are accompanied by authentic social and moral progress, will definitively turn against man."

5. Saint John Paul II became increasingly concerned about this issue. In his first Encyclical he warned that human beings frequently seem "to see no other meaning in their natural environment than what serves for immediate use and consumption." Subsequently, he would call for a global ecological conversion. At the same time, he noted that little effort had been made to "safeguard the moral conditions for an authentic human ecology." The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us men and women, but because human life is itself

3. More than fifty years ago, with the world teetering on the brink of nuclear crisis, Pope Saint John XXIII wrote an Encyclical

a gift which must be defended from various forms of debasement. Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in "lifestyles, models of production and consumption, and the established structures of power which today govern societies." Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us and "take into account the nature of each being and of its mutual connection in an ordered system." Accordingly, our human ability to transform reality must proceed in line with God's original gift of all that is.

6. My predecessor Benedict XVI likewise proposed "eliminating the structural causes of the dysfunctions of the world economy and correcting models of growth which have proved incapable of ensuring respect for the environment." He observed that the world cannot be analyzed by isolating only one of its aspects, since "the book of nature is one and indivisible," and includes the environment, life, sexuality, the family, social relations, and so forth. It follows that "the deterioration of nature is closely connected to the culture which shapes human coexistence." Pope Benedict asked us to recognize that the natural environment has been gravely damaged by our irresponsible behavior. The social environment has also suffered damage. Both are ultimately due to the same evil: the notion that there are no indisputable truths to guide our lives, and hence human freedom is limitless. We have forgotten that "man is not only a freedom which he creates for himself. Man does not create himself. He is spirit and will, but also nature." With paternal concern, Benedict urged us to realize that creation is harmed "where we ourselves have the final word, where everything is simply our property and we use it for ourselves alone. The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves, when we see nothing else but ourselves."

## United by the same concern

7. These statements of the Popes echo the reflections of numerous scientists, philosophers, theologians and

civic groups, all of which have enriched the Church's thinking on these questions. Outside the Catholic Church, other Churches and Christian communities – and other religions as well – have expressed deep concern and offered valuable reflections on issues which all of us find disturbing. To give just one striking example, I would mention the statements made by the beloved Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with whom we share the hope of full ecclesial communion.

8. Patriarch Bartholomew has spoken in particular of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet, for "inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damage," we are called to acknowledge "our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation." He has repeatedly stated this firmly and persuasively, challenging us to acknowledge our sins against creation: "For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins." For "to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God."

9. At the same time, Bartholomew has drawn attention to the ethical and spiritual roots of environmental problems, which require that we look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity; otherwise we would be dealing merely with symptoms. He asks us to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which "entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God's world needs. It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion." As Christians, we are also called "to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbors on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet."



# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

12 July Offertory 33,668.  
Faith Direct Deposit for July 31,346.  
Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa 7,533.  
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box 63.

## Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember to use your Offertory Envelopes to ensure the accuracy of your end-of-year statement. The "Children's Envelope" proceeds will not be recorded on family statements.

## Children's Offertory Envelopes for July

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of July will be donated to

### Families of the Wounded Fund.

This fund was created in 2005 to help the families of service members who come to McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Richmond with traumatic brain injuries and spinal-cord injuries from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Former Army Captain William Haneke, a wounded Vietnam Veteran, and some colleagues recognized the need to assist family members who were away from home tending to their loved ones when they saw two young mothers with babies arrive from across the country with no money and barely enough gas to make the trip.

The organization gives 100 percent of all tax-deductible donations to the families to help with food, lodging, transportation, child care, diapers and long-distance calling cards during the many weeks a family is in the Richmond area, and each family currently receives \$6,000. For more information, visit their website at [www.fotwf.org](http://www.fotwf.org).

