

**Thirtieth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

27 Oct 2013



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



what's coming

october

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.

29 Tuesday, Weekday

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

7:30pm, 2014 Confirmation Year II Meeting for parents and students, church.

30 Wednesday, Weekday

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

7:30pm, Walking With Purpose, women's bible study, Courtyard Meeting Room.

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

31 Thursday, Weekday

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

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

6pm, All Saints Day Vigil Mass, church.

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

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1 Friday, All Saints

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Day Mass Schedule: 6:30am, 9am, 12noon, 6pm and 7:30pm

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

All Night Eucharistic Adoration following 7:30pm Mass, church.

2 Saturday, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

9:30am, Spanish Presentation on Catholicism, Courtyard Meeting Room.

12noon, All Souls' Mass for parish deceased, church. Rosary and Reception following.

SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

6-8:30pm, Parish Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Parish Life Center.

3 Sunday, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee and Donuts after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Mom's Group, St. Anne Sisters in Faith)

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

3:30pm, Middle School Youth Group for 7th & 8th Graders, Parish Life Center.

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

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

4 Monday, St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

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

7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church. Topic: Communion of Saints

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.





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NOTA BENE (*note well, please*):

- ☞ Come to the Council of Catholic Women **Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale** on Sunday morning – Lots of great gifts for Christmas!
- ☞ Come to our **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life and Marriage** on Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm in the church.
- ☞ **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.
- ☞ Holy Cross Academy once again has its **World's Finest Chocolate Sale** outside the church today. Purchase delicious chocolate and help support our School!
- ☞ The annual **Keep Christ in Christmas card sale**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, has begun. Please stop by the Parish Life Center to purchase your Christmas cards and other Christmas items.
- ☞ **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 scheduled to be open this weekend, after the 7, 8:30 & 10:30 Masses.

from our pastor



SAINT
MARY
of the
IMMACULATE
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Roman Catholic Church

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

This week we will celebrate the mystery of life and death in a particularly Catholic way: we observe the Holy Day of Obligation, **All Saints' Day** on Friday, and the commemoration of all the deceased on **All Souls' Day** on Saturday.

You see, all the saints in heaven and all the souls in purgatory have all gone before us, but we would never say they are actually ceased to be, they are just not here. Wherever they are, we still maintain our friendships, because love is stronger than death. And we have the opportunity to form new friendships whose fullness will be experienced on the last day when we will all come together at the fulfillment of God's creation. But in the meantime, we must pray for one another.

We rely on the saints to pray for us, as much or even more than we rely on one another on this earth for prayer. The saints are the pros, after all, and behold God face to face. The souls in purgatory rely on the saints, as well, and us to help them in the helpless condition where they are now. It is through our prayers and good will and charity that they have hope. Without us, they are lost.

The greatest thing you can do for someone who has passed from this world is offer the Mass. This is why we have funerals. And this is also why *not* having a funeral is the most tragic decision you can make for a person of faith. The sacrifice of the Mass is the most effective remedy for the forgiveness of sin and the redemption of our souls, our hope of salvation, our foretaste of the kingdom to come. So many people today don't have a funeral, even when they know that is what their parent or grandparent or loved one would have wanted, because they are uncomfortable. Maybe they haven't been to Mass in a while, or have even left the Church themselves. Please - allow us to provide the comfort and ease the uneasiness. We will help. It is too important a gift which we are easily able to provide, to pass it up.

So, it is the custom of the Church to celebrate Masses for the intention of all our dead. In this practice, the Catholic Church is the only one which has maintained this ancient Spiritual Work of Mercy. We speak in general terms, because we must pray for all those we know, as well as for those we don't. We must include our friends and our enemies in this plan. And especially we must not forget those who are forgotten or have no one to pray for them.

Did you know that Halloween began as a special eve (vigil) of all the saints (all the "hallowed")? It was a holy feastday vigil, far from what it has become today. It is the night before All Saints' Day and the custom was to dress up as a saint. Popular customs for "the day of the dead" which you might hear about on the news are also cultural adaptations of what used to be a day of prayer and offering to God for the benefit of the poor souls who rely on our help. Many of these customs to pray for the dead were lost in the Reformation after 1517.

Here at St. Mary we will have a special holy day schedule of Masses for All Saints' Day, with a vigil Mass on Thursday at 6pm and our usual Holy Day of Obligation schedule on Friday. On Saturday, All Souls' Day we will have our usual Mass at 9am, and a special additional Mass at Noon. At this Mass we will remember in a special way all those who have died in the past year, and pray for them. We have invited the families and friends of all our departed brothers and sisters to come to this Mass.

We will also have a **special rosary after the Noon Mass**, led by our Magdalenes. Since we know not everyone is able to come to Mass at noon, we ask and hope that everyone in the parish will pray the rosary at the 1 o'clock hour for those who have died. Imagine the power of these prayers of an entire parish to help those souls who are relying on us for the resurrection on the last day.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

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Over the River and Through the Woods at HCA

On October 4th, Grandparents came from many different locations and joined their grandchildren for a lovely afternoon at Holy Cross Academy. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade scurried around preparing for these very special guests. As they arrived, the grandparents were greeted by middle school students and directed



into Father Brisson Hall which was transformed into a dining room complete with flowers, table cloths and a delicious pasta lunch. As they ate, they were serenaded by the angelic kindergarten voices accompanied by Mrs. Libby Budd.

Following lunch, grandparents streamed down the elementary hallway to visit the classrooms. The first graders worked to create paper hands and arms which they called “hugs” for the grandparents. Math bingo was the challenge in 2nd grade. Grandparents played against grandchildren in a friendly competition which was proudly won by the second graders. They wowed the grandparents with their math skills and ability to remember math facts. The fifth graders chose to challenge grandparents to good old fashioned board games. It’s always fun to play the game of “Life” with such experienced players. The afternoon closed beautifully as everyone prayed the Rosary together. HCA loves their grandparents!

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



Grandparents enjoy a luncheon with entertainment provided by the students at HCA.



Francis geared his reflection October 12 around the devotion that, later in life and amid a trying time, would become one of his particular favorites: *Maria Knötenloserin* – Mary, Untier (or Undoer) of Knots – the 17th century cult the now-Pope encountered during his brief exile in Germany in the late 1980s, introducing it to great effect at home on his return to Buenos Aires.

Pope Francis' message for October: Mary, the Great "Untier"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This event of the Year of Faith is devoted to Mary, the Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church, our Mother. The statue of Our Lady which has come from Fatima helps us to feel her presence in our midst. It is a fact: Mary always brings us to Jesus. She is a woman of faith, a true believer. But we can ask: What was Mary's faith like?

1. The first aspect of her faith is this: *Mary's faith unties the knot of sin* (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 56). What does that mean? The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council took up a phrase of Saint Irenaeus, who states that "the knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary; what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith" (*Adversus Haereses*, III, 22, 4).

The "knot" of disobedience, the "knot" of unbelief. When children disobey their parents, we can say that a little "knot" is created. This happens if the child acts with an awareness of what he or she is doing, especially if there is a lie involved. At that moment, they break trust with their parents. You know how frequently this happens! Then the relationship with their parents needs to be purified of this fault; the child has to ask forgiveness so that harmony and trust can be restored. Something of the same sort happens in our relationship with God. When we do not listen to him, when we do not follow his will, we do concrete things that demonstrate our lack of trust in him – for that is what sin is – and a kind of knot is created deep within us. These knots take away our peace and serenity. They are dangerous, since many knots can form a tangle which gets more and more painful and difficult to undo.

But we know one thing: nothing is impossible for God's mercy! Even the most tangled knots are loosened by his grace. And Mary, whose "yes" opened the door for God to undo the knot of the ancient disobedience, is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that he can untangle the knots of our soul by his fatherly mercy. We all have some of these knots and we can ask in our heart of hearts:

What are the knots in my life? "Father, my knots cannot be undone!" It is a mistake to say anything of the sort! All the knots of our heart, every knot of our conscience, can be undone. Do I ask Mary to help me trust in God's mercy, to undo those knots, to change? She, as a woman of faith, will surely tell you: "Get up, go to the Lord: he understands you". And she leads us by the hand as a Mother, our Mother, to the embrace of our Father, the Father of mercies.

2. A second aspect is that *Mary's faith gave human flesh to Jesus*. As the Council says: "Through her faith and obedience, she gave birth on earth to the very Son of the Father, without knowing man but by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit" (*Lumen Gentium*, 63). This was a point on which the Fathers of the Church greatly insisted: *Mary first conceived Jesus in faith and then in the flesh*, when she said "yes" to the message God gave her through the angel. What does this mean? It means that God did not want to become man by bypassing our freedom; he wanted to pass through Mary's free assent, through her "yes". He asked her: "Are you prepared to do this?" And she replied: "Yes".

But what took place most singularly in the Virgin Mary also takes place within us, spiritually, when we receive the word of God with a good and sincere heart and put it into practice. It is as if God takes flesh within us; he comes to dwell in us, for he dwells in all who love him and keep his word. It is not easy to understand this, but really, it is easy to feel it in our heart.

Do we think that Jesus' incarnation is simply a past event which has nothing to do with us personally? Believing in Jesus means giving him our flesh with the humility and courage of Mary, so that he can continue to dwell in our midst. It means giving him our hands, to caress the little ones and the poor; our feet, to go forth and meet our brothers and sisters; our arms, to hold up the weak and to work in the Lord's vineyard, our minds, to think and act in the light of the Gospel; and especially to offer our hearts to love and to make choices in accordance with God's will. All this happens thanks to the working of the Holy Spirit. And in this way we become instruments in God's hands, so that Jesus can act in the world through us.

3. The third aspect is *Mary's faith as a journey*.

The Council says that Mary “advanced in her pilgrimage of faith” (ibid., 58). In this way she precedes us on this pilgrimage, she accompanies and sustains us.

How was Mary’s faith a journey? In the sense that her entire life was to follow her Son: he – Jesus – is the way, he is the path! To press forward in faith, to advance in the spiritual pilgrimage which is faith, is nothing other than to follow Jesus; to listen to him and be guided by his words; to see how he acts and to follow in his footsteps; to have his same sentiments. And what are these sentiments of Jesus? Humility, mercy, closeness to others, but also a firm rejection of hypocrisy, duplicity and idolatry. The way of Jesus is the way of a love which is faithful to the end, even unto sacrificing one’s life; it is the way of the cross. The journey of faith thus passes through the cross. Mary understood this from the beginning, when Herod sought to kill the newborn Jesus. But then this experience of the cross became deeper when Jesus was rejected. Mary was always with Jesus, she followed Jesus in the midst of the crowds and she heard all the gossip and the nastiness of those who opposed the Lord. And she carried this cross! Mary’s faith encountered misunderstanding and contempt. When Jesus’ “hour” came, the hour of his passion, when Mary’s faith was a little flame burning in the night, a little light flickering in the darkness. Through the night of Holy Saturday, Mary kept watch. Her flame, small but bright, remained burning until the dawn of the resurrection. And when she received word that the tomb was empty, her heart was filled with the joy of faith: Christian faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Faith always brings us to joy, and Mary is the Mother of joy! May she teach us to take the path of joy, to experience this joy! That was the high point – this joy, this meeting of Jesus and Mary, and we can imagine what it was like. Their meeting was the high point of Mary’s journey of faith, and that of the whole Church. What is our faith like? Like Mary, do we keep it burning even at times of difficulty, in moments of darkness? Do I feel the joy of faith?

This evening, Mother, we thank you for our faith, the faith of a strong and humble woman; we renew our entrustment to you, Mother of our faith. Amen.

Adult Confirmation Class

We 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.

Walking with Purpose: Women’s Bible Study

Walking with Purpose (WPP) 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.



The group is just getting started. Email Lori Mattson at lori@acumen-ea.com for more information.

Upcoming Retreat Opportunities

Loyola on the Potomac retreats in Faulkner, Maryland are conducted in an atmosphere of prayerful silence and include generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deep relationship with God. This year’s retreat theme is entitled: “Rivers of Living Water.”

St. Mary retreats dates: Men & Women’s Retreat, 8-10 November 2013; Men’s Retreat, 7-9- March 2014; Women’s Retreat, 14-16 March 2014.

NEW! – A Retreat for Women entitled, “The Glory of God is the Woman Fully Alive” and offers opportunity for group discussion, along with silent prayer time. 31 Jan-2 February 2014.

Contact Len or Sylvia Fontenot for more info: 540-663-2261 or email lensyl@va.metrocast.net. To register, go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com

The Arlington Diocese Office for Family Life is hosting a Fall Men’s Retreat, November 8-10. For information visit here: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/FMR/index.aspx>.

Another retreat option in northern Virginia is to visit to the Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, VA. Here is a link with more information: <https://www.virginiatrappists.org/retreat-house/>



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: Meeting Nov. 10

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.

The Parent Challenge *by Leo Chavarria*

I recently met with a parent who asked me a very simple question, "What can I do to help my family love God more?" This question was asked from a deep place in this parent's heart, I could see it in their eyes. Instead of saying what I thought was right, I paused for a second and asked the Holy Spirit to give me an answer. The following is the conversation that ensued, and I think it is worth passing along.

Leo: "You are here tonight, because your child is in Religious Education classes, correct?"

Parent: "Yes."

Leo: "Do you mind me asking what you normally do while your child is in class?"

Parent: "Check email, Facebook, catch up on the news, call a friend if they are home or catch a nap in the car. Sometimes I run and get groceries before class lets out."

Leo: "Your child is in class for an hour and 15

minutes correct?"

Parent: "Yes."

Leo: "Umm...Could you check email, Facebook, catch up on the news, and call a friend within 45 minutes?"

Parent: "Yes. I think so."

Leo: "I think that you have a really good chunk of time here. If you can do all of those things within 45 minutes that leaves you a solid 30 minutes to go into the Church and pray for you and your family. You could sit in the Church in silence and offer them up to God, pray the rosary, or some other type of prayer. Honestly, as a parent you have a unique position to offer your family up to God and invite Him to enter into each one of their hearts. I think that the answer to your question begins there."

I don't know if you have a child in Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Choir, or another ministry at St. Mary, but if the above conversation sounds familiar how about it? Why not take 30 minutes to spend some time to go into the Church and pray for your family, St. Mary, our world, those you encountered that day who could use the prayers? I would gladly take some prayers my way! I don't want to come off as presumptuous in any way shape or form by writing this, but I truly believe that prayer has the power to do amazing things. I believe that as parents we need to invest some serious time praying for and with our families. That is how transformation begins. This is how we can have our families love God more.

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



Teaching Mass

The two teaching Masses were educational and inspiring. The children were well behaved but it was obvious that some children need to come to Mass more regularly. On Tuesday at 6:30 about 450 and on Thursday at 5:00 pm 310 attended. Fr. Rooney did an excellent job in helping us better appreciate our church and the Mass. He further explained the design and meaning of our church building interior. He reminded us that we go to Mass not to get but to give ourselves to God and that Christ is between heaven and earth. He also helped us better understand and appreciation of the Mass. A parent commented: "Last night was lovely!!!! Absolutely lovely!!! It was different than last year's and much more engaging to the kids! As ...put it. 'It was so much easier to understand!'"

Catechists Training

On Wednesday, October 16 we held our second catechist training session. After a delicious dinner Father Cummings discussed three of the topics for Moral Life: "Call to Holiness," "The Moral Life" and "Commandments One, Two and Three. Using

the Catechism of the Catholic Church as his primary source he guided us to appreciate that God is our priority and that He expects us to be holy and religious. Our next training session will be on Tuesday, January 21.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will conduct our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive from November 4-7. Please encourage your child to bring their donations to class next week.



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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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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	
10/20/13	\$37,093.
World Mission Sunday	6,902.
Parish Building Fund (addl)	3,603.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul	
week ending 10/20	193.
SCRIP profit	
(10/14 -10/20/2013)	\$ 145.
SCRIP YTD profit	1,285.
(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 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.

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.shopwithscrip.com, use our school code, 7B876EBB188L2, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. Thank you!

Retired Religious Collection, Nov 2/3

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 34,000 senior women and men religious living in the United States benefit from this collection. Ninety-three 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 St. Mary Catholic Church. To learn how your gift helps, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

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

St. Mary CCW Annual Craft Bazaar

The CCW annual Craft Bazaar continues on Sunday, October 27 from 8am till 12noon. 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.

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.

St. Anne Sisters in Faith

Join us Friday, November 1, All Soul's Day, as we welcome Father Lino. Father Lino will be speaking to us about El Dia de Los Muertos, a celebration in honor and remembrance of our departed souls. We pray you can join us for 9am Mass followed by refreshments at 9:45 at the JP II house. Babysitting is available. Please contact Rocio at Rocio.o.atkinosn@gmail.com for more information.

November Family Dinner

The November Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, November 2 from

6 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes roast turkey breast, sweet potato casserole, stuffing, cranberry sauce, & pumpkin pie. The profit will be donated to Holy Cross Academy. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults: \$7, Seniors (60&up): \$6, Teens: \$6, Children (7-12): \$5, Children (under 7): Free. The maximum cost per family is \$24.

St. Mary Young Adults

Please note that there is no Young Adult meeting on October 28. Here is a list of our upcoming events:

November 4, Contemporary Challenges to Christian Sexuality and Anthropology. This talk will discuss the issues of cohabitation, contraception and same-sex marriage.

November 11, You won't be "board" if you join us for Young Adult Game Night! Bring your favorite, a friend or just yourself.

November 18, Join us to watch Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism: The New Evangelization.

Organ Series Concert - November 8

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.

The concert is free, and a donation is welcomed for the support of Concerts at Saint Mary series. The concerts bring well-known musicians to Fredericksburg to share their talent on our world-class organ. Concerts are open to all area residents.

Book Club - November 12

For centuries people carried two books with them: the Bible and the November 12 selection for the parish book club, *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471). Join the discussion at 10am in the John Paul II House. Contact person: Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus have started the annual 'Keep Christ in Christmas' card sale. With an increase in secularization, it is important to keep Christ at the center of the Advent and Christmas seasons, and sending religious Christmas cards is the perfect way to do this. Please stop by the table after Mass now through December 22 to purchase your Christmas cards and other items.

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.

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Daily Mass Intentions
and Readings

October - November

28 MONDAY

6:30 +Felomina Sayon
9am Suzette Young
Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

29 TUESDAY

6:30 +Colleen Kilpatrick
9am Kateri Eastman
Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-218

30 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Cliff Kilpatrick
9am +Coreen Hayden
Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30

31 THURSDAY

6:30 +Roy Holloway
9am +Christian Soto
6pm Lauri Wilson
Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35

1 FRIDAY

6:30 Maunah Chaumin
8:20* +Mildred Langel
9am For the Parish
12noon +Ruperto Grossett
6pm +Patricia Shupp
7:30pm +Ana Rosa Bernaola
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

2 SATURDAY

9am All Souls' Novena
12noon All Souls' Novena
5pm All Souls' Novena
7pm For the Parish
Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or
6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

3 SUNDAY

7am All Souls' Novena
8:30 All Souls' Novena
10:30 All Souls' Novena
10:30* All Souls' Novena
12:30pm All Souls' Novena
2pm All Souls' Novena
5pm All Souls' Novena
7:01pm All Souls' Novena
Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145; 2 Thes
1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

October 27, Priesthood Sunday

O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen.

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

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 Zeytoonain.

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”

News From Mary's Shelter

We are in the final planning stages of opening up our much needed daycare. Our homes are filled to the brim, children everywhere, new babies snuggling with their moms, and moms to be waiting on the arrival of their little ones. We are thankful to all who donate their time and treasures to our ministry. Because of you, all this is made possible.

The Shelter will host its Annual Mary's Shelter Arts and Crafts Benefit. 100% of the proceeds go directly to Mary's Shelter. November 9, from 10am-3pm at 309 Hawke Street in Fredericksburg.

Shelter resident “Sarah” is from Richmond and has been living at Mary's Shelter since July, 2013. She is 33 yrs. old and gave birth to her fourth child on August 22. She has a GED, a Nursing Aide Career Training certificate, and a Medication Aide certificate, but had to drop out of school because she was a single mom and had to work full-time. She came to Mary's Shelter after overcoming substance abuse issues and after her house was condemned. Before coming to Mary's Shelter, she wasn't sure how she was going to take care of her children alone.

Q: What have you found helpful about the shelter? I have found just being at the shelter is helpful, these are beautiful homes that provide a safe environment for my children. It's also helpful to be around the house-mothers, who are positive women role models. And, I think it's helpful that you can bring your other children with you, which helps to keep families together. Being here has

helped by giving me a second chance to be a better mother.

Q: What are some of the greatest challenges you have faced? Some of the greatest challenges I've faced are poverty, abusive relationships, single parenting, unsupportive family, and substance abuse.

Q: How would you describe your life growing up? My mother was a single mom. I was the only child in the house and I grew up poor. However, I was good in school.

Q: Can you tell me about your new baby? Yes. She has blue eyes and black/brown hair. She's growing fast and she is always smiling. She loves to be held and talked to.

Q: Please tell me what hopes you have for your children. I hope that my children will have everything they need and continue to be happy and content.

Q: What place does God have in your life? Through prayer, my life has changed.

www.marysshelterra.com

SHARE Ministry

Self Help And Resource Exchange is a cooperative food distribution program that is being introduced this year at St. Mary Church.

November Menus Value Package (\$21)

Whole Roasting Chicken, Pollock Filets, Ground Turkey, Stuffing Mix, Elbow Macaroni, Fully-baked Frozen Pie, Fresh Sweet Potatoes, Fresh White Potatoes, Fresh Onions, Fresh

Celery, Fresh Apples

Thanksgiving Dinner - A Festive Meal for Six (\$31)

10-14 lb. grain-fed, antibiotic-free turkey (same brand as served at the White House for more than 40 years!), Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Corn, Macaroni and Cheese, Fully-baked, Frozen Pie

Value Package plus a Turkey (\$40)

10-14 lb. grain-fed Turkey, Whole Roasting Chicken, Pollock Filets, Ground Turkey, Stuffing Mix, Elbow Macaroni, Fully-baked, Frozen Pie, Fresh Sweet Potatoes, Fresh White Potatoes, Fresh Onions, Fresh Celery, Fresh Apples

Payment is due when your order is placed, CASH, MONEY ORDER or EBT – Sorry, No Checks.

We cannot store unclaimed package. Unclaimed packages will be offered for sale or donated to local charities. Order forms are available at the Parish Office, Order Deadline is 8 November. Packages will be available for Pick-Up, Saturday 23 November 8am at the Parish Life Center. For more details and volunteer opportunities, please contact Rick Caporali, rcaporali@stmaryfred.org.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The 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 household goods. Monetary donations may be placed in the Poor Boxes near the church doors.