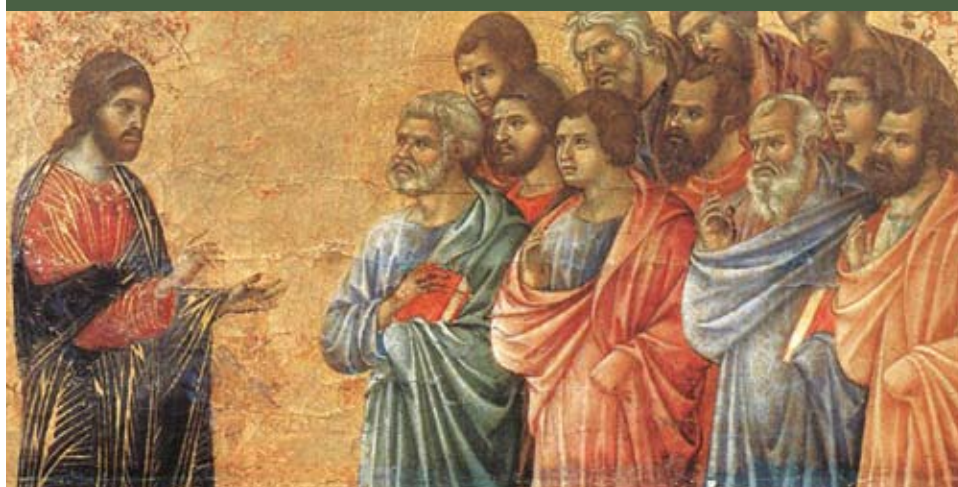


**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

19 Jan 2014



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



what's coming

january

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, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service, Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.
8pm, Adult Confirmation Class (3 of 6), Room 203, Parish Life Center.

22 Wednesday, Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2014 March for Life is today
6pm, YOUCAT - Youth Ministry Program, John Paul II House.
7pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Women's Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room. *Spaces still available. Come, join us!*

23 Thursday, Weekday (St. Vincent, deacon and martyr)

9:30am, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room. *Class is full, keep on eye on bulletin for future classes.*
9:30am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

24 Friday, St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the church

9:30am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.

25 Saturday, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8am, SHARE Food Distribution, Parish Life Center.
9:30am, Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
9:30am, Spanish Presentation on Catholicism, Courtyard Meeting Room.
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

26 Sunday, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Shop after morning Masses. (St. Anne Sisters in Faith)
SCRIP Sales after Masses.
11:30am, New Family Welcome Meeting, church and then Parish Life Center.
12noon - 2pm, English as a Second Language Classes, 2nd Floor, Parish Life Center.
6pm, Catholic Youth Ministry Dinner, Parish Life Center.
7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

27 Monday, Weekday (St. Angela Merici, virgin and religious founder)

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church. Topic: Baptism and Confirmation.
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.

28 Tuesday, St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the church

8pm, Adult Confirmation Class (4 of 6), Room 203, Parish Life Center.
8pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Renewal Group, Courtyard Meeting Room.





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NOTA BENE (*note well, please*):

- ✠ We encourage all St. Mary Parishioners to invite friends and neighbors who are not attending Mass with us each week to **Come Back** to our parish family on the weekend of **January 25 & 26**.
- ✠ The Council of Catholic Women will hold a **Virtual Baby Shower** for area pro-life groups this weekend. Please bring your donations to the Parish Life Center.
- ✠ 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**.
- ✠ Sign up today for the **March For Life** on **January 22**. See page 10 for more details.
- ✠ We encourage all families to register in the parish. Our next **New Family Welcome Meeting** is **Sunday, January 26** at 11:30am in church.
- ✠ **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,

This weekend we get a glimpse of our theme, "Liturgy is Life is Mission," in two ways. Throughout the year we hope to express in our limited way the reality that everything we are flows from the Mass, and everything we hope to accomplish brings us back to the Mass to give thanks and share in the offering of Jesus of himself to the Father, now as members of that same Body of Jesus.

At the Presentation of the Gifts this weekend, children from our Religious Education Program are bringing back to Mass what they love and what they pray for. Mostly photos of people — family, friends — whom they hope will be remembered in all our intentions at Mass this weekend.

They have completed, as families, a class on how the Mass is a powerful way of offering our intentions to God, and that the value of the Mass is infinite, great enough to include the desire of every heart in creation for all time, even if at just one Mass. Each family brought a photo of someone living or deceased, or drew a picture of someone, or included their prayer intention on a paper flower petal, which were then combined as classes where possible, so that these beautiful arrangements of prayers can be brought up the aisle with the gifts of bread and wine and made a living offering to God.

You may have heard of spiritual bouquets before — when you might give a gift to someone which says how many prayers, acts of kindness, or things you might offer up for their intention.

This is a bouquet of a different type: it is directly to God, not for our enjoyment or recognition, but a huge arrangement of photos and messages, longings that only God will see and each of which he will recognize in the Mass. This is who we are, as well, in the pews each time we gather for Christ's

Mass. We are the signs of thanksgiving and petition, and our lives are the petals of the arrangements which are presented to God, to be consecrated. Spiritual writers in the Church have said in their reflections that perhaps Jesus did this when he was on the cross: in that eternal moment he brought to mind every person who would ever live — every person — and remembered them to God, with their intentions, with their offenses, with their desire for reconciliation. He represented us on that cross, and in that way presented us personally to the Father.

The other way we will see our lives flow out of the Mass today is at the end: we will have a sending forth prayer this weekend in which we will be sent to go out into the world and offer the invitation of Christ to someone to come home. To rediscover the real meaning of the Mass and open their hearts to God again and this community. We can be powerful instruments of the love of God when we offer that welcome, and give people a glimpse of the goodness that waits for them in Christ. I have seen it time and again. Sometimes the hurts are very old and the difficulty great for people to forgive. Sometimes it has been years. And sometimes people are just waiting for somebody to come along and ask them to come home.

The end of the Mass' Latin text literally, after the final blessing, says, "Go, it is sent." The word *misa*, "sent," is where the word "Mass" comes from. The Mass is literally a sending, then, a time in which we receive everything, more than we can even imagine, but not for ourselves alone. What we receive must be shared. What we have learned, we must teach. What has nourished us must benefit the many who hunger for truth and peace. So it is *we* who are sent, and it is in this sending that we find our meaning. The *mission* to which we are sent is the beginning of our fulfillment.

God bless you. *Fr. Dom*

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

HCA second graders braved the cold temperatures to become little scientists and meteorologists. They began the hands-on lesson with a quick check of Weather Bug to determine the temperature which was a chilling 9 degrees. The students put on their winter gear, walked outside and placed water filled plastic baggies on the cold ground.

Predictions were made, observations were recorded and data was shared as students watched the water crystallize then freeze. The weather was then tracked and monitored throughout the week so that students could compare and contrast the data. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Mabin took advantage of the bitter cold temperatures to bring science to life for their enthusiastic second graders.

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 predict
how long it will
take for water to
freeze during the
recent Polar Vortex.*

operations staff

www.stmaryfred.org

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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.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i> Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Lino Rico Rostro Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Sacred Music, David Mathers Administrative Assistant, Kelly Keiser Secretary, Mary Fitch
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
BAPTISMS	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
MARRIAGE	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
JOIN US	New Family Registration meetings are held monthly in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any telephone/address changes.

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection for 1/12/14	\$35,333.
Parish Building Fund (12/8/13 - 1/12/14)	15,354.
Solemnity of Mary Collection (add'l)	356.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul (wk ending 1/12/14)	97.
December Children's Charity Donations	331.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul (wk ending 1/5/14)	174.
SCRIP Profit 1/6/14 to 1/12/14	313.
YTD profit	\$4,629.

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.

January Children's Offering

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in January is the local Hospice Camp Rainbow. For information, go to www.hospicesupportcare.org.

Church in Latin America January 25 & 26

"Share Your Faith" - "Comparte tu Fe"
Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges, including violence and a lack of both clergy and lay leadership to witness to the gospel message. Your support shares the

faith with those in need, including the youth of Holy Family Parish in San Miguel, El Salvador. These young people, at high risk for violence, often lack an education in values and critical-thinking skills. To address this need, the parish designed a youth enrichment program. Funded by the Collection, this program gives the youth an opportunity to share their faith and break the cycle of violence in their neighborhoods. Please give generously to next week's Collection.

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Los católicos en América Latina y el Caribe enfrentan muchos desafíos, incluyendo la violencia y la falta de clero y liderazgo laical para dar testimonio del mensaje del evangelio. Su apoyo comparte la fe con los necesitados, incluyendo los jóvenes de la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia en San Miguel, El Salvador. Estos jóvenes, que afrontan riesgos por la violencia, carecen de una educación en valores y en los talentos de análisis crítico. Para responder a esta necesidad, la parroquia creó un programa de enriquecimiento y liderazgo para la juventud. El programa, financiado por la Colecta, les brinda a los jóvenes la oportunidad de compartir su fe y poner fin al ciclo de violencia en sus vecindarios. Por favor, contribuya generosamente en la Colecta de la próxima semana.

Shop with SCRIP

To set up an account online at 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 or 571-330-3448. Thanks for using SCRIP!

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

Family Week & Family Mass

Thanks to all the families who participated in our Family Week activities. It was inspiring to hear the catechists and families discuss the persons they were praying for. "The family that prays together stays together." During this weekend's Sunday Masses, in the Offertory Procession, the bouquets and our prayers will be part of our offering. Remember "Liturgy is Life is Mission."

No Classes the week of Jan. 20-23

There will be no Religious Education classes next week, January 20-23. On Tuesday, January 21 catechists will continue discussing the Ten Commandments with Fr. Cummings.

Catechist/Teacher Appreciation Reception

All Catechists and Religious Education volunteers are invited to the annual Catechist/Teacher Appreciation Reception in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, February 1, at 6:30pm. Please RSVP by January 29.

Report Cards

Report Cards have been issued. Parents are asked to please review them, discuss them with your children, sign them and return them to your child's catechist.



During Family Week, students placed pictures of loved ones to be remembered during Mass on paper flower petals.

education adult ed.

Evening Bible Study for Women

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 on Wednesday, January 22 at 7:30pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room. We are just getting started and still have room for you! 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.

Art of Marriage Conference February 14/15 - Register by Jan. 23

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! A six-part video features the best of the best and will bring your marriage to a new level of intimacy and understanding. 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. Email sweetcaroline003@gmail.com for more information. Please register by January 23.

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, 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

Go Forth with Hearts on Fire

"In this pastoral letter," writes Bishop Loverde, "I hope to provide a tool box for you to become a great evangelist in this age." Read our Bishop's call for each of us to "take specific and concrete steps in drawing closer to Jesus Christ and proclaiming Him to others" online (in English and Spanish). The letter includes a study guide, practical takeaways, and suggestions. Download Go Forth on your laptop, tablet, smart phone, or order copies of the letter at www.heartsonfire.arlingtondiocese.org

Pro Life Reflection

Every day around the world, men and women who have lost children to abortion gather for Rachel's Vineyard retreats. These provide an opportunity to face the wounds of abortion in a safe, affirming environment of prayer and the support of others who have been through the same experience. *Lord, be with all those who are going through healing after abortion, and bring them quickly to Your peace.*

For more information about Project Rachel and post abortion assistance, contact 703-841-2504 or projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org or call the Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE.

St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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, Ree Messer, Joyce Webster, O'Neta Shorter, Daniel Bustamonta, Dawn Dittmer

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 Ebnal, 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, Raymund Haskell, Robert Haynes, Michael J. Herbek, James Helm, James Hoffnagle, Jr., Robert Horner, Danny L. Howard, Jr., Anthony Howell, 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, John Moring, 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 Angie Hoge, and all the benefactors of St. Mary Parish.

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

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.

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.

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, January 21

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.

Arlington, Monday, January 20

In northern Virginia, a service will be held on Monday, January 20, at 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.

Masses were offered in December for the following unscheduled intentions: Mary Govoni+, Joseph Martin Farrell+, Richard Hamilton II, Peter Truong Nguyen+, Teodoro Briones+, Manny Mejia+, Michael Chase+, Dolores Hurley, Bernice Cole, Rose White, Kevin O'Keefe+, a Special Intention, Arnold S. Dumont, Jr.+, David Hellmer+, Rosalie Bughan, and Claire Heelen Palumbo+.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

January

20 MONDAY

6:30 +Shawn Michael Feagin
9am +Andrew Pieper
1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

21 TUESDAY

6:30 Rev. Don Rooney
9am Kevin Paquette
1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

22 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Karen Sturtevant
9am Respect for Life
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

23 THURSDAY

6:30 Rev. Keith Cummings
8:20* Our Oblate Sisters
9am Aristides Lucas
1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

24 FRIDAY

6:30 Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
9am +Betty Jo Staunton
1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

25 SATURDAY

9am John Sturtevant
5pm Dolores & +Emmanuel Lucia
7pm +Victor & Lucienne Shimer
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

26 SUNDAY

7am +William Wallace
8:30 Joseph Cascio
10:30 Vu & Trinh Family
10:30* For the Parish
12:30pm Military Living & Decd.
2pm Leticia Gonzalez
5pm +Elizabeth Schwartz
7:01pm +Nathaniel Miklozek
Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

liturgy is life



March For Life - Sign up by Monday, January 20 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 available in the vestibule of the Church. Please consider taking a visible stand to stop the slaughter of the innocent, and sign up by Monday, January 20 to reserve your seat on the bus.