## Pro Life reflection for July 19

The irony is that many people think of us Catholics as people of No—don't do this, don't do that. In reality we are the people of Yes—yes to God, yes to life, yes to compassion for the poor and suffering, yes to the solidarity and community that make us messengers of joy even in a valley of tears. (Cardinal Seán O'Malley, homily at Opening Mass of the 2014 National Prayer Vigil for Life)

*We pray for the vulnerable in our society - the unborn, the elderly, migrants, and the poor - that they may be treated with respect, dignity and love.*

## June Unscheduled Masses

Masses were offered in June for the following unscheduled intentions: Jason Banks, Frank+ and Anne Snyder, +Robert Lyman, +Angelo Indrisano, Rev. Christopher M. Buckner, Peggy Murphy, Father Keith Cummings, Father Joseph Farrell, Father Rich Miserendino, Father Kevin Dansereau, Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life, Holy Cross Academy, +John Angelotta, +Frank Snyder, Antono & Ana Ciulia, and +Virginia Vincent.

## Facilities Requests

**Attention all parish organizations:** Your calendar for the use of parish facilities from September 2015 to August 2016 **should be submitted to Elaine in the Parish Office no later than August 1.** Please make sure you submit your request to Elaine, in writing, as soon as possible, either by regular mail, or by email to [estanislawski@stmaryfred.org](mailto:estanislawski@stmaryfred.org).

[stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org). In setting up your schedule, please note that evening activities cannot be scheduled before 8pm from September through May, due to Religious Education classes in the Parish Life Center and the John Paul II House. Thank you.

## Weekly Diocesan TV Mass brings the Mass to the homebound

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Invite them to join in the Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. **Every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50**, this Mass airs for the members of our Catholic family unable to be physically present for Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

## Employment opportunity with the Catholic Diocese of Arlington

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is currently hiring for the following positions: Accounting Manager and Staff Accountant. **To Apply:** send cover letter and resume to [hr@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:hr@arlingtondiocese.org) with the position you are applying for in the subject line. Please include salary requirements. No phone calls please.

## Annual Peace and Justice Conference: September 5

Save the date for the annual diocesan Peace and Justice Conference on **Saturday, September 5 at Marymount University**. The conference will begin with a 9am Mass with Bishop Loverde, and our theme and discussions for the conference will be: Race relations, educating for diversity. Look for more information to follow. We hope to see you there.

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## Conferences for the engaged

One-day Saturday conferences are held in Vienna at **Our Lady of Good Counsel parish** from 8:30am to 4pm. Three consecutive Thursday evening conferences are held in Woodbridge at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** from 7pm to 9:30pm. For more information, please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/marriage](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/marriage).

## SCRIP gift cards

Due to changes with the SCRIP gift card company, we can no longer hold American Express gift cards in our inventory. You may still order the cards by going online to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and placing a family order for them. Once your order is placed online, drop off your payment at the church office or at the Scrip table. We place an inventory replacement order every other week during the summer months. Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Torie Baldwin at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase. **Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!**

## Masses next weekend

### 25 JULY – SATURDAY

5pm Fr. Holmes  
7pm Fr. Cummings

### 26 JULY – SUNDAY

7am Fr. Lino;  
*Deacon Delio to preach*  
8:30 Fr. Don  
10:30 Fr. Don  
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*Deacon Delio to preach*  
12:30 Fr. Lino  
2pm Fr. Holmes  
5pm Fr. Cummings  
7:01 Fr. Don

