

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017



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

what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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5 SUNDAY, THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses Sponsored by Trail Life VA4034

12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 100

6pm, High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

6 Monday, Weekday

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center, Room 100

7pm, Spiritual Enrichment Class for Adults with Sr. Susan Louise, Courtyard Meeting Room

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

7 Tuesday, Weekday

7pm, Gospel of John Class with Deacon Dick in Parish Office Library

7:30-8:45pm, Walking with Purpose Class at Holy Cross Academy

7:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 204

8 Wednesday, Weekday

9:45am, Bible Timeline Series, Courtyard Meeting Room

9 Thursday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:45am, Bible Timeline Series, Courtyard Meeting Room

9:45am CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center Room 100

6pm, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Holy Cross Academy

6:30pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center Room 201

7pm, NarAnon, Parish Life Center, Room 204

7:15pm Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rooms 201, 202, 203, and Courtyard

10 Friday, Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House, Upstairs

11 Saturday, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

12 SUNDAY, THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses Sponsored by St. Mary Preschool

12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 100

13 Monday, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center, Room 100

7pm, Spiritual Enrichment Class for Adults with Sr. Susan Louise, Courtyard Meeting Room

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

8:15pm Taize Prayer Service, Church

14 Tuesday, Weekday

7pm, Gospel of John Class with Deacon Dick in Parish Office Library

7:30pm Life in the Spirit, Courtyard Meeting Room

7:30-8:45pm, Walking with Purpose Class at Holy Cross Academy

7:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 204

15 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

9:45am, Bible Timeline Series, Courtyard Meeting Room

16 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin]

9:45am, Bible Timeline Series, Courtyard Meeting Room

9:45am CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center Room 100

6:30pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center Room 201

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7:15pm Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rooms 201, 202, 203, and Courtyard

nota bene (note well, please):

- ✂ **St. Mary Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** is Thursday, November 9 at 6pm. Please RSVP no later than Monday, November 6.
- ✂ Complete some of your shopping by purchasing **SCRIP gift cards!** Set up an account today and earn rebates for HCA. Email **Christi Greenwell** at **scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com** for the school enrollment code.
- ✂ **Subscribe to the Saint Mary website, stmaryfred.org** and receive important updates via email. The subscription box is on the homepage. Enter your email address, click "**subscribe.**"
- ✂ Stop by our **Coffee Shop every Sunday morning** to meet your fellow parishioners and enjoy coffee and donuts.
- ✂ Volunteers needed for morning Adoration. Details on page 8 of the bulletin.
- ✂ **No Parking Notice** - We have been advised that parking is no longer permitted by the City of Fredericksburg on the south side of William Street (heading east toward downtown). No parking signs are being installed, and anyone parking on William Street will be ticketed.

SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am M/W/F: 12 Noon Sat.: 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
DEVOTIONS	Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass, Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
CONFESSION	Wed., 6:30-8:30pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i> Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Colin Davis Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio Operations Manager, Jim Florio Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Parish Secretary, Elizabeth Tellez Director of Music & Organist, David Uschold
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL	540-373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	540-373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	540-373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria Tatiana Beltran
OUTREACH	540-373-6491 Elena Doyle - outreach@stmaryfred.org
BAPTISMS	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
MARRIAGE	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
JOIN US	New Family Registration meetings held in the Parish Life Center 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. Thanks!

from the pastor

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Dear Folks,

I have recently had the occasion to have some deep conversations with folks about the purpose of funerals. And I have been impressed by the answers that have arisen. What does the Church propose as the real purpose?

First: Bury the Dead. Yes, it is obvious, but the purpose of a funeral perspective is to give sacred context and meaning to the most basic of works of mercy: burying the dead. It is a event filled with pain and grief, but with expectant hope in the resurrection. In the words of Psalm 126, "Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy." We sow the mortal remains of our loved ones and await the harvest of the resurrection when the Lord will gather is love ones to him in body and soul.

Second: Praying for the Dead. Listen to the prayers of the funeral liturgy. They are all directed to this purpose. If we fail to pray for the soul of the faithful departed, then we have failed as badly as if we don't accomplish the first purpose. It is a sin of omission to fail to do for the deceased what we can truly accomplish for them with our prayers. Hence you will never find me claiming to be the Pope and pronouncing someone to be in heaven.

Third: Consoling the living. Yes a legitimate purpose. But not the only, and not the primary purpose. In fact, in the funeral liturgy it takes a distant third place in terms of attention given to this explicitly. Our consolation comes from union with Christ, and finding strength in his redemptive mission and message.

Thus I'd like to exhort and remind you of the importance of praying for our friends and relatives who have passed away. The whole month of November takes on a aspect of this character from the beginning feasts of All Saints and All Souls. In the church we have set up a book for you to write down the names of your deceased friends and family. This book will be here for the entire month of November, so that we can keep before our minds this great work of praying for the souls of the deceased. I will often stop and check the book and say a prayer for the repose of these souls. At the end of the month, a Mass will be offered for all of them as well. And thank you for the many folks enrolled loved ones in the Novena of Masses right now taking place right now. All of our Masses these 9 days are offered for the souls of the loved ones who you added to the novena.

Praying for the dead is one of the most basic

acts of charity that we can possibly do. Often when we miss somebody, we grieve for them, and we feel sharply the pain of their loss. But that pain can have a purpose in God's salvific plan. When we give it back to Jesus, offering it up to Him for the benefit of our loved ones, then it becomes meritorious. It becomes for us a share in Christ's own sufferings, and hence is able to assist those whom we love by our freely embracing this cross. Jesus said that the greatest act of love is to "lay down one's life for one's friends." Indeed we do this when we pray for the repose of the souls of those who have passed away, and for the consolation of those who love them.

Pax,

Fr. Mosimann



All Who Have Volunteered
at Saint Mary or Holy Cross
During the Past Year

You are cordially invited to our

Twelfth Annual Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, November 9th

6pm - Holy Cross Academy

An Evening of Dinner & Dancing

RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday, November 6

holy cross academy

First Open House of the Year

It is time for our first Open House of the year. Come see our St. Mary Preschool on Sunday, November 12 from 9:30am to 12pm. We invite you to visit Holy Cross on Tuesday at 9am. We would love to show you our school and all we can do for your children.

Autumn continued with lots of exciting activities. Our 5th graders went around the world on a pumpkin! As part of their study of geography, the students used various media to create their own globes. This creative exercise allowed them to see the placement of the continents and the oceans. With some glue, paper, markers and a little glitter, our pumpkin globes adorned the hallway outside 5th grade.

As part of their exploration of STEM topics, our 8th grade students were tasked to create a Rube Goldberg Machine to move a marble one meter. This interesting challenge allowed them to take on the role of engineers and designers.

If you have not yet done so, this is a great time to sign up with Giant so that your regular purchases will benefit our parish school. Go to **giantfood.com/school-rewards**. Our school number is **02320**. Thanks for supporting our parish in providing Catholic education for our children.

We hope that you will consider our parish school for your children. To learn more, we invite you to visit our school website, **holycrossweb.com**. If you would like to see what we can do for your child, please call our HCA office at 540-286-1600 or St. Mary Preschool at 540-373-7553 to arrange for a tour or to let us tell you all about Holy Cross Academy, our parish school.



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National Vocations Awareness Week

"The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week, November 5-11, 2017. This annual event is a special time for parishes in the United States to actively foster and pray for a culture of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

"As we go about our everyday life and most especially this week, we must keep vocations in our prayers, while, at the same time, being a mindful witness with our own vocation. We may never know

Thanksgiving Food Drive

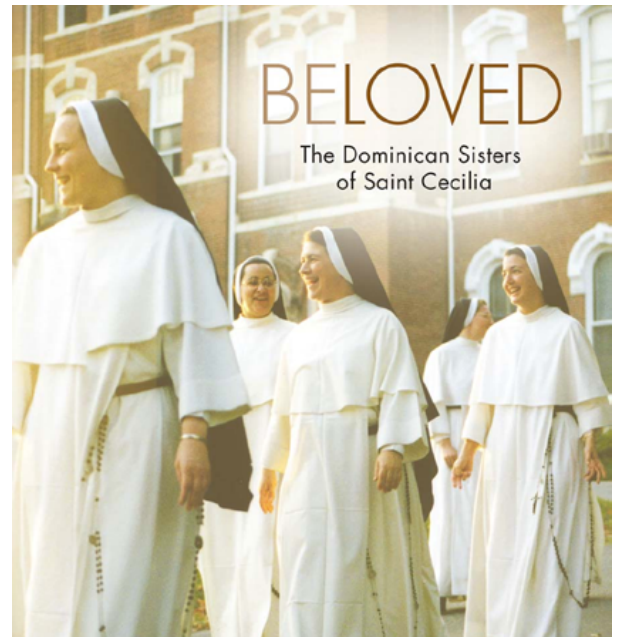
Religious Education classes resume this week and children are reminded to bring their Thanksgiving Food Drive contribution.

Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

The love that God has for the soul is like that which the bridegroom has for his bride. In the heart of the "Bible Belt" in Tennessee, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have fully embraced that love in the living of their vows and apostolic life for 150 years. Like their patron, the virgin martyr Cecilia, the Nashville Dominicans promise their heart to Christ and it is His voice that fills their ears and secures their promise to be His alone. This joyful, holy community radiates their love for Christ and neighbor, revealing in this compelling film what it means to live the consecrated life as both a contemplative and a teacher. They manifest to the world that religious life is all about love and joy, but a love that is different and unique. It is a love that is eternal.

how our lives may have an impact on someone else's story. Simply living out our call as disciples of Jesus Christ fully and joyfully in the world bears witness to the love of Christ as He generously bestows on each of us our own personal call." usccb.org/news/2017/17-185.cfm

Please pray for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation."



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St Mary's Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 14 at 10am in the John Paul II House. Our selection is "THE BIBLE AS HISTORY" by Werner Keller. The book is a lively blend of scholarship and faith and will be of interest for all of us who love the Bible. For further information, please call **Mary Kenney at 540-898-0372**.

Open Adoration Slots

There is ongoing adoration from noon on Wednesday through Friday at 6am. This is to make a special request for the **periods between 1-2am and 2-3am Thursday and Friday mornings**. We are in need of people to cover these slots. If you are able to commit to a one-hour time period, please contact Christi Greenwell or Johanna Merino. Of course, if you can commit to an hour at any time that is very appreciated. Please contact **Christi at 703-994-2142 (text is okay) or greenwell1956@cox.net or Johanna Merino at 703-209-3124, johanna_merino@hotmail.com**. Your commitment to adoration will reap rewards beyond anything you can imagine. You will have time to spend alone with our Lord without any distractions. Your thoughtful consideration to adoration during this time is very appreciated.

Call to Evangelization

Empower your witness! Every day we have opportunities to share our story about why we love being Catholic, but do we? Or, do we hide our light under the proverbial bushel?

In July, Father Colin led an engaging series on evangelization. That gave birth to a small group

whose purpose is to support and encourage each other in our efforts to share our faith. We discuss opportunities we've had to evangelize, what worked and what didn't, or what prevented us from trying. If you want to engage others in conversation about our faith, join us. We meet every 4th Sunday between the 10:30am and the 12:30pm masses (except on holiday weekends) in the Courtyard Meeting Room. **For more information contact Bryan Richardson at br22406@cox.net.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am

Come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and honor His Holy Mother by saying the Rosary in His Divine Presence. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7am to 9am.

Oblate Sisters

The Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales would like to thank each of you who helped us to reach our goal of purchasing new mattresses for the 160 boys and girls at St. Joseph Mission in Gabis, Namibia. We accomplished this through your generosity and are sending the money on to our Sisters who will purchase the mattresses in Namibia. We will ask the Sisters to send us some photos when they have the mattresses, although we realize

that this may take some time. We are also sending your names, and the name of our parish, to the Sisters and children to ask them to pray for all of us. Please pray for our Missionary Sisters and the people they serve with so much love. With our deepest gratitude, your Oblate Sisters

Adult Confirmation Classes

We will begin Adult Confirmation classes for all those who have already been Baptized and have received First Communion, but have not been Confirmed; as well as for those who might want a short refresher course on the Catholic faith. There will be an introductory meeting and then six class sessions led by Deacon Dick, each lasting about one hour on Tuesday nights. **The tentative schedule is: January 9, 2018 (introduction), 16, then April 3, for 5 weeks ..** If you would like to sign up for these classes, or to just come to the introductory meeting to hear more, please call the Parish Office to register, leaving your name, phone number and email address.

Wellness and Prayer - Connecting the Dots

Sometimes we pray, and then we wait. We may ask, "Why is this taking so long?" As people of faith, it is good to remember that God is always guiding and offering us the grace to move forward, even if we don't understand everything at the moment.

Wellness is similar. Just because we suffer disease or disorder doesn't mean we are without resources to adapt and prosper. And this is where prayer and wellness connect. Just for today,

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let us pray for the grace to work with our challenges. Just for today, look for the gifts in your life, thanking God for the people and resources that lend a hand.

Then, reach into your reservoir of spiritual treasures, praying for the faith to move forward. Your Health Ministry Team is praying for you too. Each day, we pray for our parish community, especially those who may be experiencing health challenges. Join us! October prayer is from Romans 15:13

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Falls Run Catholic Group

We will be meeting at the community center on Plantation Road on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. November's meeting will be on November 1, All Saints Day. The topic for the next several meetings will be reviews of the Catholic Faith as presented to the RCIA candidates at St. Mary's. *All are welcome.*

Virginia Catholic Conference Voter Education Resources

On November 7, Virginians will elect their governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. To help voters prepare for these elections the Virginia Catholic Conference has compiled three separate side-by-side comparisons of the positions of candidates for state offices. The Conference, which represents Virginia's bishops on public policy matters, neither supports nor opposes candidates for public office. As they consider these races and also local House of Delegates races, voters are encouraged to form their consciences by consulting the Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. These materials can be found at arlingtondiocese.org/2017virginiaelection. Spanish translations are available. More information on pages 10-11.

Micah Furniture Bank

Help needed on Saturday, November 18 from 9am-12pm. We are in need of people (teens encouraged) to help pick-up or deliver items to/from the Micah Furniture Bank. Our St. Mary Team meets at 9am at the Micah Warehouse. Please contact **Rich LaRoche** for more information at stone48@verizon.net.

Open House for Classical High School in Fredericksburg

Come join us for doughnuts and coffee with The Summit Academy at our Open House on Sunday November 19. Meet our Faculty. Find out more about our academics, athletics, outdoor programs as well as tuition assistance for the coming school year. 3-5pm Sunday afternoon. 5888 Plank Rd. Fredericksburg, VA 22407 Any questions, please contact ewise@thesummitva.org

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary on **Monday, November 13** as we "prepare a place for unity and peace" together.

You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taizé Community in France, the second Monday of every month at 8:15pm.

It is our hope that this monthly prayer brings together Christians of all churches, pastors and flocks, as together we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's



power to bring about Unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one." It is something we are unable to do ourselves.

This Unity which embraces all people stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...and belongs to the essence of our community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and fulfill his plan for us.



Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

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The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the “throwaway culture” identified by Pope Francis.



The Common Good

The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It



upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people, not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God's creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.

Subsidiarity

The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents' rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children. Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society's larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.



Solidarity

We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to eradicate poverty, disease and racism; and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression and immigrants.

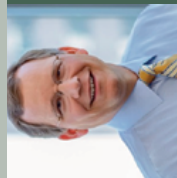


**Adapted from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Nos. 44-56, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015.*

Know the Positions of the Candidates for ATTORNEY GENERAL

"Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible, and a right to access those things required for human decency – food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing, freedom of religion and family life."

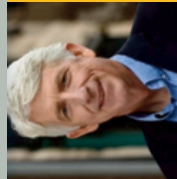
~ Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 49, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015



John D. Adams
Republican

Abortion:

Adams' website states, "I will never waver in my commitment to protect innocent life. ... The fact that abortion is now a constitutional right demonstrates the raw power of the Supreme Court. It also shows how important it is for Virginia to have an effective and principled lawyer to represent us before that Court. As your Attorney General, I will fight up to and at the Supreme Court to protect Virginians from further judicial overreach. In Virginia, I will fight to uphold strict standards for abortion clinics and ensure that all laws passed by the General Assembly, including those that protect the unborn, are defended in court when they come under attack."



Mark R. Herring
Democrat

Abortion:

Herring's website states, "Attorney General Mark R. Herring ... has fought in court to defend a woman's access to comprehensive healthcare services including abortion and birth control. ... Herring helped defeat a 20-week abortion ban in the legislature with an official opinion that declared such a law would likely be struck down as unconstitutional, and as a state senator, he opposed legislation to restrict a woman's access to abortion."

Death Penalty:

According to an article in *The Collegiate Times*, Adams told the College Republicans at Virginia Tech, "I support the death penalty. If you commit a felony and kill a victim, you deserve the death penalty."

Death Penalty:

In 2016, Herring issued a legal opinion in support of amendments to HB 815 that allowed the commonwealth to obtain execution drugs secretly from compounding pharmacies, thus helping to perpetuate the use of the death penalty in Virginia. In 2009, Herring voted for HB 2358, which would have expanded use of the death penalty by redefining the "riggerman" rule.

Educational Choice:

On his website, Adams states, "Educated in public schools from kindergarten through law school, I understand the importance of a sound public education. I will fight to ensure that every student finds the same opportunities from our schools that I experienced. But, I also recognize the right and responsibility to educate our children lies foremost with parents – not politicians. Parents must be trusted to choose how best to educate their children."

Educational Choice:

During the 2012 General Assembly session, Herring voted against SB 131. That legislation established the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program, which provides a 65% state tax credit for donations that fund scholarships for income-eligible students to attend nonpublic K-12 schools.



Know the Positions of the Candidates for LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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~ Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 49, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015



Justin E. Fairfax
Democrat



Jill H. Vogel
Republican

Abortion:

Fairfax's website states, "As Vice-Chair of Planned Parenthood Metropolitan Washington Action Fund, Justin is passionate about ensuring that women have the freedom to make their own reproductive and healthcare decisions. As Lt. Governor of Virginia, Justin will protect a woman's right to choose."

Abortion:

In a Bearing Drift op-ed, Vogel wrote, "In the almost ten years that I have served in Virginia's Senate, I have maintained a 100% pro-life voting record – each and every year and have been in the front lines of attacks for my pro-life positions."

Death Penalty:

No statements on Fairfax's position on the death penalty were found.

Death Penalty:

In 2016, Vogel voted twice in favor of death penalty legislation. She voted for HB 815, to allow executions to continue through use of the electric chair when the commonwealth runs out of lethal injection drugs. She then voted for the amendment which allowed the commonwealth to purchase lethal injection drugs from compounding pharmacies whose identities are kept secret from the public.

Educational Choice:

No statements on Fairfax's position on educational choice were found.

Educational Choice:

According to her website, "Vogel has supported school choice legislation, charter schools, and education savings accounts to give parents more control and choice over the education of their children." During the 2012 General Assembly session, Vogel voted for SB 131. That legislation established the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program, which provides a 65% state tax credit for donations that fund scholarships for income-eligible students to attend nonpublic K-12 schools.



The issues listed here represent a snapshot of the candidates' positions as of Aug. 31, 2017. The Conference neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office. Published by the Virginia Catholic Conference, the public policy agency of Virginia's Catholic Bishops.

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Weekly Offertory

Collections for Sunday, October 29

Offertory	\$xxxxx
World Mission Sunday	5,664
Building Fund (add'l)	3,524
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	729

Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Charity for November

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Fredericksburg. This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Pro Life Reflection

The month of November is dedicated in a particular way to praying for the dead. This includes children who died before birth. These children did not have the opportunity to be baptized; the Church teaches, however, that we can entrust them with confidence to the mercy of God. Lord, You love aborted children even more than we do. We entrust them to Your mercy.

Al Anon Surviving the Weekend Group

All who have been affected by someone else's drinking, and members come together to learn a better way of life and how to find happiness. It's important to know that you are not alone and there is

help. Al Anon meetings are every Saturday at 10am in Room 204 of St. Mary's Parish Life Center.

Nar Anon Support Available

Nar Anon is a program that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with substance abuse. All information and discussion is non-judgemental, informative and strictly confidential. Our meetings are in **Room 204 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8pm** and are open to the community at large. **Contact Cathy at 703-2018821, burgh757@gmail.com or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**

Veterans Day Prayer

Dear Lord, we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made, for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Retirement Fund for Religious

"Give to those who have given a lifetime"

November 11-12

As you recall the people who have most shaped your life, you may remember the sister who prepared you for First Holy Communion or the brother who coached your high school basketball team. Never counting the cost, these religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all that you could be—choosing to invest in your future rather than their own.

Today, these sisters, brothers and religious order priests may be elderly or infirm. Today, they need you. **More than 33,000 senior women and men religious living in the United States benefit from this collection.** Ninety-four percent of every donation to the National Religious Retirement Office aids senior religious.

Please give generously to next weekend's second collection, which benefits the many deserving religious who served our diocese and who now need our help meeting the overwhelming costs of elder care. Checks should be made payable to Saint Bernadette Catholic Church. To learn how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the United States Bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 5-11. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation." usccb.org/vocations

Pray for Vocations

"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out. Keep the stove tightly shut so that it will not lose its heat and grow cold. In other words, avoid distractions as well as you can. Stay quiet with God." St. Charles Borromeo (Patron Saint of Seminarians, Feast Day Nov. 4)

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Ray Heath, Anna Marie Johnson, Emma Gilbert, Tracey Hansen, Bill Herr, Richard Fadden, Michelle Williams, Mike Pabrinkis, Zachary Payne, David Nimmer, Adrienne Foshay, Maggie Lampman, Keri Nelson, Marc Wood, Jack Brush, Sandra Frietas Smith, Elise Velez, Virginia Gannon, Daisy McGuiney, Russell McGuiney, Kari Nelson, Ellen GilHool, Patricia Russo, Gail Russell, Urbano Negre, Nimfa Cloud, Daniel Burke, Prudy Tarpey, Barbara McCoy, Lee Bishop, Nora Ellen Lloyd, Tanh Lam, Joseph Mikulka, Lillian Kendall, Martha Clements, Judy Diehl, Terry Givens, Rose St. John, Jason Sully, Danny Thiebolt, Mary Rau, David Phillips, Re MacArthur, Theresa Petrill, Bob Rekowski, Gerard Fitzpatrick, Christina Wiley, Maureen Mizzles, Charles Dittmer, Bernice Douglas, Miles Wood, Bruce Mattern, Maria Wood, Shannon Triola, David Marcs, Roseanne Mash, Jeanne Burke, Indira Murillo, Christie Greenwell, Holly Smith, Anthony Yantiss, Larry Dillman, James Evans, Gabriel Galarza-Torres, Keith Kovalefsky, Joaquin Perez, Amber Moser, Stan Guzik, Barbara Butler, Mary Walsh, Elizabeth Murray, Jacqueline Murray, Robert Gomer, Carla Gomer, Robert Wayne Thompson, Robert Arthur Ouellette, Douglas Meyer, Betsy Murray, Monica Hannan, Eldon Ulmer, Linda Jamison, Karla Dorsey, Maria Eliza Franca Maciel, Eileen Bourne, Marty T., David A, Pedro Rios, Cathy Burgh, Roger Dewayne, Rose Anne Sharpe, Angus Johnson, Peter Wood, Jude Murphy, Paula Snellings, Mary Jean & Don Williams, Harold Gardiner, Gerald Gardiner, Tina Ott, Michael Carr, Stephen Daley, Deanna White, Maria Stein, Elizabeth Davis, Jeanette Williams, Deborah June King, Ann Gallagher, Robert & Brittani Horner, John D. Zaloudek, Roger Sharpe, Mary Ulmer, Antonio Christianson, Thomas Moeller, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, Maryann Seidlinger, William Hackbarth, John Michael Ides, Sylvia Pressley, Tamlyn Leaf, Matthew Roberts, Deanna Uperti, Gabriela Mason, Maria Stine, Joy & Larry Kligman, David Duke, Dennis Morris, James Murphy, Joan Cheek, Ted Mayor, Tim Conway, Billy LaPietra, Bob Rekowski & Family

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, Dominick Joseph Petro, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Sean Plunkett, Roy Selvidge, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, Nelly Garcia, Mindy Hakenson, Xavier Alas, Anthony Howell, John Anthenor, Andrew Dowdy, Sean McCullum, Josue Bermudez, Monica Hannan, Brian Mahoney, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings

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6 MONDAY

6:30am All Souls Novena
9am All Souls Novena
Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

7 TUESDAY

6:30am All Souls Novena
9am All Souls Novena
Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

8 WEDNESDAY

6:30am All Souls Novena
9am All Souls Novena
Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

9 THURSDAY

6:30am All Souls Novena
9am All Souls Novena
12pm All Souls Novena
Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

10 FRIDAY

6:30am All Souls Novena
8:15am All Souls Novena
9am All Souls Novena
Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

11 SATURDAY

9am Frances Hart+
5pm C.J. Ward
7pm Kevin Socha+
Rom 16:3-27/Lk 16:9-15

12 SUNDAY

7am Tiem Vu+
8:30am Cecilio Albo+
10:30am Those who died in October
10:30am* For Our Parish
12:30pm Virginia+ & Joseph Clay
2:30pm Juan Carlos Chavez+
5pm Rosaria Sbaraglia+
7:01pm Jaime Gorman
Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 23:1-13

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