

**Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

27 July 2014

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



what's coming



july

27 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (Columban Squires)
Scrip Sales after Masses.
RSVP deadline for Mulch and Pizza on Tuesday the 29th. *Adults only, please.*
11:30am, New Family WELCOME Program and Registration, Church.
Noon-1:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 204.

28 Monday, Weekday

Religious Education Registration continues, Monday - Friday, 9am-4pm, through July
Church restroom renovations begin; please use restrooms in Parish Life Center.
10am, "Catholicism" Series with Tess Thome, Courtyard Meeting Room.
10am, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.
7pm, "Catholicism Series" with Fr. Don, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.

29 Tuesday, St. Martha

9:45am, Adult Bible Study of the Letter of James, Courtyard Meeting Room.
5pm until ?, Mulch and pizza, parish grounds. *Must RSVP by Sunday, July 27.*
6pm, CYM Sports Tuesday, Old Mill Park.

30 Wednesday, Weekday (St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor)

5-8pm, Movie Night, Catholic Youth Ministry, John Paul II House.

31 Thursday, St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

august

1 Friday, St. Alphonsus Ligouri, bishop and doctor

Youth Ministry - Diocesan Kings Dominion Day (9am Youth Mass and following).
8pm, Special First Friday Mass followed by all-night adoration, Church.
Young Adults' Social following First Friday Mass

2 Saturday, Weekday (St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop)

2:30pm, Charla sobre el Bautismo, Parish Life Center
SCRIP Sales after Masses.

3 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (Troop 1410)
Scrip Sales after Masses.
Noon-1:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 204.

4 Monday, St. John Vianney, priest

Religious Education Registration continues, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, through July
10am, "Catholicism" Series with Tess Thome, Courtyard Meeting Room.
10am, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.
1pm, Altar Server Training begins, Church.
7pm, "Catholicism" Series with Fr. Don, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.

5 Tuesday, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome

9:45am, Adult Bible Study of the Letter of James, Courtyard Meeting Room.
6pm, CYM Sports Tuesday, Old Mill Park.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

6 Wednesday, Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord

6:30pm, CYM YOUCAT resumes, John Paul II House.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✚ **The long-awaited renovation of the church restrooms begins July 28.**

We regret the inconvenience, but the church restrooms will be closed until August 15. Restrooms in the Parish Life Center will be available for use.

✚ **It is not too soon to start thinking about RCIA.** The Rite of Christian Initiation for adults begins September 8, and we welcome all who are interested in learning more about Catholic faith. If you or someone you know are seeking answers, call and register for the process in the parish office, and come and see.

✚ **Calling all Catechists!** Please respond to the call to share you faith with our children and youth. Catechist meetings begin mid-August, so please sign up soon.

✚ **SCRIP is on sale** this weekend in the Parish Life Center after most Masses. Please use SCRIP and help our school.

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

HEALTH MINISTRY 845-3031
Steven Haughton, RN, and Beth Palacios, RN

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 held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

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

this week's bulletin:

4
from our pastor

5
community

6
education

8
upcoming events

12
operations

13
liturgy

from our pastor



Dear Good People of St. Mary,

In the next few weeks we will be very busy putting together the Catalog of Parish Ministries for the upcoming annual Parish Life Weekend, September 20/21. For those of you who are new, each September St. Mary has several major events which, in a way, mark the “beginning of the ministry year”: once everyone is back from vacations and summer activities, we start school at Holy Cross Academy, we open Religious Education for the year, and we have a big celebration Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk and Dance out at Holy Cross (September 14, this year it actually falls on the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross).

The following weekend, September 20/21, every ministry in the parish (nearly 100) presents their work under tents outside the church before and after all Masses, to let people get to know what the possibilities might be for their own participation in ministry, and know they are welcome to get involved. Ministries include all the major areas of work represented in committee by the Parish Advisory Board: education, outreach, liturgy, operations, and parish life (the social committee). We call this “Parish Life Weekend.”

Included in the catalog packet that all 5,200+ households receive after Labor Day is a Commitment Card. Between Parish Life Weekend and the following weekend, “Commitment Sunday,” all parishioners are asked to enter into a period of discernment, to ask the question: “How is God calling me to serve this year?” Sometimes, I think, this period of discernment is not taken so seriously, and people don’t realize how seriously we need to take this matter of active participation/involvement in the life of the parish. Every parishioner should be involved in the work of the Church in some way, to give back in love what we have received in love. Everyone is asked to return the card as an outward sign of their internal disposition to pray, serve, support. Even those who are already serving in a ministry or ministries are asked to renew their commitment by completing a commitment card.

Anyway, on the weekend of September 27/28, Commitment Sunday, we offer these Commitment Cards as the second offering, an offering of how we commit to pray in the coming year, how we commit to serve, and how we commit to support the active mission of the parish which is the salvation of souls and service of others to the glory of God.

In a recent interview with a marketing firm who is seeking ways to best promote the services of Catholic Charities, I was asked what I thought was the role of the Pastor in getting people involved. I knew the answer they were looking for: the Pastor’s job is to be the cheerleader, to encourage, to plead, to offer bribes where necessary and guilt as a last resort to those who will eventually wear down and give in to the request to take on a particular ministry as their extracurricular activity.

How many times have people taken on a “job” in the Church because “Father asked.” And how many times have people, after a long period of time (or even a short one) begun to resent the time and energy that it takes? Ultimately, “I’m doing it for Father” doesn’t cut it anymore. We see this so often. People burn out, and when their term is up they feel bad about the resentment they feel and drift away. Sometimes they disappear. It’s like we use people up and call it mission.

This year our period of discernment will have a different approach. I am going to ask all of you to look into your hearts. In what way has God prepared this place *for you* so that your gifts—the gift that is you—might be realized? Not just used; *realized*. Because, you see, it isn’t “Father” who calls the Church into being, it is God. Jesus isn’t the sign of God’s love, he *is* God’s love. And he started the Church—us—to be the living signs of his presence in the world.

It’s a big job, but somebody has to do it. And we can only accomplish it in communion with him, together. For this reason, our theme this year is “Given in love, Called in love.”

May God bless you, *Fr. Don*

Considering the Catholic Church?

Come and See! – The Catholic Church offers you an opportunity to see what being a Catholic is all about through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

The St. Mary RCIA program begins on September 8. We will meet every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:15pm in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2015. The RCIA program also welcomes baptized Catholics who have not received Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. The parish will offer a separate Adult Confirmation class in late fall for baptized Catholics who have received Holy Eucharist but have not been confirmed.

Please contact the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 to sign up. For more information about RCIA, please email rciastmaryfred@gmail.com. There is no obligation; come and see what it's all about. You are welcome!

rcia+rica

¡Ven y entérate! –La Iglesia Católica, te ofrece la oportunidad, de conocer y enterarte de lo que es ser Católico a través del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA).

El programa de RICA se iniciará el 8 de Septiembre. Reuniremos todos los Lunes de 7:30 a 9:15 de la noche para prepararnos recibir los Sacramentos de Iniciación en la Vigilia de Pascua que será el 4 de Abril del 2015. El programa RICA también le da la bienvenida a todos aquellos Católicos bautizados que no han recibido los sacramentos de Confirmación y de la Eucaristía. La Parroquia ofrecerá a finales de otoño una clase diferente, para la Confirmación de adultos que han recibido la Sagrada Eucaristía, pero no han sido confirmados.

Por favor de llamen a la oficina de la Parroquia al (540) 373-6491 para inscribirse. Si deseas más información acerca de las clases del RICA, puedes escribirnos también a nuestro correo electrónico rciastmaryfred@gmail.com. No hay ninguna obligación, sólo ven y entérate de lo que el programa de RICA te ofrece. ¡Te esperamos!

i love you so mulch!

The mulch-awaited moment is near and there is mulch to be done! Adults - Join us on Tuesday, July 29 for an evening of fellowship and mulching of the properties of the St. Mary campus. Starting at 5pm and joining us as you are able, we will unload and spread a new layer of mulch in the beds around the Church, Catholic Charities, the JP2 house and the PLC. Let us know you are coming and we will have pizza and age-appropriate refreshments. Definitely not mulch ado about nothing — come and beautify our environment. Remember, to whom mulch is given, mulch will be required.

Contact the parish office by Sunday, July 27 if you can help, so our Landscape Committee will know how much mulch and dinner to order. Oh - and, please bring your implement of choice, a rake or a shovel. Thanks mulch!

St. Mary Preschool openings for Fall

St. Mary Preschool still has openings for their 3 and 4 year old afternoon preschool classes in the fall. Come join in the fun from 12-3 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday! For more information, contact Mrs. Nanci Scharf, Preschool Director, at 540-373-7553.

KofC Family Dinner news

The Knights of Columbus monthly Family dinners will start up again on Saturday, Sept. 6 (there will be no family dinner Aug. 2). We want to thank everyone in the Parish for your support last year. As a result of your support we were able to donate over \$4,500 to local charities. We look forward to doing the Family dinners again this year and hope that you will support us once again. Our goal has always been to provide quality meals at a reasonable cost that families of any size can afford. Therefore, there is a maximum cost per family, drinks and dessert are included, and you never have to leave a tip. Finally, you get to meet and socialize with your fellow parishioners

Weekly spiritual strength training

Don't forget! We continue to offer our long-standing traditions in the parish of Novena and Benediction on Monday nights, Adoration and Benediction on Wednesday nights, and all-night adoration on First Fridays -- this Friday! Join us, be Heart healthy, and keep your soul in shape!

youth



2014-15 High School CYM Registration is now open

High School teens register for our Wednesday night YOUCAT and Sunday night Youth Group programs. Through these program we engage teens in discussions of faith with games and ice breakers and also through small groups, talks, skits, video presentations and music. Going through an entire year of our programs covers all 8 major topics that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops requires Youth Ministry in the U.S focus on. The 8 topics are: *Person of Christ, Life in Christ, Morality, Christian Mystery, Church, Christian Prayer, Sacred Scripture and Profession of Faith*. Registrations are available on our website as well.

Sports Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, starting June 24th through August 12th from 6pm-8pm come out to Old Mill Park (2401 Caroline Street) to play sports: soccer, flag football or ultimate frisbee. All middle school and high school age teens are invited. Bring friends and a water bottle!

Movie Nights

Wednesdays in July: Middle (rising 7-8 grade) and High School students join us Wednesdays in July from 5pm-8pm at the John Paul II house as we watch the Spider-Man Series. Pizza dinner will be included, please bring \$4 for the pizza.

Wednesday, July 30th – The Amazing Spider-Man.

Kings Dominion

Open to Middle & High School students. Friday, August 1st join St. Mary CYM as they participate with the Diocese of Arlington to attend Kings Dominion for a day of fun. The day begins at 9am with Mass at St. Mary and then we head out to KD and return by 9pm. Cost is \$35 for a ticket or \$5 if you have a season pass (\$5 is to help pay for the gas of chaperones driving). Parents we will caravan to KD so if you can help with transportation please contact the Youth Ministry office. RSVP to the CYM Office by Thursday, July 24th with permission slip and money.

adults

First Friday with St. Mary Young Adults

St. Mary Young Adults are attending First Friday Mass on August 1 at 8pm. All those aged 21 to 39 are invited to participate with us in this monthly devotion to the Sacred Heart. We will be gathering afterwards for dessert and fellowship. For more information on this event and other activities, please contact Allison Gatrone at StMaryYA@gmail.com to join our email list.

Adult Study Mondays

“Catholicism” DVD Series

- 5 weeks' study on Mondays beginning July 21 in the Courtyard Meeting Room.
- Two course offerings:
 - **Monday mornings** from 9:45-11:45am with Tess Thome, or
 - **Monday evenings** from 7-9pm with Fr. Don Rooney.

Witness the most significant story ever told. Journey with the acclaimed author, speaker and theologian to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda, to the streets of New York City, the mystery of CATHOLICISM is revealed.

Book club plans for August

The parish book club will meet on Tuesday, August 12, at 10am in the John Paul II house. The selection for discussion is *My Descent into Death: A Second Chance at Life* by Howard Storm, a former atheist and now an ordained minister, who describes his conversion as the result of a near death experience. More information? Contact Kathleen Mahoney, bmah761569@aol.com or 540-371-2073.

Health Ministry Survey Sept. 13-14

How can we best serve you? A Health Ministry Community Survey will be distributed before each mass on Sept 13th and 14th. Please help us to serve you by filling out the survey, and dropping it off in the church vestibule as you depart after Mass. Thank you for your support as we are sowing seeds of wellness.

Registration for Religious Education

Registration is ongoing. Hurry; sessions are filling up. Remember that the cost of registration increases to \$50.00/child on August 1.

Important meeting dates for Catechists

This year catechists will meet twice before class begins. The first meeting will be in small groups. One of the main reasons for meeting in small groups is to help each catechist be better prepared for the school year.

On Wednesday August 20 we will meet with Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 Catechists from 6:30–7:45pm. We will also meet with Grades 3, 4, 5 Catechists from 7:15–8:30pm.

On Wednesday August 27 we will meet with Grades 6, 7, 8 & Confirmation Catechists from 6:30–7:45pm. We will also meet with 1st Communion & RCIC Catechists from 7:15–8:30pm.

Please note that the first group and the second group of each night will be together from 7:15–7:45pm for VIRTUS renewal.

On Tuesday September 2nd we have our first Catechist Training session from 6 to 9pm. Our guest Speaker will discuss our topic for this year "Evangelization."

Kindergarten

Religious Education Kindergarten classes will be offered only at Holy Cross Academy on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. We want to encourage parents to Home School their kindergarten children. We will assist parents as much as we can because we think that this will help the child to realize easier that Religious Education classes should be a reinforcement of our family life.

"Families are the first communities of faith. In unity with the Holy Spirit they can be a fruitful source of love, peace and justice. Our families teach us how to share, how to love, how to be fair, and how to serve others. ...In our own family we have the wonderful opportunity to participate in the work of the Holy Spirit, to serve the Kingdom of God on earth."

http://www.loyolapress.com/assets/Bookcovers/5229_this-is-my-prayer.swf

Catechists needed

Make a difference in a young person's life by volunteering as a catechist, catechist's aide, prayer aide, substitute catechist or office volunteer. Our children need you. Training is provided, background check required. Contact Karen Sturtevant at ksturtevant@stmaryfred.org or 540-373-6491.

Another two reasons to be a Catechist:

1. You will be Surprised...

"I was skeptical about what 4 and 5 year-olds could take from Religious Education. I was surprised! It's so important to start them out as friends and hopefully they will continue through the Religious Education program together."

2. It is a Rewarding Experience...

"I used to think that I am not the one who should be teaching since I felt that I didn't know 'all the answers'. But it really is a learning experience for me as well as them. And it's okay to not know some of the answers—you praise them for a good question and tell them you'll return next week with an answer."