*Deacon Alberto will assist at the 8:30 and 10:30(StM) Masses.*

## Saint Mary prayer list

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Barbara Stauble, Michael Coughlin, Karen Danis, Marian Wilinski, Mary Ellen Normand, John Castagna, Kristy Fairbanks, Peggy Silberman, Florence DesRoches, Sr., Debra Wood, Danny Terrant, Maureen Flanagan, Wilma Evans, Joseph Bozicevic, Meredith Adams, Anne Shelton, Holly Smith, Lois Merrill, Janie Sherry, Martha Clemens, Art Gabler, Pat Arvai, Veronica Johnson, William Herr, Naomi Russo, Marie Savage, Deacon Richard Smith, Anna Castagna, John Paul Baksy, Eva Scelzo, Joanne Sanford, Trevor Wood, Beth Malaby, Rhonda Seidlinger, Margaret McAleavey, David Arnold, Tracy Biddulph, Carole Page, Christopher Kelly, Richard Romagnoli, Ann Dunsmore, Lisa Herr, Madeline Doyle, Elizabeth Ames, Elise Valez, Mary Ullmer, Virginia Bare, Bobbi Palumbo, Joanne Deangeous, Kenneth Nieves, Carol Eggleston, Patrick Eggleston, Mary Jean Williams, Don Williams, Gladys Bowen, Tom Bowen, Thomas Novotnak, Peter Stafford, Josephine Kreider, Suzi Eggleston, Melvyn Schreckinger, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Marianne Ford, the Carlos Ortiz Family, John Haas, Karen Jones, Jennifer Carlson, Adelyn Wood, Elizabeth Ryan, Dave Kelly, Kevin Murray, Robin Humphries, Catherine Eklund, Jimmy Zollman, Charleen Arnold, Joshua Burgh, Brian Keller, Darlene Guinn, Martin Samsbury-Carter, Linda Kaila, Cynthia McCready, Jesse Madison, Kelly Ann Carpenter, Martha Ferrara, Tom and Prov Moeller, Debbie Lloyd

**Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:** Frank Creamer, Sal Contreras, James Cook, Brad Cowan, Sam Del Grande, Glenn Dickinson, Aaron Doble, Anthony Dowden, John Dussault, Sandy Dussault, Travis Eades, Doug Ebenal, Christopher Eckert, Tim Evan, Christopher Ewers, Paul Fischer, Roberto Fuentes, Jason Geary, Ramon Guerra, Jr., Andrew Hamilton, Harry Hamilton, Ronnie Hamilton, Maria Harbeson, Andy Haskell, Raymund Haskell, Michael J. Herbek, James Helm, James Hoffnagle, Jr., Robert Horner, Danny L. Howard, Jr., Anthony Howell, Matthew Kearney, Daniel Kramer, Julio Laffitte III, Chris Lammers, Stephen Lammers, Scott LaRousse, Ryan Larsen, Jeffrey Lawrence, Kenneth Linstrom, Ryan Lynch, Sean Malloy, Geoff Mann, Josh Martin, Samantha Martin, Justin McClelland, Patrick McGroarty, John Moring, Nathaniel McNamara, Roger Mitchell, Joseph Moore, Joseph Muldoon, Corey Nash, Mindy Niemann, James Kevin O'Donnell, Bryce Parson, Joshua K. Pastell, Sean Penczak, Dominick Joseph Petro, Nick Schulz, Duayne Scott, Tim Smetek, Andrew Smith, Douglas Stransky, Shawn Tupta, Heidi Urben, Christopher Williamson, Daniel Zeytoonian, Justin Carter, Julianne Rogers, Jamal Williams, Stephen Wilson, Emmanuel Morales, Colin Carpenter, Josh Marsillo, Xavier Alas, Julio A. Alarcon, Lance Schulte, Teri Hocter, Josue Bermudez, Bryan Ruth

**Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.**

## Daily Mass intentions and readings

### july

#### 20 MONDAY

6:30 +James Hicks  
9am +Bob Willis  
Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

#### 21 TUESDAY

6:30 +Thomasina DeCarbo  
9am Elaine Stanislawski  
Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50

#### 22 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Mary Alling  
9am Mary Ann Holzworth  
Ex 16:1-5,9-15; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

#### 23 THURSDAY

6:30 +Kevin Murphy  
9am +Dorothy Danielle Giammatteo  
Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Mt 13:10-17

#### 24 FRIDAY

6:30 +Bon Van Than  
9am +Kelly Ann Rubbo  
Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

#### 25 SATURDAY

9am +Bon Van Than  
5pm For the Parish  
7pm +James Hicks  
2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

#### 26 SUNDAY

7am +Donald Kendall, Jr.  
8:30 Susan Mills  
10:30 +Gerald Wasielewski  
10:30\*+Larry Smith  
12:30 Our Military Living and Deceased  
2pm +Rudolph and Phyllis Pilnack  
5pm +Doris Birney  
7:01 +Marty Zidek  
2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Please remember that Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If dates are no longer available for the date you desire, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

\* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy