

**Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

26 Jan 2014

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



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26 Sunday, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Welcome Back Sunday

Catholic Schools Week Begins

11:30am, New Parishioner Welcome Meeting, church and then Parish Life Center.

Coffee Shop after morning Masses. (St. Anne Sisters in Faith)

SCRIP Sales after Masses.

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), Parish Life Center 203.

8pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Renewal Group, Courtyard Meeting Room.

29 Wednesday, Weekday

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

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

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

30 Thursday, Weekday

Catholic Advocacy Day, Richmond

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

6pm, Academic Fair Family Dinner, Holy Cross Academy.

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

31 Friday, St. John Bosco, priest

9:30am, Moms' Group "St. Anne's Sisters in Faith," John Paul II House.

1 Saturday, Weekday

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

10am, Baptisms, Church.

2:30pm, Baptism Class, Parish Life Center 204.

SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

6:30pm, Catechist / Teacher Appreciation Reception.

2 Sunday, The Presentation of the Lord

St. Mary Preschool Open House, 9:30-Noon, Parish Life Center.

Holy Cross Academy Open House, 1-3pm, Holy Cross Academy.

Coffee and Donuts after morning Masses. (St. Mary Preschool)

SCRIP Sales after Masses.

English as a Second Language Classes, Noon, Parish Life Center 203.

Middle School LOCK-IN Sunday, 3:30-4:30pm, Parish Life Center Main Hall.

3 Monday, Weekday (St. Blaise, bishop and martyr)

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

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

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.

4 Tuesday, Weekday

8pm, Adult Confirmation Class (5 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):

- ☞ **Welcome Back** to anyone who may be returning to our parish family this weekend. If you have any questions or would like to talk about it, please contact us.
- ☞ **New Family Welcome Meeting** is **TODAY**, Sunday, January 26 at 11:30am in church. Please attend and meet parish leaders and members of our Welcome Committee.
- ☞ Register now and join Bishop Loverde and Bishop DiLorenzo in Richmond for **Catholic Advocacy Day Thursday, January 30**, from 8am to 1:30pm. More details are on page 10. Please plan to join us!
- ☞ This week we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** and we thank God for the gift of our National Blue Ribbon School – Holy Cross Academy, our Sisters and Faculty and the gift of all our Religious Education Catechists who dedicate so much to the formation of our children.
 - Catechists and Teachers join us for a special **Catechist/Teacher Appreciation Reception** Saturday, February 1st at 6:30pm.
 - If you want to learn more about our school, or just want to visit, please come to the **Open House next Sunday**, February 2 – 9:30am to 12:00 Noon in the Parish Life Center for Preschool, and 1 – 3pm at Holy Cross Academy!! All are welcome!
- ☞ Our next **Concert Series Event** event features **Ephrem Brass Quintet** performing a free concert with organist David Mathers. Friday, February 21 at 8pm.
- ☞ **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,

Happy Winter. Finally it came. When I was a kid “They” always used to say in Kansas that you needed a good cold snap in order for all the flu bugs to die for the coming year. For years I pictured it in my mind like a swarm of gnats. May it be so. Our offices and school are closed two days this week on top of a holiday; I hope you got some rest out of all this, too. There was one parent who sent out an email for the school: “I hope everyone is enjoying the snow and the kids at home. I know I am. If only I could be off work!...” Amen. ‘Cause when the staff is off, guess who does the bulletin! I’m just focusing on all the flu we are beating come April.

You should be receiving your statements for 2013 giving this week in the mail. As I look through them and sign each one I am filled with gratitude for so many of you who really do support the life of the parish in a significant way. The percentages are small — you can see the analysis on page 9 of the bulletin today — the majority of support in every group, church or association in the world is always through the generosity of the minority, what they call the 80/20 rule. We are not really the exception. Although 46% of our families (2,231) have used envelopes at least once during the past year, those who give \$20 or more each week to the first collection (20% of the parish, or 997 families) represent 88% of our total donations.

I’m going to study these results in more depth with more time, but a few quick observations are interesting. The level of giving in an otherwise, relatively consistent pattern of giving, indicates that Holy Days of Obligation are largely overlooked. One of the things I’ve been wanting to talk about is the importance of these Holy Days. Not for the collection, either — they are days that are precious to our life of faith and require of us a particular level of attention. All of them are, on a deep level, intimately tied to our identity and responsibility as Christians and days of particular thanks due to God. They

are like the birthday party or anniversary of a close family member that you would not dare miss. Something like that annual family event that you might even go to great lengths with travel and expense to attend. In a post-Christian era like ours it is hard for many people to believe that something like one day (24 hours) might be *holier* than another. Also, the changes about which years they count as days of obligation and which years they don’t have people confused, I think. More about that later.

At any rate, I am so very grateful for your contributions. We have a lot to do here, a lot of work yet to develop and a debt to pay off, and I thank you for keeping it going. Please continue to help the parish as we move forward in our mission of grow-together in holiness and witness to the love of God in our world, where it so badly needs to be known. These are uncertain times for so many — which makes your gifts more meaningful, as well as more necessary as we reach out to as many people as we can in charity and compassion.

Finally, let’s remember all our Sisters, our teachers and faculty, our school children and their parents and families this week as we celebrate the wonderful presence of Catholic Education in our parish this week. Catholic Schools Week is a time to reflect on the blessing of Catholic formation and what is for the Church, I believe, one of the most important (if not *the* most important) apostolate given us by God: to form and educate, nurture and protect these young people and help them find their place in God’s creation. May they go forth from us and bring about God’s new creation in peace and justice, and goodness and truth.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*



holy cross academy

We Were Off to See the Wizard

Holy Cross Academy thespians followed the yellow brick road and performed the Wizard of Oz! Under the direction of Mrs. Cathie Carmical, auditions began in late September. Performers practiced and dedicated countless hours for the opening afternoon performance for HCA students, faculty and staff. The final curtain evening performance awed parents and guests as Dorothy and her friends searched for the wonderful Wizard.

Mrs. Carmical was assisted by many volunteers who worked on sets, costumes, music and sound. Approximately 90 students were involved in this production which would not have been possible without dedication and accountability by all involved. Congratulations to our Drama Club for their captivating performance.

Catholic Schools Week begins today. With Catholic Schools throughout the country, Holy Cross Academy is celebrating our communities of faith, knowledge and service. At Holy Cross, our primary goal is sharing our Catholic faith with our students and their families. We work to model

the person of Christ and share the richness of our beliefs with our children and their families. As a Catholic School, we hold ourselves to a high standard of excellence, maintaining our Blue Ribbon of Excellence. Being a community of service leads us to see the needs of our brothers and sisters here in the Fredericksburg area and throughout our world. Holy Cross Academy is committed to being a community of faith, knowledge and service.

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. Please join us for our Open House on February 2nd. Saint Mary Preschool invites you to the Parish Life Center to learn about our preschool program from 9:30 to noon. And then you can join us at HCA from 1:00 to 3:00. Please join us and come see our parish school.



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School, 2012*





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 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

The Book Club

The book club topic for its Feb. 11 meeting at 10 AM in the John Paul II House will be Pope Francis. Rather than a specific title, members can choose either a biography of the Holy Father or can choose a book written by the Pope himself. More information: Kathleen Mahoney at bmah761569@aol.com



Check it out.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter **Arlington Diocese Ministry**

Couples who make Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church healthier.

Be united in your marriage. **There is an upcoming weekend Apr. 11-13 in Fredericksburg, April 11-13.** For more information visit our website at: renewmarriage-vanorth.org or call (703) 378-4150.

Evening Bible Study for Women

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 everyday challenges and struggles to solutions given to us through teachings of Christ and the Church.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 29 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 - It still is not too late.**

There is still time to sign up for the upcoming Art of Marriage Conference 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. Although the registration deadline was January 23, there are still some spaces available. Please, join us.

Please come and be appreciated! Catechists/Teachers Appreciation Reception

Every year during Catholic Schools Week our parish hosts a reception for our catechists and teachers. It is truly a celebration. The Parish Life Center is decorated, delicious food and various drinks are served and dance music is provided. Prizes are even raffled. This is a special tribute to

you who spend countless hours preparing our children "to contribute effectively to the welfare of humanity and to work for the extension of the Kingdom of God." (*Documents of Vatican II, Declaration on Christian Education*).

This is truly an excellent opportunity for catechists and teachers to celebrate the formation they enable. Catechists and teachers make sure you are there!



Last weekend at all Masses Religious Education students brought up the gifts of bread and wine as well as their prayer intentions from Family Week, photos and votos crafted into large arrangements making present all those for whom we pray at Mass.

Fr. Don, Guest Speaker at Parent Gathering Speaker Series

At our first gathering for this year on January 14th Fr. Don Rooney gave an inspiring presentation to a motivated group of parents on Vatican II and our parish theme: "Liturgy is Life is Mission." Father's presentation gave a very eye-opening view on why Vatican II was a necessary council, why so many in the Church struggle with its implementation and why it is so important for us to know about it today. Even after 50 years of its writing and implementation it is still largely unknown. "Few have read it, but everyone has an opinion about it," he said.

As with all our parent gatherings those present deepened their appreciation of our Church and are motivated to being better Catholics and parents. We urge parents to please make an effort to participate in the next gathering on February 11 when Sr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM, Ed.D will help us raise children to be responsible, self-disciplined and respectful Catholics.

Return Report Cards, Please

Parents are kindly reminded to return their children's Religious Education Report Cards to their children's catechists. The same card will be used again at the end of the second semester.

education youth



SENT: High School Retreat - Feb. 21-23

Our High School retreat is coming up! We will be heading out to Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center in Toano, VA for a weekend of fun, faith, friends and growing in our relationship with God. Retreats are by far one of the greatest programs Youth Ministry offers so don't miss it! Space is limited and fills up very quickly so get your permission slip and \$40 in by Monday, February 10th. Permission slips are available on our website as well as our promo video.

Also - Don't forget - the **Middle-School Lock-in** is Sunday, 3:30-4:30pm, in the Parish Life Center.

parish life

SAINT MARY CONCERT SERIES
Friday, February 21st at 8pm in the Church

Ephrem Brass
with David Mathers, organ

Ephrem Brass, a Washington, D.C. based brass quintet, is coming to St. Mary for a free concert of original music and arrangements. To highlight this exciting program, the Ephrem Brass will team up with our own Music Director David Mathers for several works for brass and organ.



Ephrem Brass members are all outstanding brass players from the premier military service bands in Washington D.C. No tickets is required. Dessert reception following. For more information, contact David Mathers at 540-373-6491 or dmathers@stmaryfred.org.

February Family Dinner is Feb. 8th

The February Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, February 8th from 6—8:30 pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes homemade pulled pork BBQ sandwiches, French fries, cole slaw, and ice cream. The profit will be donated to Mary's Shelter. 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 \$25.

Save the Date - May 3rd - for our annual Parish Night Out formal dinner and dance

Dinner and dancing at UMW Jepson Center. Tickets are \$75 each again this year.

