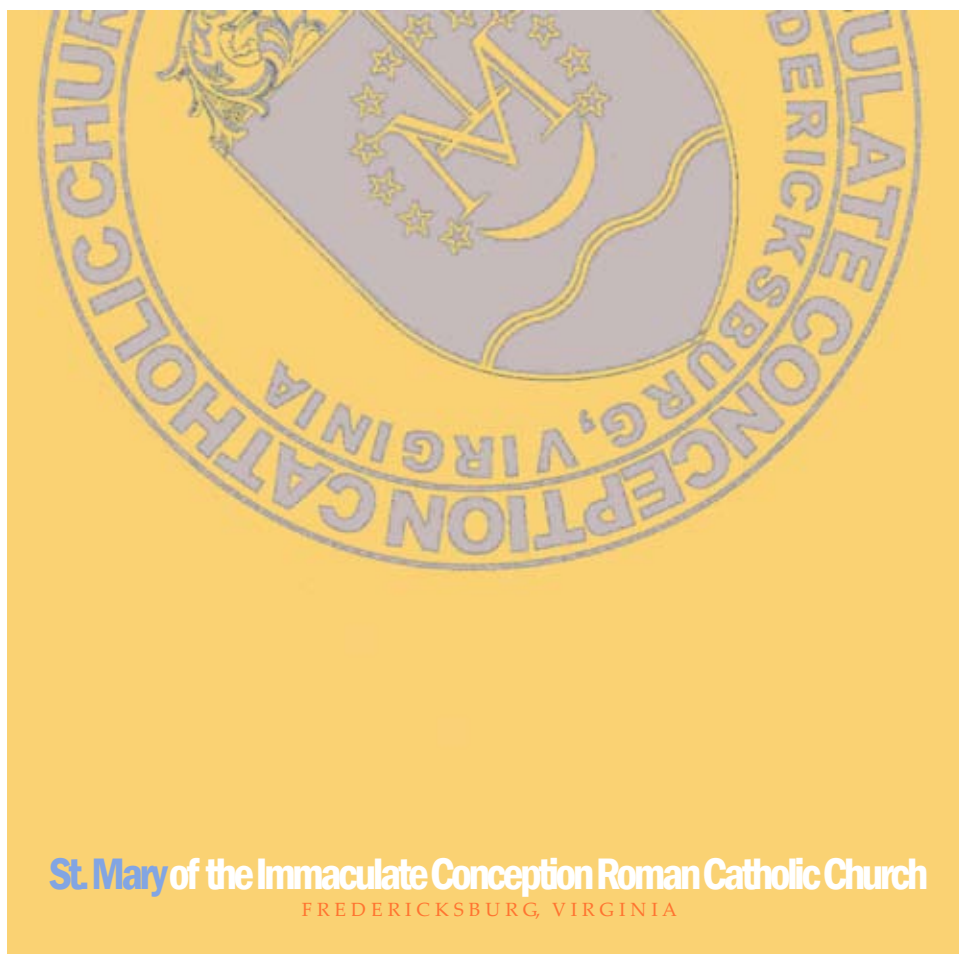


**Presentation
of the Lord**

02 Feb 2014



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



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february

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 Youth Group Sunday, 3:30-4:30pm, Parish Life Center Main Hall.
No CYM Dinner or Youth Group tonight.

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.

5 Wednesday, St. Agatha, virgin and martyr

6pm, YOUCAT - Youth Ministry Program, John Paul II House.
8pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Women's Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room. *Spaces still available. Come, join us!*

6 Thursday, St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

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.

7 Friday, Weekday

9:30am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.
8pm, First Friday Mass, church. All night Eucharistic Adoration immediately following.

8 Saturday, Weekday (St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin)

9am-2pm, Parish Leadership Spiritual Retreat, Parish Life Center.
9:30am, Spanish Presentation on Catholicism, Courtyard Meeting Room.
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.
6-8:30pm, Parish Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Parish Life Center.

9 Sunday, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Shop after morning Masses. (Troop 1410)
SCRIP Sales after Masses.
10am-12noon, Columbian Squires/Roses, John Paul II House.
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.

10 Monday, St. Scholastica, virgin

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Church. Topic: Holy Orders, Matrimony, Vocation.
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 Taizé tradition, church. All area Christians welcome.

11 Tuesday, Weekday (Our Lady of Lourdes)

10am, St. Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.
7:30pm, Parent Gathering Speaker Series, Parish Life Center. Speaker: Sr. McCormack.
8pm, Adult Confirmation Class (6 of 6), Parish Life Center 203.





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nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✠ This week we celebrated **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.
 - If you want to learn more about our school, or just want to visit, please come to the **Open House this Sunday**, February 2 – 9:30am to 12noon in the Parish Life Center for Preschool, and 1 – 3pm at Holy Cross Academy. All are welcome!
- ✠ Join us for our monthly **Parish Family Dinner** on **Saturday, February 8** from 6-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center. See more information on page 9.
- ✠ 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,

It's Ordinary Time, I need to speak about an ordinary thing. I realize that I'm about to step out on thin ice. It is socially incorrect now to make any public criticism of anyone's behavior – please know that this is not a public criticism. It is just a series of analytical, objective statements.

1. I regularly receive letters and emails from people demanding that I do something about the order and behavior of the congregation during Mass.
2. There is a growing trend for people to do things *during Mass* which seem new, two arise in particular: Talking on cell phones or texting during Mass; not taking any action when children are clearly melting down and disrupting the entire congregation.
3. There are times I am unable to concentrate on giving a homily because of these behaviors. Sometimes I have to stop and restart my thoughts several times after I have lost my train of thought.

We welcome families and small children to Mass. We also acknowledge that there must be a level of consideration for those in the church who are trying to listen, to pray, to participate in the Mass, to proclaim the Scripture or offer a homily. This is a personal responsibility that is held by each person in the sacred space of the church. And we agree that we share this responsibility.

The cry room in the back of the church serves a particular function. If there is no crying child in the church, it should be completely empty. It is a space where people must be able to go when a disruption occurs. Once it is past, people return to the congregation. It is the place that must be reserved for those who need it at particular times.

I have discovered that the cry room is being used as a play room, or even a place for over-

flow seating, sometimes by people who don't want to deal with the large congregation in the church. I beg you not to do this. Some parents have told me they don't want to go in the cry room because it is being used as a play room, and they don't want their children to think there is a play room alternative to Mass. Bad behaviors apparently can be learned there.

All are welcome, but all must serve the purpose of why so many people share one space for Mass: we must be together to be the Body of Christ offered to the Father. But we also must be able to think and to pray, and focus.

I ask everyone to please consider the necessity of this request and honor my words. Like I said, it is not intended to single out anyone, and I say these words in all charity and pastoral sensitivity. Someone has to say them. As pastor, I guess that someone is me. Please don't contact me and condemn me for this message. Let's try to be considerate of one another in the way we join together and fulfill our roles in the celebration of the Mass.

There is one other item of housekeeping that now is probably a good time to mention. I apologize for as often as we have broken kneelers in the church. There seems to be a design flaw in the quality of the metal pieces on which the kneelers hinge. They break when kneelers are in the up position and people push on them with their feet; I guess they were not made to sustain such pressure – and the legs have probably the strongest muscles in the body. Often people don't realize how strong legs can be. So I ask your patience as we continue to repair them, and your consideration to take care of them. For being relatively new, our pews have taken a beating and are often found with excessive scratches, writing, sometimes even carvings (which I really can't understand). Please take care of these things.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy

Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service

This year's theme for Catholic Schools' Week is particularly appropriate to Holy Cross Academy: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. This theme is a perfect description of Catholic Education. Holy Cross Academy and all our Catholic Schools have long enjoyed a reputation for academic excellence, sound instruction in the faith, and service to those far and near.

Holy Cross Academy advertises that It's About the Children and, in fact, it is. Our school is all about helping each child to grow in faith, knowledge and love. As our children form and strengthen their relationship with Jesus, they become stronger individuals, better equipped to be a positive influence in our parish and in society. Our school is a faith-filled investment in the future of our Church and our country.

Holy Cross Academy serves the families of Saint Mary as we do the work that Christ has entrusted to us. We could not fulfill this mission without the support and encouragement of our parish community. We are grateful for the financial assistance that we receive but are particularly thankful for your prayers and kind words. Our parish community is truly our family. This week we celebrated

Catholic Schools Week but every day we celebrate the wonderful people of Saint Mary parish. May God continue to bless all of us as we work for his greater glory!

And we are so blessed with the spiritual leadership of our devoted pastor, Fr. Don, who is always ready to assist and guide each of us at HCA. Father supports and encourages each of us in all we do. Thank you! We are grateful as well to Fr. Cummings, Fr. Holmes and Fr. Lino who visit our children and draw them closer to Jesus. Thank you to all our priests for caring so deeply our children and our families. In many unseen ways, we receive support and help from our parish staff. We are indebted to each one who assists us in fulfilling our God-given mission. You are all so good to us!

Please join us for our Open House on Sunday. 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.

If you can not attend the Open House and still 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.



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The Book Club

The book club topic for its Feb. 11 meeting at 10am 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

Virginia Catholic Conference

Virginia's Catholic Bishops Issue Statement on Attorney General's Refusal to Defend State Constitution on Marriage . AG's decision bypasses Virginia voters; Virginia bishops vow to continue assertive defense of marriage.



Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring announced this morning that he will not defend Virginia's constitutional amendment protecting marriage, but instead will side with the plaintiffs in lawsuits brought by same-sex couples challenging the provision in federal district courts. That constitutional amendment was overwhelmingly approved by Virginia voters through a 2006 ballot initiative.

Bishop Paul S. Loverde of the Diocese of Arlington and Diocese of Richmond Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo expressed extreme disappointment with the Attorney General's decision and issued the following statement:

"Virginia voters put this provision in the Constitution, and no politician should be able to reverse the people's decision. We call on the Attorney General to do the job he was elected to perform, which is to defend the state laws he agrees with, as well as those state laws with which he personally disagrees. We will continue to defend marriage between a man and a woman, an institution whose original design predates all governments and religions. The Government of the Commonwealth of Virginia should preserve and defend this original design because the constituent majority that supported the constitutional amendment understands the unique benefit that marriage between a man and a woman provides to individual families and society at large."

The Virginia Catholic Conference is the public policy agency representing Arlington Bishop Paul Loverde and Richmond Bishop Francis DiLorenzo and their two dioceses. For more information contact Diana Sims Snider 804-225-8565 or 703-732-4172

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 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, February 5 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.

Diocesan Conferences for Men and Women

Men's Conference - March 8

The Men's Conference to be held 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. The theme is – Go Forth with Hearts on Fire. Continental breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde will be included. Space is limited. Register online now. For more information, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Women's Conference - March 15

Dr. Peter Kreeft, Professor of Philosophy at Boston College and Kings College, and Mary Ann Hayes, MSW will speak 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. Space is limited. Register online now. For more details, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women.

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Marriage Help through Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning the weekend of February 28, please call 703-351-7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Diocesan Women's Silent Lenten Retreat

April 3-6, 2014, led by Fr. Tom Ferguson
Join us April 3-6 (Thursday night through Sunday afternoon) for a reflection on the Gospel of St. John entitled *We Have Seen His Glory: The Revela-*

tion of God in the Gospel of John at San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. For more info. call the Office for Family Life at 703-841-2550 or visit <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreatforwomen/index.aspx>.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes

The Couple-to-Couple League offers NFP classes throughout Northern Virginia. Classes consist of three 3-hour sessions spaced one month apart. Total cost for course and materials is \$160 per couple (Spanish courses are \$55). For more info, or to see upcoming class dates, visit www.nfpvirginia.com. For virtual classes, visit <http://register.ccli.org/virtual>.

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Flower Arrangements at Sunday Masses

Our parish theme this year, "Liturgy is Life is Mission," challenges us to consider how all that we do flows from the Mass and back to the Mass as an offering to God. At all Masses the weekend of January 19-20, families of our Religious Education program prepared, as a symbol of this offering, flower arrangements made from their intentions. Each petal represents people, living and deceased, whom they brought to the Mass for our prayers.



Cell Phones and Our Youth

Today mobile devices have an important role in the lives of children. Pew Research Center finds that about 80% of Americans between 12-17 years have a cell phone. 47% of these own a smartphone. During December and January we had several cases where students misused their cell phones.

We are urging parents to get to know their children's usage and to monitor their activities. Get to know who they are spending time with and what they are doing, especially during extracurricular activities. Set guidelines and consequences for cell phone use. Control internet access. Forbid immoral activities, bullying, spreading malicious gossip and communicating with strangers. Regularly remind them that cell phones allow you and them to contact each other easily and that you want them to learn the importance of responsibility and decision making. All things God gives are good, let's not misuse them.

Parent Activities in February

On Monday, February 10 from 6:30 to 8pm in the Parish Life Center Deacon Alberto Bernaola will again meet with Spanish speaking parents. The topic will be "Liturgy is Life is Mission."

On Tuesday, February 11 from 6:30- 8:00 pm in the Parish Life Center Sr. Patricia McCormack, IHM, Ed.D. will discuss the topic

"Misbehavior? Name it. Tame it. Or Prevent It from the Get-Go."

Sister will focus on how to:

- Understand the basic needs that motivate children
- Identify how to avert misbehavior
- Know how to "read" the danger signs
- Determine responses that lead to conversion and reconnection
- Exercise a pro-active style of authority

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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.



Our Sunday night High School students listening to a presentation on Evolution and Creation presented by the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA). Our student learned how science and faith are united for the same common goal of seeking God.

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HCA Biennial Benefit & Auction

We are planning and preparing for Holy Cross Academy's 7th Biennial Benefit Auction and Dinner to be held on April 5, 2014!

Sponsorship and advertisement opportunities are still available. Do you own a business or are part of a business who would like to partner with us?

We offer many different opportunities to be recognized before, during and after the event to our 350 event attendees, the families of over 500 students and our 14,000 member parish.

School families can also contribute by becoming an auction sponsor, donating an item to our auction or publishing a tribute line in our catalog.

The goal of this year's event is to begin a fund for the expansion of our school. We invite you to

partner with us on this signature event by becoming an event sponsor or auction catalog advertiser at our "Explore Beyond our Borders" themed fundraising event.

Please consider partnering with us by making a donation, becoming a sponsor or advertising your business in our auction catalog and/or our auction website. www.hca2014auction.com

Holy Cross Academy is a tax-exempt non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and donations is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed. Contact the auction committee at HCA2014auction@holy-crossweb.com with any questions. We appreciate receiving your information by February 28, 2014.

Thank you for your kind consideration. "It's about the Children!"

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Saint Anne's Sisters in Faith

Our meeting is Friday, February 7, 2014. Deacon Dick Delio will be giving the third part in his series of talks on women saints. Please join us for Deacon Delio's insightful talk. We begin with 9am Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary, refreshments, and Deacon's talk at the JPPII house. Babysitting is available. Please contact Rocío at rocio.o.atkinson@gmail.com or Suzi Eggleston at 540-834-0752 for further questions.

February Family Dinner is Feb. 8th

The February Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, February 8 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.

Baptism Class

All parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class before their child receives the sacrament. The class is held in English the first Thursday of each month. The class lasts about an hour to an hour and a half. Both parents are encouraged to attend, attendance by children is discouraged so as not to disrupt the class. The next class is Thursday, February 6 at 7pm and is held in Room 204 of the Parish Life Center. Pre-registration is required.

Classes for Spanish speakers are held the first Saturday of each month at 2:30pm in the same location.

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 homemade bread and win a raffle!

Speaking of raffles - Congratulations to the winners of the CCW membership raffle: Margaret D., Gayle C. and Barbara B. Thank you to all who participated!

Parish Night Out - May 3rd

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

Join us for an unforgettable night of marvelousness.

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

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.

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Bishop's Lenten Appeal

You 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!

Funds Needed for Dinners

St. Mary parish volunteers have a strong commitment to the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter. We provide two dinners a month for the residents AND while we are there we make bag lunches for the following day. Many thanks to those who have donated funds in the past to purchase ingredients for the dinners at the Homeless Shelter. It is much appreciated by the residents. If you can donate funds for ingredients, please call Patti Kaila at 540-786-3825 or email home@bestap-praisal.com. Every dollar helps!

Taize Prayer Service Monday, February 10

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.

Thank you from the CCW!

On behalf of St. Mary Council of Catholic Women we would like to thank all who participated in our recent ProLife Baby Shower;

the response was overwhelming! Thousands and thousands of diapers and wipes were donated along with numerous amounts of clothing and other baby needs as well as items for new moms, detergents and other necessities. Also collected was \$545 in gift cards and checks made out to the charities. Thanks also goes to the volunteers that collected before and after all the masses that weekend. Our sorting group did a great job dividing things between Birthright, Catholic Charities, Mary's Shelter and the Paul Stefan foundation before the snow fell on Tuesday the 21st. Our special thanks goes to all the priests for announcing the shower after all the Masses and the staff for the announcements in the bulletin. What a generous parish we have!

Legion of Mary

Spiritual Direction, Prayer, Active Works. Meaningful fellowship that makes a difference. Is this "Pathway to Holiness" of interest?

Come and see what one of the Church's largest lay ministries can offer you! The Legion of Mary has two praesidia at our parish: one meets on Mondays at 10am; the other on Wednesdays 8pm. Rm 100, in Parish Life Center. For more information, contact gcarneal@cox.net.

Optio Secundus Men's Group

The "Second Option" of the St. Mary Men's Group meets the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting is February 6 at the Blue & Grey Brewery. Happy hour at 6:30 pm followed by open discussion



Ladies of the CCW sort through just some of the items donated to their annual "Virtual Baby Shower."

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and optional dinner from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

The "Optio" group is an alternative version to the original St. Mary Men's group which meets on the last Thursday of the month. The traditional 4th Thursday version of the men's group reads and discusses Church writings and doctrine and their impact on the daily lives of Catholic men.

The "Optio" group gathers for happy hour in the brew pub then usually a topic is presented by one of our Parish Priests or Deacons followed by open group discussion. Topics generally focus on issues facing Catholic men and fathers in an ever increasing secular world.

Come join like minded Catholic men of the Parish for camaraderie, fellowship, great food and beer in a relaxed environment. Any questions, contact Mike Storck at 571-298-7878.

Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

This is a food cooperative program with a community service requirement. Package Pick-up is typically the fourth Saturday of the month at the Parish Life Center between 8:00am and 9:00am. The following month's menu will be available at the time of pick-up.

Please contact Rick Caporali for more information and details, rcaporali@stmaryfred.org.

Shopping for February:

Value Package (\$21)

- Boneless Salmon Filet (1 lb.)
- Boneless Pork Chops (1 lb., 4 chops)
- Ground Turkey (1 lb.)
- Chicken Drumsticks (1.5 lbs.)
- Frozen Winter Vegetable Medley (1 lb.)
- Mystery Bonus Item!
- 3 lbs. potatoes, 3 lbs. onions, and 7-9 lbs. of other fresh, healthy, seasonal produce

Tyson's Organic Chicken Tenders (\$22)

- 2 family-size bags (10 lbs.)

All-Beef Burgers (\$22)

- Heat and serve, 18 portions (6.5 oz. each)

Schwann's Fire-Baked Personal Pepperoni Pizzas (\$22)

- 24 pizzas (6.5 oz. each)
- LIMITED QUANTITY - ORDER EARLY!

Fully Cooked Turkey Fillets (\$22)

- 22 portions (5 oz. each)
- LIMITED QUANTITY - ORDER EARLY!



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$21)

_____ x \$21. = _____

Chicken Tenders (\$22)

_____ x \$21. = _____

All-Beef Burgers (\$22)

_____ x \$21. = _____

Pepperoni Pizzas (\$22)

_____ x \$21. = _____

Cooked Turkey Fillets (\$22)

_____ x \$21. = _____

TOTAL:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ zip _____

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cell/phone _____

____ hrs Church	____ Host site
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____ hrs Shelter	____ Comm. Dinner
____ hrs Seniors	____ Vincent de Paul
____ hrs Micah	____ MW Hospital
____ hrs School	____ Parish Ministry
____ hrs Community Service	
____ hrs Other	____ hrs Other

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH, MONEY ORDER, or EBT.
No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed. Money Orders should be made to: SHARE FOOD NETWORK.

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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; students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm 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 1/26/14	\$35,233.
Church in Latin America	7,006.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul (wk ending 1/26/14)	172.
SCRIP Profit for the week	108.
Year to Date:	\$4,962.

Please note:

End of year statments have been mailed to all registered parishioners. Only contributions received using your offertory envelopes or a household check are recorded as your contributions. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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 quarterly subscription envelopes to help offset a \$40,436 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 this weekend. Your generosity is truly appreciated, and we are very grateful for your constant support. God bless you.

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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

"Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity." (Pope Francis, Letter to Brazilian families for National Family Week, August 6, 2013) We pray for every newborn child: That their lives may be seen as a gift, and that parents may be given the grace to raise their children to know and love the Lord.

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord - February 2

"Beloved Christian, you esteem Simeon happy in having been permitted to take the Infant Jesus in his arms; and were you to receive a grace like him, no doubt you would exclaim: *"Now dost Thou dismiss Thy servant in peace: because my eyes have seen Thy salvation."* (The Holy Eucharist, Jose Guadalupe Trevino)

All-night Adoration February 7

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: 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, Joseph Mascetta, David Asher, Martha Clemens, Lisa Storm, Veronica Johnson

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, Raymond 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 all the benefactors of St. Mary.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

February

3 MONDAY

6:30 Rev. Don Rooney
9am +Dimitri Lysenko
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13;
Mk 5:1-20

4 TUESDAY

6:30 +Maria Bohmer
9am +Barbara Mertens
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,
30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

5 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Rev. Don Rooney
9am +Augustine Astier
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

6 THURSDAY

6:30 Deacon Alberto Bernaola
8:20* Sr. Susan Louise
9am +Ann Wallace
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

7 FRIDAY

6:30 Rev. Keith Cummings
9am Beth Merriman
8pm Cindy Deuell
Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

8 SATURDAY

9am +Joan Hamlin
5pm +Anita Payant
7pm Tess Thome
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

9 SUNDAY

7am +Paul Lockard
8:30 Steve Keene
10:30 +Sam & Mary Recupero
10:30* +Joann Storey
12:30pm William Tracey
2pm For the Parish
5pm +All Souls
7:01pm Rick Caporali
Is 58:7-10; Ps 112; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16