"The best thing about teaching in the program...there are too many to count! ...getting to know each child and the special gifts they have; how much they teach me!"



save the date



June 27, 2014

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This coming September 27, we will have a unique opportunity both to deepen our faith and to invite a friend who is searching and open to faith. Inspired by Pope Francis' call in *Evangelii Gaudium* to "take this risk...take a step toward Jesus", our diocesan evangelization conference will be entitled *Risk Jesus*:

Saturday, September 27, 2014

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Hylton Memorial Chapel in Woodbridge

Keynotes: Jennifer Fulwiler, Fr. Juan Puigbo

Fr. Dwight Longenecker, and music by Marie Miller

Simultaneous (headset) translation into Spanish

\$25 by August 31st, \$40 after

Online registration: www.arlingtondiocese.org/riskjesus

With 1 in 10 Americans self-identifying as "former Catholics" and 1 in 5 adult Americans identifying as "Nones" (no religious affiliation), spiritual poverty is widespread. Keynote presenters including Jennifer Fulwiler, a former atheist, and Fr. Dwight Longenecker, a convert from Anglicanism, will address the concerns of these individuals. My prayer is that *Risk Jesus* will be a turning point in their lives—even as it strengthens the faith of practicing Catholics. The keynotes and music will emphasize witness, testimonial, and practical sharing of the faith. I will attend the entirety of the day, and will celebrate a Mass for the New Evangelization at 11:30 a.m.

However, our brothers and sisters on the margins of our parishes and communities will only attend if we extend a personal invitation to them and attend with them. In *Go Forth with Hearts on Fire*, I challenged all Catholics to "invite (at least) one" person to Christ and His Church. The subtitle for the *Risk Jesus* conference is "Take the first step. Bring a friend." This is an opportune moment for us to step outside our comfort zone and to invite a friend. I ask you to put this on your calendar and to invite a friend, family member, neighbor, or colleague to attend with you.

Augmenting the talks and music, attendees will have the opportunity to encounter Christ in the Mass, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, and to meet ministry leaders at the ministry exhibits. *Risk Jesus* will take place just one week before the Synod on the Family and one year before the Holy Father's anticipated pastoral visit to the United States. Join me in praying that *Risk Jesus* might both inflame the hearts of Catholics in our diocese and draw those on the margins to take a first step in faith.

Fraternally in the Heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE 2014



"THE LORD DOES NOT DISAPPOINT THOSE WHO TAKE THIS RISK: WHENEVER WE TAKE A STEP TOWARD JESUS, WE COME TO REALIZE THAT HE IS ALREADY THERE, WAITING FOR US WITH OPEN ARMS" (POPE FRANCIS, *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*)

TAKE THE FIRST STEP. BRING A FRIEND.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014
HYLTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, WOODBRIDGE VA



**MOST REVEREND
PAUL S. LOVERDE**

Author of *Go Forth with Hearts on Fire*, Bishop Loverde was ordained in 1965 and appointed Bishop of Arlington by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1995.



JENNIFER FULWILER

Raised an atheist and skeptic, Jennifer Fulwiler became Catholic in 2007. A wife and mother of six from Austin, TX, she is the author of *Something Other Than God* and blogs at *Conversion Diary*.



**FR. DWIGHT
LONGENECKER**

Formerly an Anglican minister, Fr. Dwight Longenecker is now Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Greenville, SC. He has written over a dozen books and blogs at *Standing On My Neck*.



MARIE MILLER

Acclaimed singer, songwriter and instrumentalist Marie Miller is a chart-topping Catholic recording artist.



FR. JUAN PUIGBÓ

Fr. Juan Puigbó, originally from Venezuela, was ordained in 2001 and serves as parochial vicar at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, VA.



WWW.ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/RISKJESUS



save the date



Mary's Shelter

Sheltering Women & Their Children 540-623-5778
For Donation Inquiries call 540.374.3407 M-Th 9am-1pm

THE 5TH ANNUAL SUMMER SOIRÉE & FUNDRAISER

FEATURING SPEAKERS
**AUTHOR SIMCHA FISHER
AND
SISTER CLARE HUNTER**

**AUG 23RD
2014
6-10PM**

It's **FREE** to
attend!
See you there!



LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN FREDERICKSBURG

EMAIL INFO@MARYSSHELTSVA.ORG OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR RSVP INFO
MARYSSHELTSVA.ORG

save other dates

September 27 is proving to be a very popular day!

Saint Mary Health-Walking Group begins, Saturday Sept. 27th

The St. Mary Health Ministry is sponsoring a Health Walking Group, which will happen on 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/01. 9:30am is the tentative start time.



In preparation for the event, we are offering a service to help "Know Your Numbers." This assessment service will provide results for Blood pressure; Height, Weight, & BMI; Blood sugar level; and cholesterol test, lipoprotein analysis, lipid panel, and LDL test, provided by Registered Nurses. The assessments will take place before the Health-Walking Group activity, and after the last walk, to help you compare your results. We will do the first assessment on Sept. 6th from 7 to 10:30am, and you can tell us then if you plan to walk with us. We will be assessing again after the end of the walk program, Nov 8th from 7 to 10:30am. Come Join Us!

Knights of Columbus' Annual Yard Sale, Saturday Sept. 27th

The Knights of Columbus is kicking off our donation activities for our Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser.

We are asking for gently-used items that are in good and working condition including: Major appliances, furniture, kitchen items, clothes, coats, shoes, TV's, computers/ electronics, books, toys, lawn mowers, tillers, snow blowers, and anything else you may want to donate. We also accept monetary donations.

You may drop the items off at the KoC 4034 Council home on Harrison Road or we can arrange for a pick up at your location on Saturday mornings starting August 2nd.

Point of Contact for pick-ups: Mario or Patria Figueroa (540) 898-0957

Questions about the Yard Sale can be directed to Tim Fleming (Yard Sale Chairman) – through e-mail at tim.g.fleming@comcast.net

Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day Party, Saturday Sept. 27th

Hosted by the General Thomas F. Meagher Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, come join us for a traditional Irish sit-down dinner at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse, 6:30-11:30pm. A full pint beverage glass for every guest, great fun, great door prizes, as well as music by Fredericksburg's Celtic band Moch Pryderi, and Irish dance performance and Céili lessons by the Mug-givan School of Irish Dance.

For information or to order tickets, call 540-972-0083 or 540-972-5903, or visit www.aohvirginia.org/FredericksburgDiv1.



Diocesan Young Adults invited to gathering at St. Veronica parish August 9

A Pig Roast, Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt, and a Salsa Band? Must be the biggest young adult BBQ event of the year!

5th Annual Young Adult BBQ EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014 (Rain or Shine), 6 pm - Midnight at St. Veronica Catholic Church, Chantilly, VA. \$10 Admission

We start outdoors with the Pig Roast, Sweet Frog, secret-recipe burgers, and outdoor games like Corn Hole and Ultimate Frisbee! Alternative Folk duo "From & For" to perform. When it gets dark, we go indoors for a Latin Dance Night with Salsa, Merengue, and Rumba lessons! "Lg Bands" salsa band to perform live! Ages 20's and 30's are welcome. Over 250 young adults from the DC area are expected to come! Sponsored by St. Veronica Young Adults. Email stveronicaya@gmail.com for more info.

St. Jude fundraising dinner August 23

St. Jude Catholic Church is sponsoring an "End of Summer Dinner" in the church Activity Center on Saturday, August 23, 6-8pm. The Central Park Outback Steakhouse is catering the event. The menu includes your choice of steak or chicken, a salad, and a side dish. The parish will provide beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$15 per person [\$10 per child 12 and under] and will be sold at the door. All proceeds will go to help build the new church.

through our gifts

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection 20 July 2014	\$32,579.
Building Fund	9,295.
Church in Africa (add'l)	2,366.
Poor Box / Vincent de Paul	147.
SCRIP Year to Date:	\$8,811.