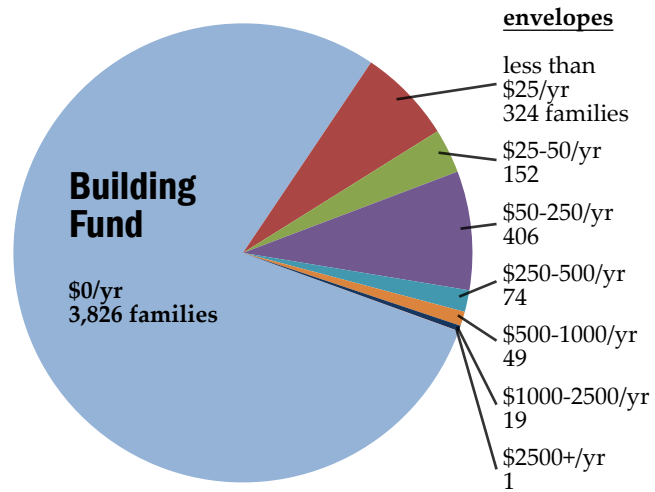
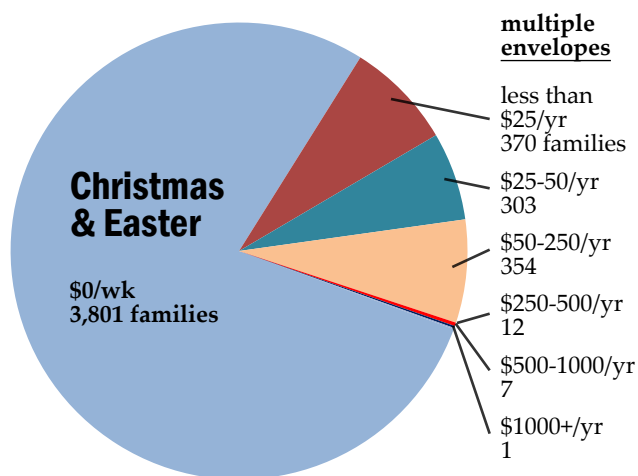
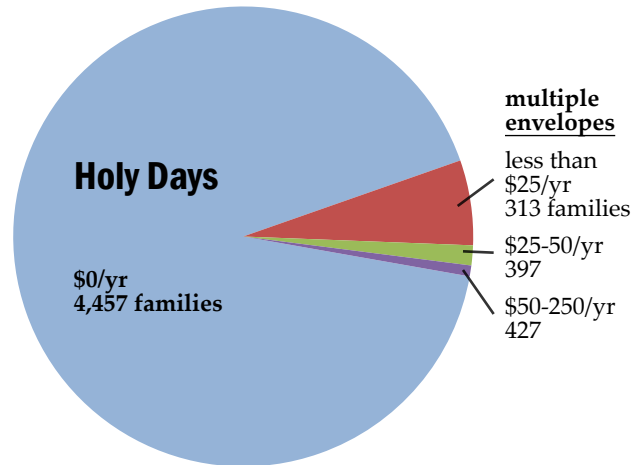
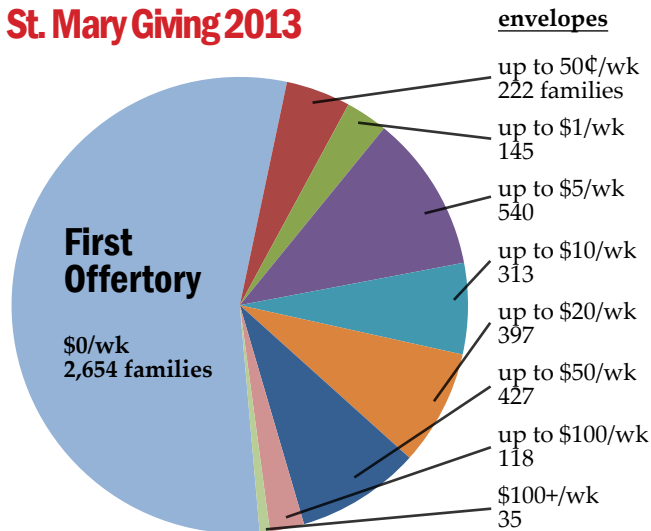
Our annual Parish Night Out has become a favorite tradition for parishioners as we gather in the spring for a fun, formal evening together with great food and great music and dancing.

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

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St. Mary Giving 2013



2013 Giving Statements will be mailed this week.

Our end-of-year giving statements will be mailed to you this week, weather permitting, for tax purposes, as well as helping you to know where your support of the parish relates to the overall giving of the parish. Please look over your statements carefully and let us know if you have any questions or differences in your records.

The charts above give an idea of the giving patterns of St. Mary parishioners. We owe great thanks to those of you who support the faith life and work of our parish with its many ministries and meaningful programs with such generosity. We rely on you. We continue to grow because of your support of the parish. Please consider the

importance of St. Mary in your life and respond according to how God is leading you to seek him. Thanks for your prayerful, continued support. Remember, at least 12% of all the gifts we receive at St. Mary are given again to the poor and those in need.

2014 Bishop's Lenten Appeal begins.

At the end of this month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2014 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2014 BLA is "Renewing Hope with Hearts Afire!" After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this vital appeal funding programs and ministries which serve the people in our diocese. Every pledge is important!

"as I have done for you

Register Now for Catholic Advocacy Day



Join Virginia Bishops 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.

SHARE Ministry

Watch NEXT WEEK for the February SHARE menu and details about ordering food for February.

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this week in Arlington, our Bishop Loverde (right) joined Bishop Ted Gulick, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, Bishop Young Jin Cho, UMC Virginia Conference, and Bishop Richard Graham, ELCA Metro DC Synod for a celebration of ecumenical prayer.

Outreach Opportunities Catholic Charities

Donate Your Used Car and Help Someone Become Self Reliant!

If you own a car you are thinking of replacing, we need your donation. The Catholic Charities Car Ministry takes used vehicles and gives them directly to needy families (so the car needs to be in good running order). In return, Catholic Charities can help you get a tax deduction. We have a long list of families who need transportation. Please contact Brian O'Connor at (703) 841-3898.

Formerly Homeless Families and Children Need Your Help

St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional Housing and Residences in Woodbridge are looking for help with child care and activities, and seeking the following furniture and home items in gently used condition for new families. Items include couches or loveseats (no sofa beds),

chairs, small dining room sets, dressers, night stands, end tables, cocktail tables, cookware, glassware, towels, coffee pots, toasters, decorative wall art, etc. Child care volunteers must be at least 18 years old, or 16 if accompanied by a parent. Contact Paula Hummel at (703) 910-4845 or e-mail phummel@ccda.net. Support Mothers in Need to Care for Their Babies! The Catholic Charities baby closet in Fredericksburg needs diapers in large sizes (3 to 6), wipes, baby formula (Similac), and baby shampoo. Bring donations to 200 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Suite 506, or to the Baby Closet at 10639 Courthouse Road in Fredericksburg.

"Light the Way" Catholic Charities Annual Ball 2014

Join us for a fun-filled evening of dining and dancing as well as our major fundraiser, providing about 10 percent of Catholic Charities annual budget. Please mark your calendar to attend or volunteer Friday, February 21. For more information, contact ccball2014@gmail.com.



so you must also do"

Thanks from the Diocese's Office of Migration and Refugee Services

8 January 2014

Dear friends of MRS:

On Monday, we made the final deliveries of Christmas presents to client families! Many of our clients are Orthodox so they celebrated Christmas just yesterday.

Now, that we are done with Christmas deliveries, I wanted to send you all an informal note of thanks for your overwhelming financial generosity as well as your generosity of time and talent. Especially during these last few months when we have had record numbers of arriving refugees, we simply could not do what we do without your support. You have touched so many lives with your generosity. You have ensured that families have not become homeless, that they have had food to eat, had warm clothes on their back (and head and hands and feet too!), and that the children have had the school supplies they needed to start school. For people who have lost everything as they fled their homes, receiving your unexpected Christmas gifts was a beautiful and overwhelming surprise. You not only provided essentials that our clients needed but also really lifted their spirits during the difficult transition period to life in America. Thank you so much!

I also wanted to tell you that this week is National Migration Week! This week, we continue to remember migrants throughout the world. For more information about National Migration Week, please see: <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/>

The USCCB also has some excellent backgrounders on migration. These are great resources for educating your parish community about the Church's commitment to refugees and other migrants. They can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/current-policy-issues/index.cfm>

On behalf of all of us here at Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services, we pray that you have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Sincerely,

Rebecca C. Ruiz, Program Manager
Arlington Diocese Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees Program
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington
r Ruiz@ccda.net

A Prayer for Migrants

Merciful and loving Father,
you provided for your people Israel in their exodus
from slavery
a promised land that you established for them,
and in Jesus Christ you provide welcome refuge for all
in need.

We ask for your divine protection for all migrants
who have left their homes in search of new
opportunity in another land.

For refugees, who are forced from their homes due to
threats of violence,
we beseech you to provide them a safe haven.

For migrants trafficked into slavery,
grant them rescue, healing, and the strength to
start again.

For immigrants, who so often leave their family and
friends behind,
grant them a better life and greater opportunity
elsewhere.

We pray in particular for your protection over migrant
children who are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse
at the hands of others.

We implore you to grant all migrants your protection
and lead them to a place of safety.

Be with all those in need with your power to save.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



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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 1/19/14	\$38,304.
Parish Building Fund (12/8/13 - 1/12/14)	3,194.
Solemnity of Mary Collection (add'l)	80.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul (wk ending 1/12/14)	142.
December Children's Charity Donations	73.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul (wk ending 1/5/14)	174.
SCRIP Profit for the week	215.
Year to Date:	\$4,844.

Please note:

End of year statements 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.

Diocesan Newspaper Collection February 1 & 2

As registered members of St. Mary Parish, everyone receives a copy of our Diocesan Newspaper, the *Arlington Catholic Herald*. The Parish pays an assessment to the Diocese on 40% of its registered families for subscriptions to the *Herald*. All subscriptions paid to St. Mary during the year and contributions made in the Annual Diocesan Newspaper Collection stay with the parish to help offset this assessment. Last year we received a total of \$11,428.64 from the annual newspaper collection and quar-

terly subscription envelopes to help offset a \$40,436.00 assessment.

If you have not paid for or renewed your subscription to the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, we ask that you consider doing so now. The subscription rate of \$22.00 a year is one of the lowest of any Catholic newspaper with a circulation of more than 50,000, and the wealth of Catholic articles and information about your Diocese is invaluable. Green subscription envelopes are included with the January, April, July and October envelope packets for your convenience, and the Annual Diocesan Newspaper Collection is next weekend. Your generosity is truly appreciated, and we are very grateful for your constant support. God bless you.

SCRIP? Sure!

Now that we are into the New Year it's a great time to think about how you can use Scrip Gift Cards in your New Year's budget. Get started with purchasing Scrip Gift Cards for your gas and grocery purchases. Giant Foods gives back 4% to the school and can be used in the store for groceries and at the pump for gas. We also carry Walmart (2.5%) and Target (2%). There are many more retailers available for all your needs. Stop by the Scrip table at afternoon carpool on Tuesday and Wednesday and before Mass on Thursday morning to see a full list of retailers.

You can also purchase many great retailers online with SCRIPNow! With SCRIPNow! there is no waiting. You can order your Scrip in minutes online and have the gift card code emailed to you. To set up an account online at www.shopwithscrip.com and use our school code, **7B876EBB188L2**,

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.
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Children's Offertory envelopes for February

The children's charity for February is Hazelwild Farm's Therapeutic Riding Program. The program offers specialized horseback riding lessons for all ages of riders with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The lessons increase stability, flexibility, strength, motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence for the riders, along with providing many other physical and emotional benefits. For more information, go to www.hazelwildfarm.com.

Choose Life reflection

God does not make mistakes. When a human being is alive, it is because God wants him or her to be alive. People do not have to measure up to our standards or expectations in order to have dignity and deserve protection. *"Lord, I pray for all those who are disabled, frail, and ill. Give them Your strength and peace, and give us the eyes to see their dignity and value."* (Pro Life Reflections for Every Day)

First Friday All-night Adoration February 7th

Our First Friday evening Mass at 8pm will be followed by All Night Adoration. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Pope Francis exclaimed: "Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us each time that following him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we 'possess,' but a gift to him and to others." At least two people must be present with our Lord at all times during Adoration. Please sign up today and enrich your soul with the gift of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

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, Joe Mascett, David Asher

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 Ebanal, 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 Jessica Pierce, and all the benefactors of St. Mary.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

January - February

27 MONDAY

6:30 Rev. Lino Rico Rostro
9am +Joseph Ngon Vu
2 Sm 5:1-10; Mk 3:22-30

28 TUESDAY

6:30 Deacon Alberto Bernaola
9am Chris Lanzarone
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

29 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Bruce Strickland
9am Michael & Marilyn Caughlin
2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

30 THURSDAY

6:30 Rev. Stephen Holmes
8:20* Holy Cross Academy
9am +Jeffrey Alexander
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

31 FRIDAY

6:30 Deacon Dick Delio
9am Julie Appleton
2 Sm 11:1-17; Mk 4:26-34

1 SATURDAY

9am +Cecilio Albo
5pm +William Dean
7pm +Nora Fulong
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

2 SUNDAY

7am Rev. Stephen Holmes
8:30 +Frances Cascio
10:30 Those Who Died in Jan.
10:30* +Frank McMahon
12:30pm For the Parish
2pm Tyler Hansen
5pm William Tracey
7:01pm Greg Carneal
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy