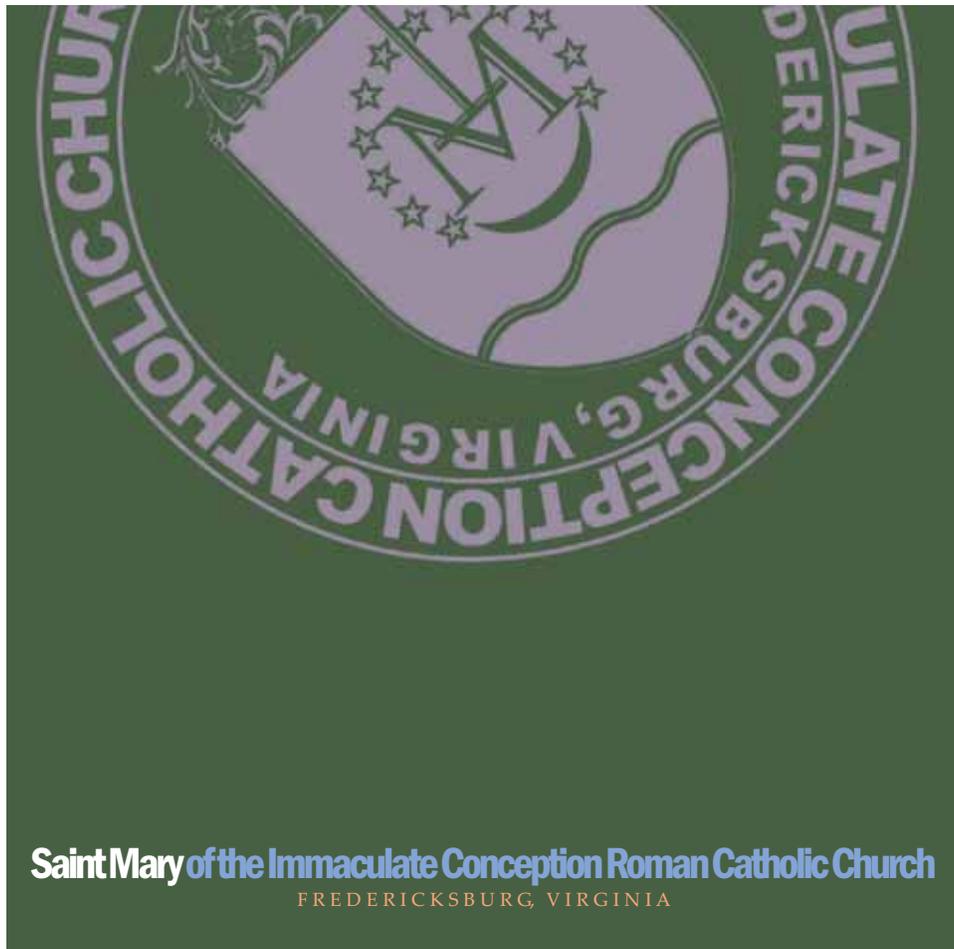
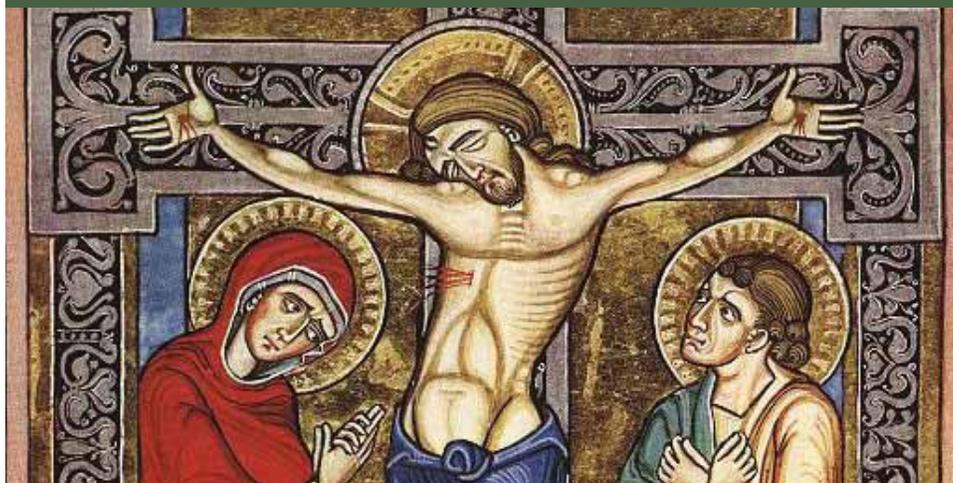


**Twenty-ninth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

20 Oct 2013



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



what's coming

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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)

3:30pm, Altar Server Training, church. Call Parish Office if interested, 540-373-6491. Ages 10 and up.
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.

24 Thursday, Weekday (St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop)

9:30am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
9:30am, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room. *Registration has closed. Ask about what's coming next.*
3:30pm, Altar Server Training, church.
6pm, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Holy Cross Academy. Reservations required.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

25 Friday, Weekday

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

26 Saturday, Weekday

8am, SHARE distribution, outside Parish Life Center
8am-2pm, CCW Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale, Parish Life Center.
9:30am, Deacon's Presentation on Catholicism (in Spanish), Courtyard Meeting Room.
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

27 Sunday, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee and Donuts after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (CCW)
8am-12pm, CCW Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale, Parish Life Center.
SCRIP Sales after Masses.
11:30am, New Family Welcome Meeting, church.
12noon-1:45pm, English as a Second Language Classes, 2nd Fl., Parish Life Center.
3:30pm, Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life & Marriage concluding with Rosary & Benediction, church.
No CYM this evening due to Diocesan High School Rally.

28 Monday, Ss. Simon and Jude, apostles

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
8pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.
7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church. Topic: Divine Revelation, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. All parish adults welcome. 8:15pm, small group discussion continues for RCIA candidates in Parish Life Center.



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NOTA BENE (*note well, please*):

- ✂ It is not too late to turn in your **Commitment Card**. Mail it or bring it to the Parish Office. Thank you to all those who have responded.
- ✂ Have you volunteered in the parish during the past year? Be sure to join us for the **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** this Thursday, October 24. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday, October 21.
- ✂ All boys and girls in 5th grade and above are invited to learn about being an Altar Server. **Altar Server training** begins on Tuesday, October 22. Contact Chris Lanzarone in the Parish Office or clanzarone@stmaryfred.org.
- ✂ Come to the Council of Catholic Women **Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale** on October 26 & 27 – Lots of great gifts for Christmas!
- ✂ **All Saints Day (Friday, Nov. 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation**. Our Masses are at 6pm on October 31, and 6:30 & 9am, 12 Noon, 6 & 7:30pm on November 1. All Night Adoration follows the 7:30pm Mass on November 1.
- ✂ Remember to include your loved ones in our annual **All Souls' Day Novena** of Masses. Envelopes were included in your bi-monthly envelope packet. Additional envelopes are available in the vestibule or in the Parish office.
- ✂ **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.

from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

This fall I was able to attend the International Catholic Stewardship Conference in Dallas. There were many presentations about how to inspire parish communities to come to life spiritually and socially, to develop a healthy spirit of volunteerism, to start a fire for the spirit of peace and justice in our cities, to invite people to really get invested in the present and future of their church that sits at the heart of their lives.

It is a beautiful vision, the one where the Church is the heart of the community. But what about those who don't hold the Church at the heart of their lives?

Or what do we do with the all-too-common experience of *"I'll go where they will give me what I want"*? This is the modern-day megachurch model for many Christian communities, one that turns the faith / religion / church biz into a kind of consumerism where I will support and give as long as I feel my investment is providing sufficient returns to me. What we are seeing is the advent of churches whose sole purpose is to help me feel good about myself, to help me justify subjective opinion, to turn the gift of faith into whatever I want it to be, as long as it seems to work for me. We want a homily that challenges us just enough and makes us think some, but not too much. And it has to be politically correct. Do you see how the self is the center of this whole description? The so-called Gospel of Prosperity (which is so popular today) actually teaches that Jesus wants you to be rich, and powerful, and happy, and people are flocking to it.

Studies show that a lot of Catholics are turning to these churches, but they don't last long there. The biggest problem is, when they decide to move on again, they generally don't land in another church home. They become unchurched. On one level, I think this is so because they realize how difficult it is to replace the ancient truth with a new opinion. The truth is a hard act to follow.

So, back to this idea of consumerism. One of the speakers at the conference spoke about how unhealthy it is to always be validating parish ministry with progress reports. It doesn't make sense to create ministry for ministry's sake if there isn't the heart behind it in the community to will it into being. Nor can a pastor just decide that a parish is going to be kind, compassionate, gentle, generous and pious. He can guide, and mentor, but not make it up, or force it to happen.

In the same way, he said, do away with all fundraising. Don't conceal the integrity of peoples' giving spirit by handing them a candy bar or a lottery ticket, or even an engraved plaque. I had never really thought about this before, because I've always known fundraisers and just regarded them as a "necessary evil." No, he said, just let people give. If they don't, then you just won't have. This is honest.

When you invite people to dinner, invite those who could never return the favor, taught Jesus. Give, and don't count the cost, and don't expect any return. In these teachings he was describing himself, and then calls us to follow him.

But he isn't talking about money here. In a way, it would be a whole lot easier if he were just talking about money. But when it comes to the life of faith, and we approach his altar, it isn't with a wallet that he calls us up, but with our hearts and hands open, and our life's accomplishments and failures, with our daily gladness and difficulties. He asks us to bring all that up and make our offering. He asks us to give ourselves back to him, since he gave it all to us in the first place. Generosity will overflow into the collection basket, too, but only as an effect of the *relationship* that sits at the heart of our lives, which we call "church." Otherwise we are simulating an effect without realizing what caused it to be; what caused us to be, and to be here in this place and time, fully, actively and consciously *his*.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

4th Graders Testing the Waters

Have you ever wondered if water temperature affects how quickly yellow and blue food dyes mix? To satisfy your curiosity, ask Beth Kinnaman's fourth graders who recently became little scientists in an attempt to discover the answer to that very question.

Her classroom was transformed into a science lab as they prepared for this hands-on activity. Students worked in small groups and carefully followed the scientific method. They were assigned the responsibility of gathering materials, recording water temperature and adding the different color dyes. Careful observations were recorded

then discussed as the students drew conclusions about the results. Later they compared their findings to determine whether or not their hypotheses were correct.

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



Students employ the scientific method as they studied the properties of water.

October 2013



Tuesday, November 5, is Election Day. Every year at this time, we issue a letter to urge the parishioners of our dioceses to vote, and to do so with a well-formed conscience. We renew that call now.

In our letter last October, we shared a three-part framework, reprinted below, that we believe is essential for the correct formation of conscience. We invite you to consider this framework prayerfully as you prepare to make important decisions in this November's elections and on many other occasions.

- Many issues are important. "Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible, and a right to access to 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*, para. 49. This consistent ethic of life provides the proper moral foundation for our engagement in political life. As Catholics, we must seek the best ways to respond to the many needs of our neighbors, at every stage of life and in every condition. Indeed, we must be attentive to all issues that affect human life and dignity and the common good.
- Not all issues have equal moral weight. Some practices are intrinsically evil – that is, always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. "[T]he moral obligation to oppose intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions." *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, para. 37. Examples include abortion (which occurs more than a million times each year in the U.S.), euthanasia, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, genocide, torture, racism, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war. Not all of these issues occur in the context of the present election, but many, such as abortion, do. It is also essential to note that God is the author of marriage, and therefore marriage has a built-in design and purpose that cannot be redefined. The institution of marriage, rooted in the natural law, is integral to the common good because it is the building block of the family and society.
- When the issue is whether to protect or deny the fundamental right to life, it outweighs other matters. Among acts that are intrinsically evil, those that directly attack life itself, the clearest example of which is abortion, are the foremost violations of human dignity. The right to life is the foundation upon which all other human rights are based and without which no other right could possibly exist. The right to life is indeed our first right, and protecting life to the maximum degree possible must be our highest priority.

For additional resources on conscience formation and faithful citizenship, please visit the Virginia Catholic Conference's website (www.vacatholic.org). This site includes responses to the Conference's survey of candidates in Virginia's races for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and contested House of Delegates seats.

As Americans and Virginians, civic engagement is our duty. As Catholics, it is also a requirement of our faith.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo
Bishop of Richmond

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. After this week, the registration will be closed. 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.



Check it out.

We are NOT in the business of promoting private industry, but something has come to our attention that you can't miss. Check out THE POPE APP for iPhone. Keep on top of Rome.

Walking with Purpose: "Enabling Women to know Christ through Scripture"

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 (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.



Come to our Eighth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!



Join us on Thursday, October 24 at 6pm at Holy Cross Academy

All who have volunteered in any capacity at St. Mary or Holy Cross Academy are cordially invited to attend. This is our way of saying "Thank you for all that you do!" There is no cost for the meal and dress is casual. Seating is limited—adults only, please. To make your reservation, contact the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 or via email to kkeiser@stmaryfred.org by Monday, October 21.

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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.

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

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 plan-

ning 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.

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



religious ed.

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.

Presentation for Spanish Speaking Parents - Monday, October 21

On Monday, October 7 from 6:30 to 7:45pm Deacon Alberto Bernaola held the first of two sessions with Spanish speaking in the First Communion and RCIC programs. They discussed what life is like in a Catholic family and Sacraments of Initiation. It was a fruitful session and many parents stayed at the end to ask questions and request information. The second session is on Monday, October 21 at 6:30pm, in the main hall of the Parish Life Center.

Yankee Candle

Children who took home Yankee Candle fundraiser packages are asked to bring them to class next week. All those who sell over \$50 of product are entered in a raffle to win a new iPod. Those who sell over \$500 have their raffle entries doubled.

Sunday Mass

We have been helping you prepare your children for Sunday Mass. Our hope is that all of us will grow in our understanding and love of the Mass so much so that we can all say, "Liturgy is Life is mission."

Please visit the websites we recommend and encourage your children to do also visit them. One very popular website is <http://www.holyheroes.com>. New activities for kids are added each week, including Sunday Mass preparations activities (video, coloring page and quiz) "Helping you bring the joy of faith to your family."

concert series

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 at Saint Mary series brings well-known musicians to Frederickburg to share their talent on our world-class organ. Concerts are open to all area residents.



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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

CONFESSION Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

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Fr. Stephen Holmes
Fr. Lino Rico Rostro
Deacon Alberto Bernaola
Deacon Dick Delio

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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.

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection	
10/13/13	\$37,279.
Monthly ACH Offertory	
Deposit 10/10/13	13,791.
Parish Building Fund	10,888.
Porto Caravan Special	
Kids Special Needs (addl)	988.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul	
week ending 10/13	296.
SCRIP profit	
(10/6 -10/13/2013)	\$ 148.
SCRIP YTD profit	1,140.
(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

'Tis the season for candy, decorations, extra groceries and baking items! Use SCRIP for your shopping needs. Target (2%), Walmart (2.5%), HomeGoods

(%), Honey Baked Ham Co. (12%), Pier 1 (9%), Giant Food (4%), JoAnn Fabric & Crafts (6%) -- just to name a few to get you started!

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

This 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

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

liturgy is life

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.

St. Anne Sisters in Faith

Join us Friday, October 25 as we continue to delve into *Courageous Women*. We pray you can join us for 9am Mass followed by refreshments at 9:45 at the

JPII house. We will discuss lesson 4 (It is taking us 2 weeks to complete each lesson). 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 participates in Fr. Cummings' Theological Anthropology Talks:

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.

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!

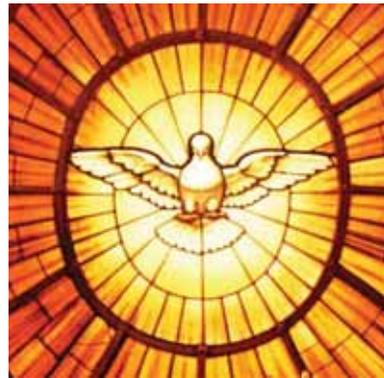
Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life and Marriage: Oct.

Please join us for a Eucharistic Holy Hour immediately following the 2pm Mass on Sunday, October 27. Exposition will

begin at the end of Mass and a Rosary followed by Benediction will complete an hour of prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty. The program will finish at 4:30pm. We will hold a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life & Marriage on the last Sunday of each month during the Year of Faith.

Are You at Least 10 Years Old and Do You Desire to Serve the Parish?

Altar Server Training for all interested parishioners from 5th grade into High School will begin shortly. Training will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30pm-4:45pm for a two week period starting on October 22. Anyone interested should e-mail Vicky Kopcak at vicky265g@yahoo.com or Chris Lanzarone at clanzarone@stmaryfred.org. You may also call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491.

**Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering**

The Life in the Spirit Renewal Prayer Gathering at St. Mary Parish normally meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Courtyard Room. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 22. All are welcome – come and pray. For more information call Walter or Claire Matthews at 972-2652.

church

Daily Mass Intentions
and Readings

October

21 MONDAY

6:30 +Henry Dlugonski
9am Bernard Bresnahan
Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

22 TUESDAY

6:30 +Frank Clancy
9am Ethan Sturtevant
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Lk 12:35-38

23 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Margaret Clancy
9am +Dominic Beltran
Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

24 THURSDAY

6:30 +Roy Holloway
8:20* Gonzalo Guacena
9am +Richard Golemboski
Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

25 FRIDAY

6:30 +Chummar Anthappan
9am +Lee & Frank Mikalcus
Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

26 SATURDAY

9am Rosario Marinas
5pm For the Parish
7pm +Ralph & Loretta Steiniger
Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

27 SUNDAY

7am +George Keidel, Jr.
8:30 +Margaret O'Neill
10:30 +Emmanuel Lucia
10:30* +John Owen
12:30pm Our Military Living & Decd.
2pm +Anne Dyer
5pm Jess Chavarria
7:01pm +Arline LaBarbera
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34; 2
Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

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.

All Souls' Novena

This series of nine days of Masses for the intention of all our beloved dead 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 bi-monthly 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.

First Friday, All Night
Adoration, November 1

"The devotion to the Eucharist, together with the devotion to the Blessed Mother, is the devotion of Paradise, because it is the devotion which the Angels and Saints of Heaven also have."

(*"Jesus Our Eucharistic Love"*,
Fr. Stephano Manelli, OFM)

Friday, November 1 – All Saints Day – is also First Friday. All Night Adoration will take place immediately following the 7:30pm Mass for the Holy Day. Join the Angels and Saints – Come adore Our Lord in His Eucharistic Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up today.

"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 November 4)

St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Peter Fisher, Josephine Kreider, Eleanor McGill, Loli Ibarra, Julie Smith, Charles Leonard, Charles Kendall, Helen Kozyra, Nancy Sturtevant, Joseph Bozicevic, Julie Fabula, 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 Terreri, 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 Elia, Linda Kaila, Barbara Leone, Monica Lantigua, Bert DeVore, Betty Ann Dateno, Frank Moehler, Harold Gardiner, Garafano Family, Grant Family, Casey Family, LaCombe Family, Cecelia and Charles Lee, Cecelia Davis. Jay McClay

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 Alfred Worton, Sr., and all the benefactors of St. Mary Parish.

“as I have done for you”

Changing the Conversation About Micah

For so long, Micah Ecumenical Ministries has been known as a group of well-meaning churches whose resources came together in 2005 for the simple purpose of helping the chronically street homeless survive. Year after year, we have done that through visible things, such as our Hospitality Center on Princess Anne Street, our Cold Weather Shelter, and a Respite program that cares for people who leave the hospital with no place to go for temporary or terminal care. But behind the scenes, our work has evolved into so much more than making sure people get a shower every day, survive the winter or have the tools to follow through on doctor’s orders. Today, our programs are housing people, employing people, navigating them through complicated social systems and taking steps to take care of the whole person.

So successful have these efforts been that local street homeless numbers have declined by 33% in the last three years. In 2012 alone, we found stable housing for 31 people, 27 remain in permanent housing, 63 people found a sustainable job through Micah’s employment program, with 55 maintaining their placement. As a result, the faces of our homeless neighbors in need have gradually become less vulnerable, more hopeful and increasingly capable of sustaining a permanent home.

Historically, it is this time of year that Micah reaches out to our churches for \$25 donations to purchase tents and sleeping bags—necessary items that allow those without shelter to have some semblance of relief from the elements during harsh

weather months. But this year, we want to have a conversation about how we can work together to make sure that someday no one in our community goes without a safe place to call home, eventually eliminating the need to distribute tents and sleeping bags all together.

State and federal grant dollars fund the case management and financial assistance necessary to stabilize homeless people quickly into housing, however the grant dollars that are available are reimbursed quarterly, and local cash flow is not enough to sustain both daily program operations and the cost of issuing rental payments during this reimbursement period.

On October 26 and 27, we invite St. Mary to join the support of all Micah governing churches in the development of a permanent restricted community housing fund to cover these housing costs during the reimbursement period. We can make this a reality – for every dollar raised, Doris Buffet’s Sunshine Lady Foundation will match our donations, dollar for dollar up to \$ 50,000. Thank you for your continued service, and financial and spiritual support to end homelessness in our community.

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, visit: www.helpafterabortion.org

abortion.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

Sweet Deal for Catholic Charities Refugee Services

Sweet Frog has agreed to give 25% of their proceeds on Thursday, Oct. 24 to CCDA/MRS refugee student program if customers present the coupon below upon purchase.

The refugee student program has been going very well and is directly benefitting the students and families. Ten kids were sent to an ESL summer literacy camp this summer, and we are working on recruiting a tutor for each refugee family. The funds raised will help pay for tutoring and other academic and educational needs as well as events and field trips for the refugee students.

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