A Welcoming Parish

Last year we prayed together each week that that God would "guide us to welcome and call all your children home to you in unity. Allow us to be the spark which reignites the faith in the hearts of those we meet this day."

We encourage all St. Mary parishioners to invite friends and

neighbors who are not attending Mass with us each week to come back to our parish family. On the weekend of January 25 & 26, we will ask God's blessings on those who have joined us in our celebration of the Eucharistic mysteries.

Calling All Judges!

It's Science Fair time again. The Holy Cross Academy Science Fair will be held on February 7 from 8:30 to 11:30am. We are in need of judges. If you are able to donate time to come in and see some great experiments and judge the work of the students, please contact Mrs. Eileen Lanzarone eileen.lanzarone@gmail.com or 540-286-1600.

Parish Registration We Welcome You

Are you registered in our parish? If you are not receiving offertory envelopes, then maybe you are not a registered parishioner.

Our next New Family Welcome Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26 at 11:30am in the church. Come, learn about our many ministries, and complete a registration form. You must be a registered parishioner to serve as a sacramental sponsor, to begin marriage preparation, or to have your children baptized. Please note that the next New Family Welcome Meeting will be held February 23, 2014.

Please note that our Baptism Classes are held the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in Room 204 of the Parish Life Center. Registration is required for this class.

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, January 28.

Come to grow: in your relationship with each of the Three Persons of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; in opening up to the charisms of the Holy Spirit; in learning to give your witness as we respond to the Church's call for a "new evangelization"; and in expressing verbal praise and in going deeper in prayer so as to avoid what Blessed John Paul II called becoming "Christians at risk." All are welcome – come and pray. For more information call Walter or Claire Matthews at 972-2652.

Council of Catholic Women

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.

The Annual Women's Forum will be held on Saturday, February 22 from 1 to 4pm; 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 home-made bread and win a raffle!

life is mission

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

Our meeting is Friday, January 24. We will complete the last chapters of our bible study, *Courageous Women*. We begin with 9am Mass followed by refreshments at the JPPII House. Babysitting is available. We will begin our book study, *Marriage, Small Steps, Big Rewards* by Dr. Ray Guarendi starting in February. Please contact Rocio at rocio.o.atkinson@gmail.com or Suzi Eggleston at 540-834-0752 for further questions.

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.

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!

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. Registration of \$65 includes a 6 ft table, 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.



Parish Night Out 2014
Save the Date - May 3

Cash bar, dinner & dancing.
 Tickets are \$75 each again this year.

Our annual Parish Night Out has become a favorite tradition for parishioners as we gather in the spring for a fun, formal evening together with great food and great music and dancing.

Full tables of 10 may be purchased at the "early bird" price of \$675 before January 31.

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

Stewardship - A Way of Life

Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent and treasure allotted to us. Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus, and where it has been implemented, both givers' and receivers' lives have been changed. A gift in any amount given through your estate can change many lives for the better. For more information call the Diocesan Planned Giving Office at 703-841-3819. www.arlingtondiocese.planyourlegacy.org

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia at the 2014 Diocesan Men's Conference!

All men of the parish are invited to the fifth annual Men's Conference on March 8th at St. Joseph's in Herndon. This year's conference – entitled Go Forth with

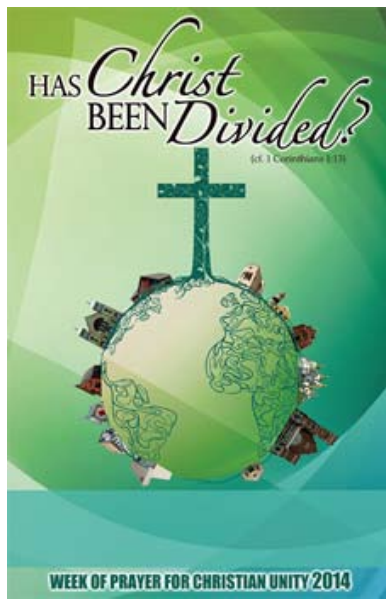
Hearts on Fire – will feature Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and Curtis Martin, founder of Focus Campus Ministries, talking about ways we can bring our faith into our homes, our jobs, and our society. Breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde will be included. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more details or to register.

Jim Florio is our parish captain for this event, if you have any questions please contact him at lkflorio@comcast.net.

"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.



Praying for Christian Unity: Questions for Reflection on the Themes of the Eight Days

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are invited to enter more deeply into our faith and to ask the question "Has Christ Been Divided?" The biblical readings, commentaries, prayers and questions for reflection, all explore different

aspects of what this means for the lives of Christians and their unity with one another, in and for today's world. These questions are provided as further opportunities to reflect upon the daily themes.

Day 1, Together... we are called to be saints

- What does the term "communion of saints" mean for you or for your church tradition?
- In what ways does our calling to be a "holy nation" compel us to go beyond our local Christian setting?

Day 2, Together... we give thanks for God's grace in one another

- What are the gifts of God's grace that we already experience from other church traditions in our own communities?
- In what ways might Christians of different traditions better receive and share the varied gifts that God has given to each of us?

Day 3, Together... we are not lacking in any spiritual gifts

- In what ways have we forgotten the abundance of God's gifts, proclaiming instead "we have no bread"?
- In what ways can we better share the spiritual and material gifts entrusted to us to share with others?

Day 4, Together... we affirm that God is faithful

- In what ways have you discerned God's faithfulness in your life and the life of your community in the past year?
- In what ways does God's faithfulness inspire us to pursue the goal of Christian unity?

Day 5, Together... we are called into fellowship

- In what ways do you experience the call into fellowship with God?
- In what ways is God calling you into fellowship with others within your church and beyond?

Day 6, Together... we seek to be in agreement

- Can you remember an occasion when the prophetic naming of a painful church disagreement was the beginning of a renewed struggle towards greater unity?
- What issues still cause divisions among us as an ecumenical body? What paths do you see towards greater unity?

Day 7, Together... we belong to Christ

- What are the signs of "belonging to Christ"?
- In what ways can the phrase "I belong to Christ" be used to divide Christians rather than unite them?

Day 8, Together... we proclaim the gospel

- In what ways is the "gospel" you have received bound up with its cultural and historic transmission?
- Has that been an obstacle to unity?
- How would our fuller unity in Christ make us better witnesses to the gospel we have received?

so you must also do"

Thank You from Mary's Shelter

Dear Father Rooney,

Once again, we thank you for the consistent generosity shown to Mary's Shelter over the past year. St Mary has been an integral part of this ministry from its conception through financial and spiritual support. As you know, Mary's Shelter provides refuge to women (and any children they may have) who find themselves homeless during a crisis pregnancy. Many of these women might not have made the choice of life if not for a place for their child to live. Mary's Shelter continues to grow, offering more rooms of shelter and opportunities for families in need. The babies born into our homes receive so much more in stability and opportunity because of the peace in simply having the safe home their mothers receive, as well as the programs offered to instill positive life skills for our families. Without your support, we simply could not do what we have been able to do for this community. Lives have been saved because of the donations and commitment St. Mary has made to this ministry.

We believe, because of the pro life message so often expressed from the pulpit, and the reminder to serve those in need, that so many from this parish have stepped up to assist in a variety of kind ways. Thank you to all the Priests of St. Mary who demonstrate this through their actions and words.

There are so many at St. Mary to thank at this time. We have been blessed by Leo Chavarria and the work he has done to reach out and speak with our moms as well as the Giving Tree organization— be-

cause of this program, Christmas at Mary's Shelter is joyous for all. Our families have been blessed by that show of generosity. Thank you to Rick Caporali for keeping our residents in mind, and reaching out with Parish sponsored programs. To the office staff for the kindness shown always, especially with the many questions and requests we sometimes have. The Youth Group and Confirmation teams have been so helpful when dedicating their service hours to many projects. We are thankful to the Knights, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Legion of Mary, the pro life groups, CCW, Home School Group, Moms Group, Craft Group and the many ministries that remember our residents and their children in prayer, hospitality and gifts. We have been blessed time and time again by the Sisters, staff and families of Holy Cross Academy.

We sincerely thank all those parishioners who have given so generously in every way needed, and to those who have continued to pray for this ministry.

In addition, it should be noted that many of our Mary's Shelter families take part in the Mass, have attended Religious Education classes, Vacation Bible School, English as a Second Language and many of our newborn babies have been Baptized at St. Mary. As you can see, we are very much connected to St Mary in so many ways and thankful for that gift.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and Staff, we pray for a very Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year for all at St. Mary.

Kathleen Wilson
Director, Mary's Shelter
Board of Directors and Staff

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. Catholic Campus Ministry - UMW, 1614 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. 540-373-6746.

John Paul the Great HS

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 on the website. 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 or call 703-445-0218.

From the Vocations Office

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at 703-841-2514 or write jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.