

**Twenty-eighth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

13 Oct 2013

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



what's coming

october

13 Sunday, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee and Donuts after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Troop 1410)
SCRIP Sales after Masses.

12noon-1:45pm, English as a Second Language Classes, 2nd Fl., Parish Life Center.

6pm, Catholic Youth Ministry Dinner, Parish Life Center.

7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

14 Monday, Weekday (St. Calixtus I, pope and martyr)

Columbus Day. Parish Offices Closed.

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

8pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, Topic: Male and Female He made them:

Reflection of the Divine Image, John Paul II House.

8:15pm, "Preparing a Place for Unity and Peace," an ecumenical prayer service in the tradition of the Taize community in France, church. All area Christians invited.

15 Tuesday, St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the church

6:30pm, Teaching Mass for Religious Education Students, church.

16 Wednesday, Weekday (St. Hedwig, religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin)

6:30-8pm, YOUCAT - Youth Ministry Program, JP II House.

8pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

17 Thursday, St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr

9:30am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

5pm, Teaching Mass for Religious Education Students, church.

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

18 Friday, St. Luke, evangelist

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Mom's Group), John Paul II House

5:30pm, Middle School Youth Group trip to Belvedere Plantation.

19 Saturday, Ss. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs

SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

20 Sunday, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee and Donuts after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Thurman Brisben Shelter)

12noon-1:45pm, English as a Second Language Classes, 2nd Fl., Parish Life Center.

2pm, Korean Prayer Group, Upstairs, John Paul II House.

3pm, Spanish Rosary Month Celebration, Parish Life Center.

6pm, Catholic Youth Ministry Dinner, Parish Life Center.

7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

21 Monday, Weekday

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church. Topic: The Trinity.

All parish adults welcome. 8:15pm, small group discussion continues for RCIA candidates in Parish Life Center.

8:15pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House. Topic: Holy Hour. Church.

22 Tuesday, Weekday (Blessed John Paul II, pope)

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Renewal Prayer group, Courtyard Meeting Room.

7:30pm, 2015 Confirmation Year I Meeting for parents and students, church.

23 Wednesday, Weekday (St. John Capistrano, priest)

6:30-8pm, YOUCAT - Youth Ministry Program, JP II House.

8pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.



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- ☞ Thank you to all those who have turned in their **Commitment Cards**. If you haven't responded yet, there is still time! You may mail your card or bring it to the Parish Office.
- ☞ Join us for our **TAIZE Ecumenical Prayer Service** this Monday 8:15-9pm in Church.
- ☞ There are no **Religious Education Classes** this week. Students are required to attend one of the **Teaching Masses** being offered on Tuesday or Thursday.
- ☞ The **All Souls Novena** begins November 2. Envelopes are in your packets, and are also available in the Parish Office and in Church.
- ☞ **Columbus Day** is Monday, October 14. The **Parish Office** will be closed.
- ☞ **SCRIP** is on sale in the Parish Life Center after all Masses except Saturday 7pm and Sunday 2pm. Please use SCRIP, and a percentage of what you spend will be applied to our school.
- ☞ **Sunday Coffee Shop** is open this weekend after the 7, 8:30 & 10:30 Masses.
- ☞ Watch here, please, in future bulletins for the latest news of the week, and stay tuned for updates in our parish website soon that will improve our communication with you online: www.stmaryfred.org.

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from the pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

It seems like God has been trying to hit me over the head lately with a message. After considering the themes of peace and justice at our annual diocesan interreligious gathering on the 29th “In the Spirit of Assisi,” and celebrating the feast of St. *Francis of Assisi* on the 4th, reflecting on the theme of the Culture of Encounter that our Holy Father *Francis* continues to speak about—then at conferences last week with Evangelicals as well as Buddhists, the question of Christian mission and values kept surfacing.

We have a clear mandate from God that, in order to be faithful to living in his image, we identify ourselves with the poor and the most lowly and forgotten in the world in order to follow him. Two weeks ago we heard, “He became poor that we might become rich.” When all are assembled before the throne of God on that last day what is the final test determining our entry/nonentry into the Kingdom? It is all determined by how we responded to the needs of “the least” of our brothers and sisters (Mt. 25), whom Jesus claims also as his brothers and sisters, and with whom he completely identifies himself: “what you did not do for the least of these, you did not do for me.” Jesus is saying: *I am the poor. I am the lost.*

Our Sisters and all those who have embraced the vocation of the religious life aren’t living a radical extreme response to the example of Jesus: they are normal. We are the ones who aren’t paying attention. We must pray for many vocations for our Sisters because our blindness is so great where the world and our attachments to it are concerned.

St. Francis embraced the poor, and willingly embraced poverty itself as his “sister.” Pope Francis has taken some amazing steps to realign the office of the Vicar of Christ to be more Christ-like. When we encounter another, he says, we must first see the person, not the situation, the sin, the confusion, the illness. The *person*. Not what a person has or doesn’t have.

Jesus told us we already know the commandment of loving God above all things. *But I give you a new one*, he says. *Love your neighbor as yourself.* Well, I always thought this was a strange thing, because we were always taught that self-love wasn’t the best passtime. In Christ we have a *new understanding*: we must love our neighbor as we love ourself—not because we are so loveable, or even deserve to be loved—but because our neighbor and our self is *the same thing*. Loving kindness and compassion is a sharing, not a service we give to somebody. It is a sharing in the experience of life, a celebrating of joy, a suffering-with to help carry mutual burdens and difficulties.

We call them corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and we teach them to our kids. But not because they are good things to do in our spare time. They are who we are. And this identity needs to flow out of our hearts into the world.

Change our hearts, Lord. Make us like you.

I wanted to briefly mention, too, that we had some fruitful meetings last week with parents at Holy Cross about the continued attention we are giving to security and safety in our school, in response to this crazy world we are living in. Emergency plans, security measures and personnel training are well in place, as well as video technology and heightened awareness of what is going on around us. We don’t want to create an environment of fear, but rather a place where confidence and a sense of trust is established in knowing that needed measures are taken to keep everyone safe. Our parents were very pleased with our presentations.

You may notice in the next few weeks some additional cameras in our buildings. They are not because we sense any threat; they are just common sense. We have begun working on plans and procedures for the safety of the church, as well, and will get back to you soon. Thank God we have so many professionals in health care and security in the parish, and they are so willing to help us do it.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” *Mother Teresa*

HCA eighth graders have heard this call and want to put it into action. As a class, they have decided that the Oblate Missions will be their Hope Project for this school year. They brainstormed ideas to promote awareness of the missions among the younger students. They designed posters and prepared presentations to teach about the needs of the people in South Africa and South America where our Oblate Sisters serve.

After this careful preparation the students visited each of the classrooms, taught the younger students about the people our Sisters serve through

a brief presentation and then delivered mission banks for donations. They will be collecting the banks monthly to count the money and encourage giving. In addition to monetary donations, the eighth grade students are praying for those in need and for those who are serving in our Oblate Sisters’ missions.

If you want to learn about our school and all that we can do for your child, please call us at 540-286-1600 or visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. For St. Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. Holy Cross Academy is a place where each child can flourish and grow. We would love to hear from you and will gladly give you a tour of our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and tell you all about the wonderful things happening here.



A National Blue Ribbon School, 2012



sacred music

Concert Series Kicks off with Acclaimed Young Organist

Friday, November 8 at 8pm, experience outstanding young organist Russell Weismann in the first of our free concerts offered throughout the year. Russell Weismann is an emerging young artist who strives to engage audiences with a contemporary style of performance programming and is committed to inspiring younger musicians to engage and expand the role of the pipe organ in the context of both sacred and concert events.

Russell has performed recitals across the United States as well as in Europe, Mexico, and Africa. He was a featured performer at the 2004 American Guild of Organists Convention in Los Angeles, the 2010 Organ Historical Society Convention in Pittsburgh, and the 2013 Convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians in Washington, DC. He has also been featured on American Public Media's Pipedreams and in June 2013, Russell made his Kennedy Center debut, being the third person to play the Center's new pipe organ in public recital.



The concert is free, and a donation is welcomed for the support of Concerts at Saint Mary. For more info, contact the Saint Mary Music Office at 540-373-6491 x217 or dmathers@stmaryfred.org.

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Teaching Mass

Religious Education students will need to attend one of two Teaching Masses led by Father Rooney: either on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30pm or on Thursday, October 17 at 5pm. There are no regular classes scheduled for this week, each child is expected to attend one of the Teaching Masses. Each child will get an attendance card on which to write their name.

It is our responsibility to help our children develop an impassioned love for the Mass which is at the heart and center of the Christian life. Having a better understanding of the parts and aspects of the Mass is one the ways to mature in our love for the Mass.

Catechist Training

Catechists have a training session on Wednesday, October 16 at 6pm in the Parish Life Center. The

topic for this year is Morality and on Oct. 16 we will discuss "Call to Holiness" and "The Moral Life."

Catechists are also urged to make an effort to attend the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, October 24 at 6pm at Holy Cross Academy. It is the parish's way of saying "Thank You" for catechizing our children.

Children's Offertory Envelopes

The children took home their packs of offertory envelopes and the response has been great! The Children's Offering for one weekend was \$103.99. Please encourage them to put a quarter into an envelope before coming to Mass and put it in the collection basket. If each child did this, the charity of the month would receive about \$1,000. Many small sacrifices become a tremendous gift.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

All Yankee Candle orders are due back to the Youth Ministry office by Monday, October 21. Please make sure you follow the specific instruction inside the packet folders for processing your orders and getting the money back to us.

Middle School Belvedere Plantation trip

All 7th & 8th graders are invited on Friday, October 18 from 5:30pm-10pm to a night of s'mores, hot chocolate and hot apple cider by the fire at Belvedere Plantation. Cost is \$18 a permission slip and s'more items to share. Parents are welcomed and needed for transportation. Please RSVP by Monday, October 14.

2015 Confirmation Year I Meeting

Our first meeting for those getting Confirmed in 2015 will be on Tuesday, October 22 from 7:30pm-9pm in the Church. We will discuss the entire Confirmation process. This is a very important meeting. Please make sure you bring with you all of the paperwork that was handed to your child in Religious Education classes or at Holy Cross Academy. If you did not receive the paperwork or misplaced it, please go to our website and print it from the Youth Ministry page.

2014 Confirmation Year II Meeting

Tuesday, October 29 at 7:30pm in the Church. We will discuss what remains of the formation process for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and our upcoming mandatory Confirmation Retreat to the Basilica in Washington D.C. Permission slips for

the retreat were mailed last month and are due with the \$65 fee at this meeting. Additional permission slips are available on www.stmaryfred.org, check the Youth Ministry page.

WorkCamp 2014: Some new changes to be aware of.

WorkCamp preparations for the summer of 2014 are beginning earlier than usual. If you are interested in joining us for WorkCamp please make sure that you go to our website and download the application. There are some new changes to our formation meetings and training that will require planning ahead. Anyone who wants to go to WorkCamp must turn in their application and attend the mandatory meeting on Sunday, November 10. This meeting will serve as an information session as well as the first mandatory prep meeting. All households with high school students will receive a postcard from the Youth Ministry office highlighting the changes to our WorkCamp policy as a reminder to this year's changes.

Diocesan High School Rally

Join us for the Diocesan High School Rally on Sunday, October 27. This event is a celebration of our faith and love of the Lord. We will gather for over eight hours of live music, games, inspirational speakers, and Sunday Mass with Bishop Loverde. Cost is \$25 and a permission slip. Permission slips are available online.

To to be placed on our Youth Ministry email distribution list, please contact leo@stmaryfred.org.



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Thinking of becoming Catholic? Last Call for 2013-2014 Class

The Catholic Church offers you an opportunity to see what being a Catholic is all about through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

The St Mary RCIA program began September 9, but you can still join us. We meet every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:15pm in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2014. The program also welcomes baptized Catholics who have not received Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. In the next two weeks we will be closing the class, so don't delay, sign up now. We also offer an Adult Confirmation class in late Fall for those who have been Baptized and received First Holy Communion.

Please contact the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 or email kkeiser@stmaryfred.org to sign up. There is no obligation; come and see what it's all about.

New! Walking with Purpose

Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? You don't have much scripture knowledge, but you would like to see how the scriptures apply to your everyday life? Or, you have some scripture knowledge but want to go deeper? If so, we invite you to consider joining our new Walking with Purpose group.



Walking with Purpose™
Enabling Women to know Christ through Scripture

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a weekly reflection that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps to link our everyday challenges and struggles to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Church.

Interested in learning more? Please join us for a WWP session on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:30pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room and find out what it is all about! All women are welcome. Child care is not provided, however.

For questions or to RSVP, call the parish office or email Lori Mattson at lori@acumen-ea.com. Also, feel free to visit www.walkingwithpurpose.com for more information.

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary on Monday, October 14 as we "prepare a place for unity and peace" in Fredericksburg.

Praying with one voice, let us ask God to bring healing to our world and end the divisions that separate peoples.

You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taize community in France, the second Monday of every month from 8:15 to 9pm.

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 this community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and accomplish this plan for us.

St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Joseph Mascetta, Virginia Rose, Peter Fisher, Josephine Kreider, Eleanor McGill, Loli Ibarra, Julie Smith, Charles Leonard, Charles Kendall, Helen Kozyra, Nancy Sturtevant, Joseph Bozicevic, Julie Fabula, Kristen Meade, Ree Messer, Martha Clements, Amelia McDevitt, Gerald Gardiner, Melanie Weart, Rico Santos, Rebecca Lowe, Erma Dean, Beverly Winful, Judy Larkin, Catherine Thompson, Lynn Jacobs, Katie Bailey, Holly Smith, Donald Estes, Frederick Brems, Jordan Rizer, Jeri Carone, Joseph Tereri, Dawn Walter, Anna Castagna, Tim Murray, Tom Gibbs, Douglas Moore, Bill Luck, Mary Ullmer, Georgene Burton, Joe O'Connor, David Silberman, Anthony Yantiss, Hieu Nguyen, Katie Billing, Audrey Wolski, Morgan Wolski, Ruth Weaver, Lucy Holzworth, David Arnold, Linda Moler, Matt Miller, Wilma Evans, Hoop Hooper, Rita Wainwright, Marianne Ford, Randy and Vicky Dehr, Velda Taylor, Deborah Ellia, Linda Kaila, Barbara Leone, Monica Lantigua, Bert DeVore, Betty Ann Dateno, Frank Moehler, Harold Gardiner, Garafano Family, Grant Family, Casey Family, LaCombe Family

Please Pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: Javier Acosta, Leah April, Joel Asher, Miguel Ayala, Crystal Black, Ned Brownell, Jr., Derek Brostek, Christopher Burton, Matthew Campos, Leslie Capuano, Bruno Carriero, Jonathan Catalano, 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, Jonathan Fleming, Roberto Fuentes, Jason Geary, Ramon Guerra, Jr., Andrew Hamilton, Harry Hamilton, Ronnie Hamilton, Maria Harbeson, Andy Haskell, Raymond Haskell, Robert Haynes, Michael J. Herbek, James Helm, James Hoffnagle, Jr., Robert Horner, Danny L. Howard, Jr., Anthony Howell, Christine Kaila, 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, 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, Scott Price, Nick Schulz, Duayne Scott, Tim Smetek, Andrew Smith, Douglas Stransky, Tommy Tharp, Shawn Tupta, Heidi Urben, Christopher Williamson and Daniel Zeytoonian.

Please pray for all the faithful departed: especially all the benefactors of St. Mary Parish.

October, Month of the Holy Rosary

By Apostolic Brief at the Eucharistic Congress of Bologna, in September 1927, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who recite the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for veneration or reserved in the Tabernacle.

Pro-Life Reflection

"But at the other end of life, the elderly, they too are the future of a people. A people has a future if it goes forward with both elements: with the young, who have the strength, and things move forward because they do the carrying; and with the elderly because they are the ones who give life's wisdom. And I have often thought that we do the elderly an injustice, we set them aside as if they had nothing to offer us; they have wisdom, life's wisdom, history's wisdom, the homeland's wisdom, the family's wisdom. And we need all this!" (Pope Francis, Meeting with journalists during flight to Brazil for World Youth Day, July 22, 2013)

We pray for all those who work with the elderly, that they may be renewed in wonder and gratitude for those who have been entrusted to their care.

All Souls Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your deceased loved ones. Our All Souls Novena will begin on Saturday, November 2, All Souls Day. An intention envelope is included with your bimonthly envelope packet; additional envelopes are available in the Parish Office and in the vestibule of the Church. Envelopes may be turned in early and will be placed near the altar during the Novena.

Masses were offered in September for the following unscheduled intentions: Greg Shay, Pat Shay, Intentions of the Than Family, June Bersamin, Sister Susan Louise, +Sarah DeRosa, +Blazenska Vulin, +Joseph Tucker, +Mary Babak, +Richard Salazar, and 5 Special Private Intentions.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

October

14 MONDAY

6:30 +Helen & Cushing Daniel
9am +John Murphy
Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

15 TUESDAY

6:30 Deacon Jim & Missy Fishenden
9am Glen & Karen Sturtevant
Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

16 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Jeanette Wagner
9am +Elba Caraballo
Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

17 THURSDAY

6:30 Gwen Doherty
8:20* +Marjory Britton
9am +Paul Bernard Quirk
Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

18 FRIDAY

6:30 +Bill Novitsky
9am +Raoul Lherisson
2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

19 SATURDAY

9am +Jason Mooney
5pm +Fred Rogan
7pm +Fred Gasper
Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

20 SUNDAY

7am Jean Bazile
8:30 +Jerry Palmento
10:30 +Jo Grigg-Radelat
10:30* +Josephine Sumpolec
12:30pm +Kathleen Hamon
2pm +Thomas Rodrigeous
5pm For the Parish
7:01pm +Gloria Amparo Galindo Matamoros
Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

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SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
DEVOTIONS	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
CONFESSIONS	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm 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 Administrative Assistant, Kelly Keiser Secretary, Mary Fitch
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	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
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 are held monthly in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any telephone/address changes.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication. Send articles to stmary@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection	
10/06/13	\$40,287.
Porto Caravan Special	
Kids Special Needs	3,484.
Catholic University of America (add'l)	1,730.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul	
week ending 10/06	206.
SCRIP profit	
(9/29 -10/06/2013)	\$ 120.
SCRIP YTD profit	992.
(9/2013 - present)	

Thank you for your continued 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 Offering for October

The children's charity in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office.

Shop with SCRIP

Time to make room in your closet for Fall. If you noticing your wardrobe is lacking for the season they go to www.shop-withscrip.com to see a full list of retailers that can help freshen your closet and raise money for HCA. Some of the retailers

that are available are Aeropostle (7%), American Eagle (10%), Gap/Banana Republic (16%), Land's End (16%) and Macy's (10%). Don't forget to pick up your Scrip gift cards before you shop and a percentage will come back to St. Mary/HCA.

When you buy gift cards through the SCRIP Program a percentage comes back to the school to reduce the cost to the Parish. Come by the SCRIP table after Mass or email your questions about SCRIP Cards to Torie Baldwin at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com. To set up an account go to www.shop-withscrip.com, use our school code, 7B876EBB188L2, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. Thank you!

World Mission Sunday Oct 19/20

Next Sunday we celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to act in solidarity with missionaries in India and throughout the world, to "do good on earth" by putting our faith in action in support of the work of missionaries like Sister Clara who rescues girls from human trafficking in India. Child trafficking and child labor are the reality for 12 million children in India – every day countless children are stolen from or sold by their families against their will. Your prayers and generous gifts support more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Your generosity is truly appreciated, and your check should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church. Thank you and God bless you! *"If you help us, we will always remember that you helped our children to have a better home. Never more will they get back to the street. They will always have that standard where they can live a better life."* – Sister Clara

liturgy is life

Council of Catholic Women Meeting on Oct 15

The next meeting of the CCW will be Tuesday, October 15 at 10am in the Courtyard Meeting Room. Our Pastor, Fr. Rooney, will be the speaker. Please come join us for one of his inspiring talks and enjoy the fellowship of other women of St. Mary Catholic Church. If you've never been, we'd love to have you!

Help and Hope for Meaningful Employment

If you are unemployed or underemployed, the General Thomas F. Meagher Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), has established a program to help you.

We meet twice each month. Times and locations are: 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the St. Patrick parish hall and 8pm on the third Wednesday of each month at the St. Mary Parish Life Center (October 16).

The program provides guidance and networking opportunities to improve your job search. Help areas include resume writing, interviewing, and networking.

For additional information, please contact AOH Brother Chuck Payne at aohchuck@gmail.com.

St. Mary CCW Annual Craft Bazaar

The CCW annual Craft Bazaar will be held Saturday, October 26 from 8am till 2pm and Sunday, October 27 from 8am till 12noon. Lunch will be available for purchase on Saturday. Please come, shop and just enjoy seeing all the lovely things made by our ladies. The Craft Bazaar also includes a bake sale; please bake something to donate and then of course buy something to take along home as you leave (or snack on while still there). The drawing for the Redskins raffle will be held on Sunday, October 27. All proceeds

from the Bazaar and the raffle benefit charity.

Circle of Love Ministry

The CCW would like to share an opportunity to live Christ's words by loving our neighbors. Our Circle of Love committee wants you to be part of our mission by joining us in visiting the sick and home bound, providing needed rides to church or doctors, sharing meals with families in crises, babysitting, and fulfilling a variety of other needs. If you have a few hours to share and would be willing to join us, please send your name and e-mail or telephone number to emgccw@gmail.com and you will be contacted. We look forward to having you on our team.

If any parishioners are in need of assistance, please contact the CCW Circle of Love Ministry at emgccw@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

The annual Blessing of the Animals took place on Saturday, October 5. Chickens, parrots, dogs, cats, and ferrets all received a blessing.



St. Anne Sisters in Faith

Join us Friday, October 18 as we continue our study *Courageous Women* by Stacy Mitch. We will discuss Lesson 5. Join us for Mass at 9am followed by refreshments at 9:45 at the JP II house. Babysitting is available. Please contact Rocio at rocio.o.atkinson@gmail.com for more information.

St. Mary Young Adults

In October, the Young Adult ministry begins Fr. Cummings' Theological Anthropology Talks:

Oct 14: Male and Female He made them: Reflection of the Divine Image An understanding of the importance of chastity in and out of marriage. 8pm, JP II House.

Oct 21: Young Adults Holy Hour in the Church with Praise and Worship music. Meet in the Church at 8:15 for an hour of prayer and music before the Blessed Sacrament.

Catholic Business Network Luncheon

On Thursday, October 17, the Central Virginia Catholic Business Network will host their quarterly luncheon at Blue & Gray Brewing Company in the Bowman Center in Fredericksburg. The Network has accomplished a tremendous amount in Fredericksburg since our formation in 2001, from founding a Catholic High School, to raising over \$1,000,000 and more.

This year our goal is to build a network of Catholic-owned businesses and professionals and help them live their faith in their businesses, thereby building a strong "Catholic business

culture" in Fredericksburg. Come join us and meet fellow business men and women as we work to shape the future for Christ. Please join us on October 17 at 11:45am at Blue & Gray Brewing Company located at 3300 Dill Smith Drive, Fredericksburg, 22408. Please bring \$12 cash to cover lunch, soft drink and gratuity. For more information please call Krystal at 373-1111, or email kpollinger@aka1.com

Men's Group

Looking for a chance to strengthen your faith? Come join with other men of the parish to discuss issues relevant to faith, work, family, and friendship in a casual environment at the Blue & Gray Brewery. We meet on both the 2nd and LAST Thursdays of each month at 7:30pm. Contact Mike Bostain (mrbostain@verizon.net) for more information.

Optio Secundus Men's Group

The "Second Option" of the St. Mary Men's Group usually meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for fellowship. We meet at the Blue & Gray Brewery (3300 Dill Smith Dr., 22408) for happy hour at 6:30pm followed by open discussion and optional dinner from 7:30 to 9:30.

Please contact Mike Storck at 571-289-7878 or thestorckfamily@comcast.net if you have any questions.

CCW Fundraiser Redskins Raffle Tickets

Enter for a chance to win two premium tickets to the Sunday, December 8 Washington Redskins home game.

The raffle tickets are \$10 per chance; the drawing will be October 26. The prize: Two tickets to Loge Seating at the Washington Redskins vs. Kansas City Chiefs home game, 1:00pm, December 8, 2013, two dinner buffet passes, and one parking pass!! Tickets will be available at our General Meeting October 15 and can also be obtained from CCW Board members Wanda Cushing, wcushing@cox.net, 373-9184, or Susan Huthmaker, shuthmaker@hotmail.com, 786-1554. Good luck!

English as a Second Language

FREE English as a Second Language classes are held each Sunday from 12noon-1:45pm. Classes are free and are walk-in (no pre-registration). Classes are held on the second floor of the Parish Life Center.

Stewardship Reflection

In today's gospel, we hear of the ten men afflicted with leprosy, and the one who glorifies God for being healed. It is a dramatic scene of gratitude. But in order for the miracle to happen in the first place, these men had to start walking in faith before their diseased conditions changed one tiny bit. Good stewards of their faith realize that they cannot wait until their problems are over to start walking in faith. They praise God even in the darkest of nights, and in the worst of circumstances. Do we walk in faith, giving the Lord our gratitude even when we are in difficult circumstances?

“love one another as I love you”

Support the Race for Seminarians Team

The Diocese of Arlington’s Race for Seminarians team will run in the Marine Corps Marathon and 10K on Sunday, October 27. They are running to benefit the seminarians of our diocese and foster future vocations. Please visit ArlingtonVocations.org for more details on how to support the runners with a donation.

Healing after Abortion for Women, Nov 15-17

This weekend retreat offers an opportunity for women who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to experience the mercy and compassion of God. It offers a supportive and confidential environment where you can begin the process of healing. For more info. email: info@helpafterabortion.org

tion.org, visit: www.helpafterabortion.org or call 1-888-456-HOPE. Space is limited.

Help with Gift for Life

Plan now to raise funds this Advent for Gabriel Project, our diocesan, parish-based pregnancy assistance program, and for Project Rachel, our abortion-recovery program. It’s easy to make it a group activity. Your donations of time and treasure can change lives forever. For more info. call 703-841-2755 or download materials at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The SVDP Thrift Shop is located in Greenwich Plaza off Lafayette Blvd and open Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm, 540-898-9066. The shop is supported by your

donations of furniture, clothing and household goods. Monetary donations may be placed in the Poor Boxes near the church doors. The proceeds from the Thrift Shop and your donations are used to help families in need in our community.

Funds needed for Shelter Dinners

St. Mary parish volunteers have a strong commitment to the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter. We provide two dinners a month for the residents AND we make bag lunches for the following day.

Many thanks to those who have donated funds in the past to purchase ingredients for the dinners at the Homeless Shelter. It is much appreciated! If you can donate funds for ingredients, please call Patti Kaila at 540-786-3825. Every dollar helps!

humility: letting God use us

There was a time when my understanding of humility was actually a stumbling block to my growth as a disciple. I believed that humility required that I embrace an overly timid stance in life. The result being a struggle with the tension between remaining humble while at the same time confidently responding to the call to be a disciple and to share the hope that I have in Christ with others. I found a renewed vision of humility in the words of C.S. Lewis, “Humility does not mean that we think less of ourselves... it simply means that we think of ourselves less.” In these words I discovered what I like to call a healthy-humility. My gifts are not of my own doing; they

come from and belong to God. This humble disposition should give us the God-grounded confidence, and the courage, to boldly, yet kindly, use our gifts to glorify God; that’s healthy-humility.

Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23). Note that Jesus puts denying ourselves as the first requirement. The humble person denies that their talents, abilities and opportunities have anything to do with themselves. The ‘deny self’ motto is – “It’s not mine and it’s not about me!” Now you’re ready to take up any challenge and follow Christ.

Some may think that adopting the attitude of unworthiness is being humble. So often you hear people say “I am not good enough to get involved in ministry”; this is false humility. Sometimes we need to just get over ourselves, get out of the way, and humbly let God use us. We can do this by confidently, generously, and joyfully, sharing our gifts. Blessed Mother Teresa said, “If you are discouraged it is a sign of pride because it shows you trust in your own power. Your self-sufficiency, your selfishness and your intellectual pride will inhibit His coming to live in your heart because God cannot fill what is already full. It is as simple as that”. Humility is so much more productive than pride.

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