*Thank you for your 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.*

Special collection Aug 3-4 for the Children's Programs of the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank

Next weekend we will take up a special collection for the following Children's Programs of the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank:

Food for Families School Food Pantry

The mission of the School Food Pantry program is to help alleviate child hunger for families in crisis. School-based pantries are located on the grounds of a school to provide a more readily accessible source of emergency food assistance to students and their families. As a need is identified by school staff, the pre-packed boxes containing a few days of emergency food, along with resource materials such as a pantry reference list and SNAP information, are distributed to the families in need.

Club Kids

This structured after-school snack program provides nutrition among at-risk children, ages 4-18 years, who qualify for free or reduced lunch and attend school at one of the schools now enrolled in the program.

This mission of Club Kids is to provide nutritious snacks to at-risk children in an environment that is safe, accessible, and convenient. Over 3,000 kids are being fed monthly at sites throughout our service area. Sites are located at schools, faith-based organizations, the Boys and Girls Club, and Bragg Hill Family Life Center.

Kids on the Go Mobile Pantry

The Kids on the Go Mobile Pantry Program is designed to provide at-risk children who receive free or reduced lunch during the school year with a bag of nutritious, child friendly meals and snacks to take home each week during summer school when school meals are not available. Kids on the Go Mobile Pantry helps to alleviate childhood hunger by bridging the gap when a reliable source of food may not be available.

Your kindness and generosity in supporting the less fortunate in our community is greatly appreciated. For more information visit www.fredfood.org/Programs/ForChildren. "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

Children's Offertory Envelopes for August

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of August will be donated to the Grace Oughton Cancer Foundation. Originally established in 2006 to assist the family of nineteen month old Grace who courageously battled a rapidly progressing form of cancer called neuroblastoma, the Foundation has grown, in Grace's memory, and now provides resources and financial support for local

families of children battling rare forms of childhood cancer, as well as grants for pediatric cancer research. The Grace Oughton Cancer Foundation thanks you in advance for your contributions in support of their efforts. For more information, visit their website at www.thegocf.org

Shop with SCRIP

Scrip is a fundraising program that provides funds for our parish school. You purchase gift cards to places that you normally shop and a percentage goes to Holy Cross Academy.

To set up an account online at www.shopwithscrip.com and use our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP, or need the school code, please email Torie Baldwin at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com or 571-330-3448.

Thanks for using SCRIP!

San Damiano Directed Retreat August 10-16

Come to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley for a directed retreat August 10-16. Spend 7 days being refreshed and renewed, in a spirit of silence at a place set apart to listen to the Lord. There will be the opportunity for daily Mass and common prayer. Each day the director, Fr. Sam Vaccarella T.O.R. meets with each retreatant to assist in facilitating the spiritual experience. The cost for the entire 7 days of retreat is \$575.

For more information or to register, please contact San Damiano Spiritual Life Center at 540-868-9220 or at SanDamiano@arlingtondiocese.org

we are called

Attention all parish organizations

Requests for the use of parish facilities from September 2014 to August 2015 should be submitted in writing to Elaine in the Parish Office no later than **August 15**, either by regular mail, or by email to estanislawski@stmaryfred.org. Please note that evening activities cannot be scheduled before 8:00pm from September through May, due to Religious Education classes in the Parish Life Center and the John Paul II House.

School Dressing Days August 8-9

Join us in helping financially disadvantaged families—over 1,000 area children—with a new pair of jeans, a shirt, socks, underwear, a backpack, school supplies, and toiletries.

Please drop off donations in the Parish Life Center before the end of July in the provided bins. If you would like to make monetary donations please make checks payable to Interfaith Community Council with SDD or School Dressing Days in the Memo line on the check.

If you would like to help with the event go to the "SignUp Genius" link www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040C45AFA922A31-volunteer/2923451

If you know someone who would like to preregister for the event please go to the Website for the Interfaith Community Council which sponsors this event and go to the School Dressing Day tab. The website is interfaithcommunitycouncil.org

Any other questions please call Tess Thome at 540-737-4053 or email tessnmike@cox.net. Thank you!

