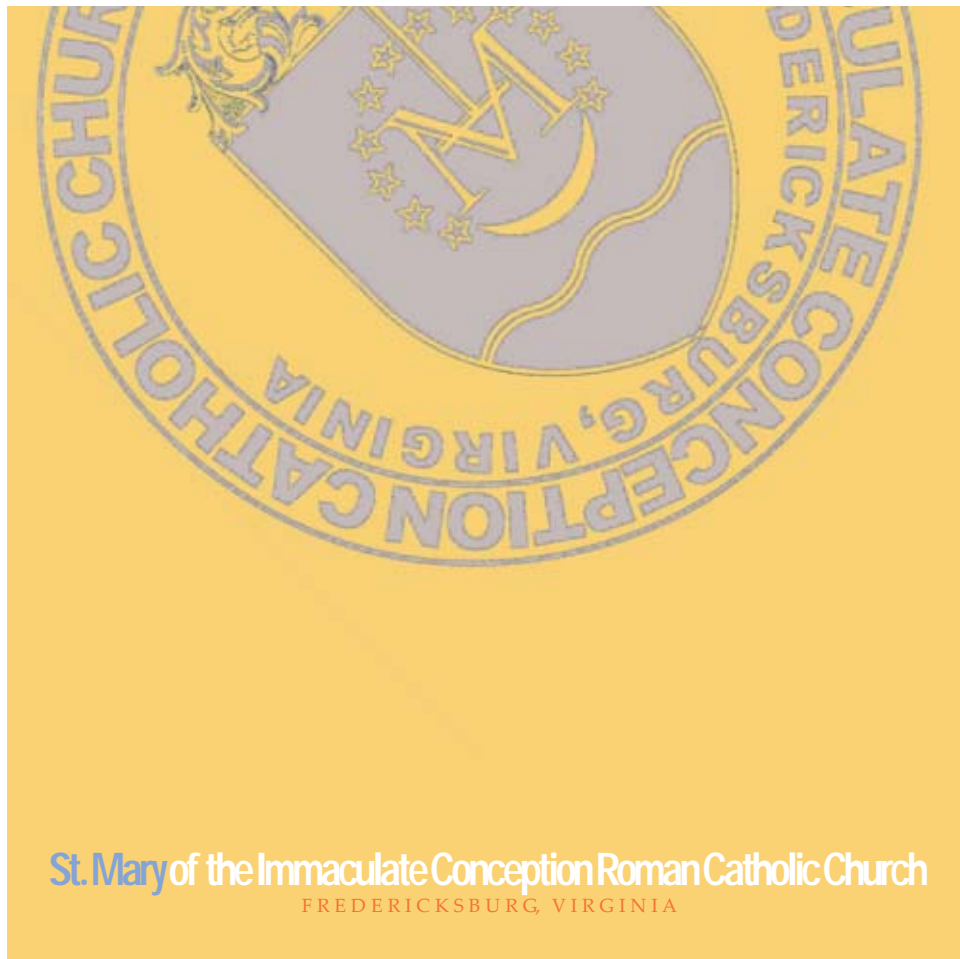


The Baptism  
of the Lord

12 Jan 2014



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church  
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



# what's coming

## january

### 12 Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord

Coffee Shop after morning Masses. (Catholic Youth Ministry)  
SCRIP Sales after Masses.

10am-12noon, Columbian Squires & Roses Meetings, John Paul II house.

12noon - 2pm, English as a Second Language Classes, 2nd Floor, Parish Life Center.

2pm, Religious Freedom Celebration, Washington Ave., downtown Fredericksburg.

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

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

### 13 Monday, Weekday (St. Hilary, bishop and doctor of the church)

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

7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church. Topic: Temptation, Sin, Four Last Things. All Parish adults welcome. 8:15pm, small group discussion continues for RCIA candidates in the Parish Life Center.

8pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.

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

### 14 Tuesday, Weekday

10am, St. Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.

10am, Council of Catholic Women General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

8pm, Adult Confirmation Class (2 of 6), Room 203, Parish Life Center.

### 15 Wednesday, Weekday

6pm, YOUCAT - Youth Ministry Program, John Paul II House.

7pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

7:30pm, Women's Bible Study, Walking with Purpose, Courtyard Meeting Room. Sign up now.

8pm, Hope & Help Job Program, sponsored by Ancient Order of Hibernians, 2nd Floor, Parish Life Center.

### 16 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting. *Class is full, keep on eye on bulletin for future classes.*

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

### 17 Friday, St. Anthony, abbot

### 18 Saturday, Weekday

SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

CCW "Virtual Baby Shower," please drop-off donations in the Parish Life Center.

### 19 Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee and Donuts after morning Masses. (BSA Troop 1410)

SCRIP Sales after Masses. CCW "Virtual Baby Shower," drop-off donations in the Parish Life Center.

12noon - 2pm, English as a Second Language Classes, 2nd Floor, Parish Life Center.

2pm, Korean Prayer Group, JP II House, upstairs.

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

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

### 20 Monday, Weekday (St. Fabian, pope and martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr)

*Parish Offices closed for Martin Luther King Day.*

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

7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church. Topic: Natural Law and Commandments.

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

8pm, Young Adults Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.

### 21 Tuesday, St. Agnes, virgin

6-9pm, Catechist Training, Parish Life Center.

7:30pm, Christian Unity Prayer Service, Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.

8pm, Adult Confirmation Class (3 of 6), Room 203, Parish Life Center.





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nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✠ This year marks the 237th Anniversary of the drafting of the Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom. Please join the **Knights of Columbus** at their annual celebration **this afternoon**. At 1:30pm, a parade will depart the Fredericksburg train station and proceed to the **Religious Freedom Monument** on **Washington Ave**. The ceremony will culminate with the laying of a wreath at the monument at 2pm.
- ✠ The Council of Catholic Women will hold a **Virtual Baby Shower** for area pro-life groups the weekend of **January 18 & 19**. Please bring your donations (diapers, wipes, blankets, baby clothing) to the Parish Life Center that weekend.
- ✠ Plan to join Christians in Fredericksburg for the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** this year celebrated at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church on **Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30pm**. Details in this bulletin.
- ✠ Sign up today for the **March For Life** on **January 22**. See more details in this bulletin and join us for this peaceful protest against abortion.
- ✠ **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 and 10am Masses.

# from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

With the Baptism of the Lord we officially bring the Christmas season to a close. Looking back on it, I believe it was one of the most vibrant, alive Christmas seasons we have ever had at St. Mary. More people came and filled the Masses than before. And your participation at Mass was significant and authentic, praying and singing. The Second Vatican Council, by the way, included this as one of the four benchmarks of the Presence of Christ in the liturgy: when the assembly prays and sings. There was a spirit of reverence, and real presence each time you were here. I believe we touched many hearts this season, and were touched by the underlying love that brings all of us to life in this beautiful season.

I'm not sure I sufficiently thanked all our ministers and those who lead them. Our ushers gave kind greetings tirelessly, our servers served faithfully, our lectors proclaimed the beauty of God's Word so that we could hear it clearly, and our Eucharistic ministers facilitated the fullness of the Mystery in the action of Communion. Our decorators outdid themselves in beauty making our church incomparable, according to the tradition to which we have become accustomed, to provide our very best to the worship of God in his house. But the greatest thanks could go to those who, by far, worked the most hours and refined and brought to us the gift of music. David Mathers, our Director of Music, and all his staff, and all the members of our choirs, and musicians -- to them we owe a particularly great thank you for the endless repertoire of music and the hours spent in preparation. You have continued to lift our hearts to God in song that is seasonally joyful and reflective, sorrowful and glorious, and each time we join in with you we are changed. Thanks.

There are a couple of things I would like to bring to your attention -- please try your best

to be involved in several very, very important activities that happen at this time in January that are usually poorly attended, I think, just because people are still taking a breath from Christmas. They are the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (Tuesday the 21st), the **March for Life** (Wednesday the 22nd), and **Catholic Advocacy Day** (Thursday the 30th). All three should be overflowing with Catholics, indeed, Christians of all churches, to promote unity, life and justice in our community and our nation. But they are not. All three are required, not optional, and we should be involved in all three, even in some small way, to put our faith into action. I challenge you to be involved in all three.

Also, I would like to welcome you to our newest parish campus, [www.stmaryfred.org](http://www.stmaryfred.org). We had a wonderful website before, and are grateful to the volunteers in the parish who put so much work into making it a reality in the past, but we have taken the step and hired a website expert to produce a new website that is attractive and informative, but most of all flexible and very easy to navigate. Also, our staff managers will have simple access to make their own updates and, hopefully, you will find a website that is always current and pertinent. So we hope, and will try to maintain. So you are invited to go there and walk around sometime.

For more information about Virginia's General Assembly and the bills and sessions that are planned, and most importantly the Catholic Church's position on the many pieces of legislation that are up for a vote, please visit the Virginia Catholic Conference website, [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org), and find out how you can get involved. Register to receive emails and become a part of a voice of reason and faith together. Imagine 700,000 Virginia Catholics standing together for life, justice, family and the common good. And stand.

God bless you.

*Fr. Dom*

### HCA Students Reaching Out

It's not always easy for Holy Cross Academy students to connect with the preschoolers simply because of location. On December 16th, the 8th grade students visited the preschool and helped our littlest Crusaders write letters to Santa. During the visit, they read Christmas stories, shared cookies and walked through the church before heading back to HCA. It was beautiful to watch our oldest and youngest students work together.

Young Catholics for Change brought the message of Christ's birth out into the community. They boarded the Fredericksburg trolley and sang Christmas songs to the seniors living in the community. During this special event students were invited to enjoy cookies, hot cider and hot cocoa prepared by the residents of the community. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all.

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](http://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*



# operations

# staff

[www.stmaryfred.org](http://www.stmaryfred.org)

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm All Night Adoration, First Friday Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i>  Pastor, Fr. 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
<b>HOLY CROSS ACADEMY</b>	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
<b>ST. MARY PRESCHOOL</b>	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE</b>	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
<b>MARRIAGE</b>	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
<b>JOIN US</b>	New Family Registration meetings 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 for 12/22/13	\$55,708.
Offertory Collection for 12/29/13	39,931.
Offertory Collection for 1/5/14	31,576.
Christmas Collection	66,925.
Solemnity of Mary Collection	17,467.
Parish Christmas Collection for Charities (add'l)	4,295.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul (2 wks ending 12/29)	893.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul (wk ending 1/5/14)	174.
SCRIP Profit 12/16/13 to 12/22/13	\$484.
12/23/13 to 1/5/14	128.
YTD profit	\$4,316.

End of year statments will be mailed to all registered parishioners by January 31. Only contributions received using your offertory envelopes or a household check are recorded as your contributions.

*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 January

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in January is the local Hospice Camp Rainbow. Camp Rainbow is an overnight, weekend bereavement camp for children ages 5 to 12 who have experienced a loss or are currently living with a loved one with a terminal illness. The Camp is organized by Hospice Support Care, a non-profit, non-medical volunteer hospice support organization

providing spiritual, practical, and emotional support to patients and their families. The primary goal of Camp Rainbow is to teach children how to grieve in a healthy manner, while building fond remembrances. Like Kids Helping Kids, Camp Rainbow also strives to normalize grief, understand death and dying, and improve social skills. For more information, go to [www.hospice-supportcare.org](http://www.hospice-supportcare.org).

## Shop with SCRIP

To set up an account online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and use our school code, 7B876EBB188L2, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP please email Torie Baldwin at [scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com) or 571-330-3448. Thanks for using SCRIP!

## Giant A+ Bonus Bucks

Please consider designating our parish school, Holy Cross Academy, when you use your Giant Food A+ Bonus card. It has to be done annually. Giant Bonus Bucks School Id: 02320

## Parish Facility Worker

St. Ann Church seeks an experienced Parish Facility Worker in Arlington to perform custodial duties and craft work for Church Sanctuary and Parish offices. Some knowledge of HVAC, roof work, or other crafts would be helpful. The hourly pay is in the \$16.00 - \$18.00 per hour range. The work is 20 hours per week, with flexibility in scheduling. Position includes Diocesan retirement, and Diocesan paid time off.

If interested, please e-mail [resume.thoward@stann.org](mailto:resume.thoward@stann.org), or mail to St. Ann Church, 5300 10th Street N., Arlington, VA 22205. Phone, 703-528-6276 x152, or fax 703-522-4758

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

### Family Week was a Success

Thank you for attending Family Week and participating in the Family Mass. Parental involvement in Religious Education is essential. Much of a child's basic learning takes place in the family. To help a child develop an informed Catholic conscience we should enable the child to live a Catholic life and develop Catholic attitudes.

### Spanish Speaking Parents

On Monday, January 13, 2014 from 6:30 to 8pm, Deacon Alberto Bernaola will meet with Spanish speaking parents in the Parish Life Center. The discussion topic will be our parish theme "Liturgy is Life is Mission."

### Padres!

El Lunes, 13 de enero, 6:30-8pm, Nuestro Diácono Alberto Bernaola se reunirá con padres que hablan español en el Parish Life Center. El dará una presentación sobre nuestro tema de parroquia del año, "La liturgia es vida es misión."

### Report Cards

Report Cards will be issued this week. Please review them, discuss them with your children, sign them and return them to your child's catechist.

### Life is VERY Good

Wednesday, January 22, St. Mary Youth Ministry is heading to the Patriot Center and Washington DC for a morning of prayer and praise at the Diocesan Life is Very Good Rally. We will have Mass with Bishop Loverde, hear musical performances by Josh Blakesley Band and inspirational speaker Mary Bielski and Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR. Then we will head to the March for Life in Washington, DC in prayerful protest and march to the Supreme Court for an end to Roe vs. Wade. Permission slips available on website. Spaces are limited and they fill up fast!

### Parent Gathering Speaker Series: Tuesday, January 14th 6:30pm – 8pm. Full, Active, Conscious Participation in Liturgy, Life and Mission.

St. Mary has hosted the very successful Parent Gathering Speaker series since 2012. In January, February and April 2014 we have speakers who will provide you, as a parent, with resources to aid you in the faith formation of your family life.

Our guest speaker on Tuesday, January 14, from 6:30 to 8pm in the Parish Life Center is our pastor, Fr. Don Rooney. His topic will be our parish theme, "Liturgy is Life is Mission." He will help us continue "thinking about how your experience at Mass has sent you out into the private and public spheres of your daily life to become Christ and make him known through the countless forms of ministries that God has placed in our hands." August 18, 2013 bulletin.

Fr. Don will talk about how we live out the values given 50 years ago in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II. God calls us to live our lives fully and actively in our worship and make conscious connections of how our work at Mass flows into every aspect of our lives.

### Basketball Free-Throw Championship

On January 18, from 1– 4pm at Holy Cross Academy the Knights of Columbus will hold a competition for all boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners in their age division will progress through the local, district and state competitions. All contestants are recognized for their participation and participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Mike Garvey at 540-752-0045 or Mike Aldred at 571-221-8327 or aldredfamily1@yahoo.com

youth



CYM teens spread Christmas love at Heartfields Assisted Living

# liturgy church

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

### January

#### 13 MONDAY

6:30 +Frank Slattery  
9am Robert Speier  
1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

#### 14 TUESDAY

6:30 Hubert Chase  
9am Deacon John McClay  
1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

#### 15 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Jim Vawter  
9am +Hamilton Family Members  
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

#### 16 THURSDAY

6:30 +Carmen Estranza  
8:20\* The Britton Family  
9am Jason Stanislawski  
1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

#### 17 FRIDAY

6:30 Richard Orr  
9am +Sarah Stuhlmuller

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

#### 18 SATURDAY

9am +Oats & Reilly Family Members  
5pm +Pat Krabacher  
7pm +Joyce Schirmer  
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, Mk 2:13-17

#### 19 SUNDAY

7am +Cora Boone  
8:30 Rev. John Rooney  
10:30 For the Parish  
10:30\* The Frasher Family  
12:30pm +Estella Stofko  
2pm +Veronica Caceres  
5pm +John Barrett, Jr.  
7:01pm Survivors & +Victims of the Philippine Typhoon  
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

\*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Jan. 19 - 25

Join us on Tuesday, January 21, for Fredericksburg's annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

For over 100 years, the Friars of the Atonement and the Vatican have been collaborating with the World Council of Churches to prepare texts for ecumenical prayer that the world might pause each year and pray "that all might be one" (Jn 17:21). Each year during the Week of Prayer, communities all over the world gather and pray for unity. We have celebrated a regular observance of this Week in Fredericksburg for the past nine years.

This year Fredericksburg United Methodist Church and their new pastor, the Rev. Brenda Biler, have graciously offered to host the prayer service. It will be held Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30pm. Clergy from the downtown churches will gather for this prayer event. A reception will follow. Fredericksburg United Methodist Church is downtown, at the corner of Princess Anne and Hanover Streets.

The observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in northern Virginia will be held on Monday evening, January 20, hosted by St. Ann Catholic Church in Arlington. Leading the prayer service in Arlington will be Bishop Loverde of our diocese, Bishop Ted Gulick of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, Bishop Young Jin Cho, Bishop of the United Methodist Virginia Conference, and Bishop Richard Graham of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Gulick will preach this year.

We are reminded by every Holy Father since the opening of Vatican II that the work of Christian Unity is not optional, but essential to our identity as Christians. We are all united by one Lord, one Baptism, one Faith in the catholic church, with the same creed and the same hope. Please make it a part of your calendar.

## St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Ree Messer, Martha Clements, 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, David Silberman, 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, Monica Lantigua, Bert DeVore, Betty Ann Dateno, Frank Moehler, Harold Gardiner, Garafano Family, Grant Family, Casey Family, LaCombe Family, Cecelia and Charles Lee, Christopher Ford, Joan Baker, Barbara Leone, Mary D'Amato, Sal Detrane, Tina Beaversdorf, Robert C. Murphy, Josephine Kreider, Eleanor Mitchell, Peter Fisher, Helen Kozyra, Catherine Gordon, John Castagna, Tyler Hansen, Meredith Whatcott, Julie Fabula, Amelia McDevitt, Gerald Gardiner

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, 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, Shawn Tupta, Heidi Urben, Christopher Williamson and Daniel Zeytoonian.

Please pray for all the faithful departed: especially Abraham Ramos, Virginia Rose, and all the benefactors of St. Mary Parish.



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**Book Club - January 14**

The book club will meet on January 14 at 10am at the John Paul II House. Members will give a short summary of their choice from the shelves of the parish library. In addition, attendees will discuss and develop their 2014 reading list. Book recommendations from parish members are always welcome. Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073/bmah761569@aol.com.

**40 Days for Life Speaker January 14 CCW Meeting**

The St. Mary Catholic Women's Council invites you to hear Margaret Bereit of 40 Days for Life who will speak at our January 14 meeting. Her topic will be personal stories of people's lives affected by this program. The meeting is open to the parish and will begin at 10am in the Courtyard Meeting Room. Refreshments will be available and you're welcome to bring something to share if you so desire. Donations for the Virtual Baby Shower can be brought to the meeting but will also be collected the following week-end. If you are unable to attend our meetings, please consider helping us collect items for the Virtual Baby Shower before and after the Mass you attend the weekend of January 18 and 19. Thank you!

In February there are two dates we'd like you to hold open. On February 18 our speaker at the general meeting will be Heather Ablondi who writes a weekly column in the Free Lance Star on the Religion pages of the Saturday edition. This should be a very enjoyable talk. Also, on Saturday, February 22 from 1 to 4pm we will hold our annual Women's Forum; the topic

of which will be Bread. All are welcome! There will be a bread making demonstration, displays on bible foods, whole foods and nutrition. Enjoy Scripture and Gospel Stories related to 'Bread.' Bring a favorite recipe to share for an electronic cookbook or email one to hokiegirl07@gmail.com. Monetary and non-perishable donations for the local food bank will be welcome. Come enjoy an opportunity to sample homemade bread and win a raffle!

**Women of St. Mary! Bible Study Begins Jan. 15**

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.

Please join us for a WWP session on Wednesday, January 15 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](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com) for more information.

**Help and Hope for Meaningful Employment**

If you are unemployed or under-employed, 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 (January 15).

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

For information, please contact AOH Brother Chuck Payne at [aohchuck@gmail.com](mailto:aohchuck@gmail.com).

**St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Mom's Group)**

Happy New Year. We will not meet Friday, January 17. Our meetings will resume Friday, January 24. We will complete our bible study, *Courageous Women* by the end of January and begin our book study, *Marriage, Small Steps, Big Rewards* by Dr. Ray Guarendi. Please contact Rocio at [rocio.o.atkinson@gmail.com](mailto:rocio.o.atkinson@gmail.com) or Suzi Eggleston at 540-834-0752 for further questions.

**Over 40 Fellowship**

Plan to attend the 5pm Mass on January 18 and join the group for dinner at the Texas Roadhouse afterward (new restaurant on Route 3 across from BJ's). The group also plans to attend the Art Walk the first Friday night in February. The group also plans to go see *Forever Plaid* at the Riverside Center this spring. Get on the email list, contact [ksaladino2009@comcast.net](mailto:ksaladino2009@comcast.net).

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## Virtual Baby Shower January 18/19

Please join the CCW for a Virtual Baby Shower for our local Pro-Life groups: Catholic Charities, Paul Stefan Homes, Birthright and Mary's Shelter. We will be collecting baby items before and after each Mass the weekend of January 18 and 19 (Pro-Life Sunday). The Baby Shower is an opportunity to show our tangible support for those who choose life for their babies. So please help us make this a success!

All types of items are needed: blankets, layettes, formula (Enfamil or Similac), wipes, diapers, (all sizes 1 thru 6), laundry detergent, clothing (new only, please) up to 2 years of age; and maternity clothes, new or slightly used. Other things needed for moms are towels, twin size sheets and comforters and standard size pillows as well as gift cards so they can purchase new underwear. Also needed are baby bottles, large and small, sippy cups, baby wash and diaper rash cream. SCRIP cards will also be accepted. You may drop SCRIP cards at the church office in an envelope marked CCW Baby Shower that weekend or before. Members of CCW will be in the back of the church and Holy Cross after all Masses the weekend of January 18 and 19. If you want to help collect these items before or after Mass that weekend, please contact Karen LaRoche at stone48@verizon.net or 540-370-4541. If you'd like to donate a larger item, a pack and play would be welcome as well as the bedding needs for the moms.



## Parish Night Out 2014 Save the Date - May 3

Cash bar, dinner & dancing.  
Tickets are \$75 each again this year.  
*Purchase a table of 10 before January 31,  
get one ticket free. (10 tickets for the price of 9!)*

For tickets or details please contact  
Marty Bridi 540-373-0259 or Vicky Kopcak 540-273-4456

## March For Life Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, DC and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the US Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on Wednesday, January 22, to commemorate the 41st Anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

St. Mary will have one or two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation; however, participants are asked to bring a box of diapers and/or baby items for the Baby Closet sponsored by Catholic Charities.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Mary and will return to St. Mary at approximately 4:30-5:00pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. Sign-up sheets are posted in the

vestibule of the Church. Please consider taking a visible stand to stop the slaughter of the innocent, and sign up as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the bus.

## Legion of Mary

Need more grace in your life? Join with other men and women who want to make a difference in the community and parish. Visit a Legion of Mary meeting, the sooner the better. Mondays at 10am or Wednesdays at 7pm in the Parish Life Center.

## Women's Loyola Retreat "The Glory of God is the Woman Fully Alive" January 31 - February 2, 2014.

This retreat, designed for women, will explore some of the ways in which we can nurture our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves by coming to understand what it means to live a "holistic spirituality;" to live fully alive! This retreat is led by Joy Aker, CRNA, MA.

Loyola retreats are conducted in an atmosphere of prayerful silence and include generous amounts of time for prayer,

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personal reflection and the cultivation of a deep relationship with God. It also provides for daily Eucharist and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday and Saturday. Loyola on the Potomac is located in Faulkner, Maryland. The retreats begin on Friday with check in and Confessions from 5-6:30pm, an orientation at 6:45pm and dinner at 7pm and concludes with lunch on Sunday following Mass. Contact St. Mary parishioner, Sylvia Fontenot for more information and for carpooling: 540-663-2261 or email lensyl1966@verizon.net. To register, go to [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com)

### Scrapbook Crop - Feb. 1

Boy Scout Troop 1410, sponsored by Holy Cross Academy, will host a Scrapbook Crop on Saturday, February 1 from 9am-9pm at Holy Cross Academy. They will provide 6 ft tables, breakfast, lunch, dinner, snack, and a t-shirt (\$5 extra for larger sizes). The Boy Scouts bring your supplies in the first hour and take them back to your car the last hour. Just bring your photos and supplies! Email: [troop1410fundraiser@yahoo.com](mailto:troop1410fundraiser@yahoo.com).

### Art of Marriage Conference - Feb. 14/15

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church would like to personally invite you to attend the upcoming Art of Marriage Conference. As a parish, we care about the strength of your marriage. Please join other couples for a six part video conference designed to make a good marriage better and offer guidance for those experiencing challenges.

The Art of Marriage is being held on Valentine's Day weekend, February 14 and 15. The cost is \$35.00 and includes a set of workbooks that corresponds with the material presented. Whether your marriage needs a tune-up or a repair, this will help steer you in the right direction! Come to the Art of Marriage Conference being held Valentine's Day weekend at St. Mary. Six part video sessions feature the best of the best and will bring your marriage to a new level of intimacy and understanding. February 14th and 15th. Conference is from 7

to 9:30pm on Friday night and from 9am to 4pm on Saturday. Registration is quick and easy online. Simply type in the url [aomstmaryfred.eventbrite.com](http://aomstmaryfred.eventbrite.com). Email [sweetcaroline003@gmail.com](mailto:sweetcaroline003@gmail.com) for more information. Please register by January 23.



### Ministry to the Sick

St. Mary has a schedule of Eucharistic Ministers who visit Mary Washington Hospital. If you are admitted to the hospital and would like to be on the list to receive Holy Communion, please be sure to submit your name, your parish and room number to the Chaplain's Office at the Hospital. This can also be done when you pre-register or, if you are admitted through the Emergency Room, once you are assigned to a room.

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing), please call the Parish Office.



*The children at the Spanish Mass on Jan. 5 re-enact the visit of the Three Kings.*

# “as I have done for you

## Register Now for Catholic Advocacy Day

Join Virginia Bishops and Paul S. Loverde and Francis X. DiLorenzo and the Virginia Catholic Conference at the annual Catholic Advocacy Day on January 30, 2014, from 8am to 1:30pm in Richmond. Catholic Advocacy Day is an opportunity for Catholics to join and meet with lawmakers supporting public policies that protect life, the poor and vulnerable, and promote justice. Bus transportation from Arlington and Fredericksburg is available. For more information and to register, please visit [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:emgccw@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office.

## 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.

## Augustine's Brothers:

Augustine's Brothers is a support/accountability group for men who struggle with pornography. With the help of God's grace and the support of other men, it is possible to be free from the chains that keep us from becoming the men that God intended us to be. Augustine's Brothers meets weekly in Reston. For more information call Tim at 727-207-2856 or contact us by email at [augustinesbrothers@hotmail.com](mailto:augustinesbrothers@hotmail.com)

## Winter Retreat

The Catholic Campus Ministry at UMW invites all college age young adults, ages 18-23, to join them for a good time of prayer, reflection, and fun! Friday, Jan. 31 – Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, Camp Hanover in Mechanicsville, VA. Cost is \$25. Sign up at the Catholic Student Center or contact [alyssa@umwccm.org](mailto:alyssa@umwccm.org). Catholic Campus Ministry - UMW, 1614 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. 540-373-6746

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary on Monday, January 13 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.

# so you must also do"

## John Paul the Great HS

**JP the Great Music Festival**  
Musicians and singers in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to participate in Pope John Paul the Great's annual Music Festival happening January 25, 2014! Come learn new music, perform with others in the diocese and with the JP Wolf Band, and make new friends! For more information, please visit their website: [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org). Questions? Contact Mrs. Kelly Kingett, John Paul Music Director: [kelly.kingett@jpthegreat.org](mailto:kelly.kingett@jpthegreat.org) or 703-445-0316.

## JP the Great News

See what the Wolves have been up to so far this year by reading the latest edition of e-News Update. Applications are now being accepted for Fall 2014, and the first-round decision deadline is January 27. For more information about admission, please visit [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org) or call 703-445-0218.

## 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. Volunteers are also needed!

## Upcoming Programs at Dominican Retreat

For further information or reservations call Dominican Retreat at 703.-356-4243 or check our website at [www.dominicanretreat.org](http://www.dominicanretreat.org)

Tuesday, January 14 - Open for Prayer - If you need time and space to tune into God, come to Dominican Retreat, a guaranteed quiet space. The Chapel

and grounds will be available to you. Bring a bag lunch and stay awhile. The staff and sisters will not be in your way. 9:30am-3pm.

January 18-20 "Peace the Promised Gift - Accepted and Shared. Weekend Retreat for Men, Directed by Fr. Richard DeLillio, OSFS. Friday 7:15pm - Sunday 3pm

January 24-26 - "Peace the Promised Gift - Accepted and Shared" Weekend for Women Directed by Michael Heine, OFM. 7:15pm - Sunday 3pm.

## Upcoming Diocesan Retreats

### Men's Conference with Justice Antonin Scalia and Curtis Martin March 8!

The Diocese of Arlington's fifth annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 8, at St. Joseph's parish in Herndon will be hosted by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and Focus Campus Ministries founder Curtis Martin, exploring our theme - Go Forth with Hearts on Fire. Continental breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde will be included. Online registration begins January 2 (mail-in registration available now). Space is limited. No registrations will be allowed at the door. Please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men) for more details.

### Dr. Peter Kreeft leads Women's Conference on "Angels and Demons" March 15!

Dr. Peter Kreeft, Professor of Philosophy at Boston College and Kings College, and Mary Ann Hayes, M.S.W. will be speaking at the 2014 Women's Conference, entitled "Angels and Demons: Who They Are And How They Influence Us" on Saturday, March 15, at St.

Joseph's in Herndon. Continental breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde will be included. Online registration begins January 2 (mail-in registration available now). Space is limited. No registrations will be allowed at the door. Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women) for details.

## Outreach Opportunities Catholic Charities

**Are You Called to Help the Elderly?** Volunteers are needed at St. Martin de Porres Senior Center in Alexandria. Activities include front desk help/greeting, exercise classes, bingo, and computer classes. Contact Kathryn Toohey at [ktoohey@ccda.net](mailto:ktoohey@ccda.net) or 703-751-2766.

### Volunteer to Help Immigrants on the Path to Citizenship!

Volunteers are needed at monthly Hogar Legal Services Naturalization Workshops to help clients fill out applications for U.S. citizenship. No previous experience or foreign language skills necessary. Training is provided the morning of each Saturday workshop. Contact Richard Eldridge at 703-534-9805, ext. 239, or [reldridge@ccda.net](mailto:reldridge@ccda.net).

### ESOL & Citizenship Preparation Volunteer Opportunities

Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services is seeking volunteer ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) teachers and site coordinators for the winter 2014 semester in Arlington, Falls Church, Fairfax, Vienna, Sterling, Manassas, Woodbridge, Dale City, and Herndon. Training and materials are provided. No previous experience or second language required. Call 571-208-1572, ext. 102, or email [volunteer.hogar@ccda.net](mailto:volunteer.hogar@ccda.net).