St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Donald Estes, Mary Ullmer, Ariana Stanislawski, Ralph Steiniger, Lucy Holzworth, Fr. Tom Brown, David Arnold, David Carr, Martin E. Zidek, Kelly and Andrew Wood, Martha Ferrara, Frank O'Connor, Clara Lester, Carlos Ortiz, Marianne Ford, John Pare, Sherry Taylor, Frank Mohler, Harold Gardiner, Rhonda Seidlinger, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Marcella Sowiejka, Carlita Aberle, Daniel and Forrest Theiss, Shawn, Kristen, Dylan & Brandon Meade, Lily Rubbo, Ellen Carag, Krystal Finch, Dory Henderson, Robert Epp, Josephine Kreider, Mina Logan, Romalie Vonaime, David Vonaime, Helen Kozyra, Debbie Lloyd, Mike Mohler, Patricia Russo, Sr. Marie de Chantal, Nathan Tarantino, James Calpin, Rebecca Johnston, Mary Damato, Timothy Hanlon, Julie Fabula, Amelia McDevitt, Gerald Gardiner, Richard Romagnoli, John Castagna, Eleanor Mitchell, Hall Family, Kelly Keiser, John Nash, Keith Snellings Sr., Patricia Snellings, Jan Kozyra, Melvyn Schreckinger, Linda Klein, Kevin Ahern, Angie Calloway, Francis Cawley, Holly Smith, Cathy Thompson, Sr. Marie de Chantal, Joseph Bozicevic, Charlie and Esther White, Martha Clemens, Veronica Johnson, Wilma Evans, Phyllis Timms, Tyler Hansen, Dawn Vigil, Michael Wood, Bob Young, Katy Cornell, David Braud, Thomisita Devilla

Please Pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: Derek Brostek, Christopher Burton, Matthew Campos, Leslie Capuano, Bruno Carriero, Jonathan Catalano, Frank Creamer, Sal Contreras, James Cook, Brad Cowan, Sam Del Grande, Glenn Dickinson, Aaron Doble, Anthony Dowden, John Dussault, Sandy Dussault, Travis Eades, Doug Ebenal, Christopher Eckert, Tim Evan, Christopher Ewers, Paul Fischer, Jonathan Fleming, Roberto Fuentes, Jason Geary, Ramon Guerra, Jr., Andrew Hamilton, Harry Hamilton, Ronnie Hamilton, Maria Harbeson, Andy Haskell, Raymund Haskell, 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, Geoff Mann, 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, Nicholas Oltman, 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**july****28 MONDAY**

6:30 + Gertrude Seemann
9am + Al and Kay Janis
Jer 13:1-11, Mt 13:31-35

29 TUESDAY

6:30 Gerald Doherty
9am Kevin Breen
Jer 14:17-22, Jn 11:19-27

30 WEDNESDAY

6:30 + Estella Stofko
9am + Frances Cascio
Jer 15:10-21, Mt 13:44-46

31 THURSDAY

6:30 + Joseph Dougherty
9am + Nick Kennedy
Jer 18:1-6, Mt 13:47-53

august**1 FRIDAY**

6:30 Margaret Clancy
9am + Freddy Arevalo
8pm + Feling Briones
Jer 26:1-9, Mt 13:54-58

2 SATURDAY

9am + Nick Kennedy
5pm Paul and Perla Sambat
7pm For the Parish
Jer 26:11-16; Mt 14:1-12

3 SUNDAY

7am Karen Cruess
8:30 + Joseph Heiser
10:30 Those who died in July
10:30* Joann Storey
12:30 + Veronica Richardson
2pm Simone Rizkallah
5pm Elijah Mabin
7:01 The Heiser Family
Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35-39;
Mt 14:13-21

Please remember that Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If dates are no longer available, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy