

**Twentieth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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



Did you know? St. Mary Parish riverfront on Potomac Creek at Belle Plains and Japazaws

what's coming



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Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (St. Anne's Sisters in Faith)
Scrip Sales after Masses.
Noon-1:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 204.

18 Monday, Weekday

10am, "Catholicism" Series with Tess Thome, Courtyard Meeting Room.
10:30am, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.
12-4pm, Faculty / Staff Retreat Day, Church and Parish Life Center.
7pm, "Catholicism" Series with Fr. Don, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7:30pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.

19 Tuesday, Weekday (St. John Eudes, priest)

20 Wednesday, St. Bernard, abbot, doctor

6:30pm, Catechist Meeting, Parish Life Center.

21 Thursday, St. Pius X, pope

9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
6 - 10pm, Virtus Training for Parish Volunteers, Parish Life Center
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7:30pm, Usher Workshop, Church

22 Friday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7pm, Social for new parents, Holy Cross Academy.

23 Saturday, Weekday (St. Rose of Lima, virgin)

9:30am, Prayers and Squares, Parish Life Center 100.
SCRIP Sales after Masses.

24 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (Preschool)
11:30am, New Parishioner Welcome and Registration, Church.
Scrip Sales after Masses.
Noon-1:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 204.

25 Monday, Weekday (St. Louis)

First Day of School, Mass of the Holy Spirit at 10am, Holy Cross Academy
10am, "Catholicism" Series with Tess Thome, Courtyard Meeting Room.
10:30am, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.
3pm, Health Ministry Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7pm, "Catholicism Series" with Fr. Don, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7:30pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.

26 Tuesday, Weekday

9:45am, Adult Bible Study of the Letter of James, Courtyard Meeting Room.
6pm, CYM Sports Tuesday, Old Mill Park.
7pm, Back to School night, Holy Cross Academy.

27 Wednesday, St. Monica

7:30pm, Art Bennett: Catholic Charities and Undocumented Immigrant Minors, Parish Life Center.

28 Thursday, St. Augustine, bishop and doctor

9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Back to School night, Holy Cross Academy.;
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

15 Friday, The Passion of St. John the Baptist

nota bene (note well, please):

Local Virtus Training is available August 21 for all in ministry whose service involves working with youth. See page 12.

RCIA begins September 8. We welcome all who are interested in learning more about Catholic faith. If you or someone you know is possibly interested in becoming Catholic, call and register in the parish office, and come and see.

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



HIS BEATITUDE LOUIS RAFAEL SAKO, CHALDEAN CATHOLIC PATRIARCH OF IRAQ, HAS ASKED THE WORLD TO PRAY WITH HIM FOR CHRISTIANS AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES WHO FACE UNSPEAKABLE SUFFERING IN IRAQ, SYRIA, EGYPT AND OTHER COUNTRIES:

Lord, The plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and grant us patience and courage, to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever.

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
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Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

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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!

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Please don't forget to look at the column in the blue box to the right. We often find ourselves in need of volunteers for one-time requests, and are building a database of people who would be willing to help us on occasion, if it is possible. Pam Biedenbender, Parish Council Operations Committee Chair, will coordinate needs with resources, and connect your generous hearts to those in need. Since last week, two responses. Thanks.

Also, please don't give up hope on donuts and coffee after Masses on Sunday! We have lost our donut source—our thanks go to Paul and Sandra Glancy who provided us with donuts for so many years—and are working on alternatives for the weeks ahead.

Of course, our parish nurses probably will insist on something healthy, but whatever we do it will be for the purpose of gathering people together, to visit, to catch up with each other and grow from the experience of fellowship after Masses on Sunday morning.

Our many parish groups who sponsor coffee and donuts don't do it for the purpose of a fundraiser, but donations given at the coffee shop do help promote their activities in charity and ministry. As we consider the possibility of actually purchasing food and refreshments, we will need to be careful not to spend more than we are able to receive, so we may need to ask for more direct support from all of you who visit our coffee shop after Masses on Sunday. Stay tuned.

It is the calm before the storm! Soon you will be receiving our 2014-2015 Parish Renewal Handbook with our catalog of ministries and our parish annual report. In these waning days of summer, please begin considering what activity/ministry you would most like to be involved in this year. What is the activity that will bring you most joy, and put to work particular gifts God has given you for the service of his Church and community?

May God bless you, *Fr. Don*

volunteer@stmaryfred.org Ideas for you on the Volunteer List

We are building a database of volunteers who would be willing to be called for one-time service opportunities. Please consider being on the list!

Do you have special office talents? stuffing envelopes, filing, typing, etc.

Do you like to cook? Would you cook a meal for someone?

Can you give rides to people - to church, to the doctor, to the store?

Are you good at entertaining? planning social events, coordinating food, hospitality?

Do you like talking on the phone?

Can you substitute for religious education?

Do you have a green thumb?

Would you like to be a small group leader?

Do you find fulfillment in praying for others?

How are you with physical labor? - setting up or taking down furniture for meetings, etc.

Can you sew?

Do you like to shop? help with food, flowers, items needed for special events

Can you act as a translator, spoken or written word? What languages are you fluent in?

Do you have talent as a tradesperson? building, plumbing, carpentry, electrical?

Do you have a gift for design? decorating?

Do you have IT talents? Website maintenance, calendar updates, electronics

Do you like to visit people? Are you a good listener to someone who needs a friend?

Would you be willing to be on call as needed for any type of general help? Anything else?

Send your name, best phone number, best email and list of talents to

volunteer@stmaryfred.org

thanks.

holy cross academy

Catholic Education: A history lesson

During the first half of the 20th century, Catholic Schools had sprung up all over the country, especially in cities. Each parish was eager to open its own school so that the children could receive an education that was rooted in our faith within the parish family. Due to the combination of the generosity of parishioners and the dedication of the Religious Sisters, brothers and priests who ran these schools, a Catholic Education was either free or very economical. Whenever possible, Catholic parents would send their children to the local parish school, which was typically within walking distance. It really was not a big decision; it was just what many Catholic families did.

Today, choosing where to send your children to school is a major decision for a family. Parish schools are cost-based, not free, although we are still blessed by generous parishioners who support and help our schools in many ways. It is not within walking distance for most people. In our area, we are blessed with good public schools and we have a wonderful Religious Education program. Our parish provides many opportunities for our children to learn the faith and be involved in the life of our parish. So, why choose a Catholic Education; how is it different?

When our children attend Catholic School, their entire education is centered upon Christ. Although they learn many of the same things they would learn elsewhere, they discover them within the context of the Gospel. When questions arise, the teachers, who are dedicated not only to excellence in academics but, more importantly, to drawing each child into a personal relationship

with God, will answer them with the Light of Christ shining through.

Developing an awareness of others is one of the central tenets of Catholic Education. Our children learn to see and respond to the needs of people both in far-away missions and right here in Fredericksburg. Their kind hearts open wide to our brothers and sisters because service is built right into the foundation of Catholic Education.

A Catholic School is family and community based in a unique way. There is a proverb that is often quoted about it taking a village to raise a child. We believe that it takes a parish to raise a child. Parents have the opportunity to learn and develop their faith when their children attend Catholic School. By growing together in the faith, a family becomes stronger and more united, better prepared to face life's challenges together. At Holy Cross Academy and St. Mary Preschool, we are committed to providing a faith-based education to our students so that they not only excel academically, but also center their lives on Christ both now and in the future.

Holy Cross and St. Mary Preschool are accepting students for this coming school year. 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. Our school is a place where each child can flourish and grow. We would love to hear from you and will gladly give you a tour of our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and tell you all about the wonderful things happening here.



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School, 2012*



youth ministry



High School YOUCAT program

Our Wednesday night YOUCAT program has resumed for the 2014-15 school year. All high school students are invited to join us at the John Paul II house for a powerful night of scripture, Church teaching, fellowship and prayer. We meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm.

WorkCamp interviews

What was the most rewarding part of WorkCamp?

"The most rewarding part was seeing how happy the residents were and how much they were impacted and how much we were impacted by them. I also got so much closer to Jesus through Adoration. The experience I had with the Sacraments also changed me for the better. It was all fantastic!" —Megan Crockett



"Confession and Adoration by far were the most rewarding because It was like looking into the eyes of Christ—it was awesome! I also learned to never take advantage of what I have. That will stay with me till I die." —Timmy Clemente

Do you feel like WorkCamp will have a lasting impact on your life?

"I know it will; no doubt about it! It was my fourth time going to camp and there is a reason I keep going back. WorkCamp is a home away from home for faith and friends. There is no other extra-curricular activity that I have ever done that helps me be so close to God and my faith." —Elizabeth Wardlaw

"Definitely! This year a lot of emphasis was placed on simple things that we could do to encounter Christ at home and continue living out our faith as easily as we did at WorkCamp. I am definitely coming away with a new appreciation for prayer and the Mass." —Megan Hellmann

CYM Dinner Volunteers

Before every Sunday night High School Youth Group we provide a dinner for our teens as well as an opportunity for fellowship and socialization with their peers and the Youth Ministry adult staff. The only way these dinners can happen is if we get enough parent volunteers to make it happen. Each CYM Dinner team is responsible for a dinner every 5-6 weeks. If you are interested in participating or would like more information please contact our CYM Dinner Coordinator, Mrs. Jane Stoecker at jfstoecker@inc@yahoo.com

High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group will be starting Sunday September 7th. Please mark your calendar as we begin a new year filled with lots of blessings, fun, faith and joy. Make sure you register!

K to Gr 5 Catechists Meeting on Wednesday

On Wednesday, August 20 from 6:30–7:45pm in the Parish Life Center a meeting of Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 Catechists will be held.

Also on Wednesday, August 20 from 7:15–8:30pm in the Parish Life Center a meeting of Grade 3, 4 and 5 Catechists will be held.

Catechists are reminded that VIRTUS renewal will be from 7:15–7:45 for both groups.

The remaining catechists will meet next week Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room.

Catechetical Sunday

Our parish will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 7, 2014.

Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to re-dedicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The theme for 2014 Catechetical Sunday is "Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness." Even before anyone of us can consider seeking forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance, we know God is already at work in our hearts. God the Father pursues us down the byways of our life, intent to restore and share with us in greater measure a life of grace and union with him, which was secured at so great a cost through the saving death of his Son. The Spirit helps us to discern where sinfulness has wounded and enslaved us, and creates in us, the penitents, a readiness to embrace ongoing conversion of life through sorrow for sins, sacramental confession through the ministry of the priest, and a firm purpose of amendment. For more, see: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/index.cfm>

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!

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¡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!

Undocumented, immigrant children: What can we do to help? Information meeting, Wednesday, August 27

Please mark your calendars for an evening with Art Bennett, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington, who is coming to Saint Mary on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30pm in the Parish Life Center.

Mr. Bennett will speak about diocesan proposals to meet the needs of the children who have come to our country and how we, as parishes of the diocese, might be involved. Many people have indicated strong interest in helping with whatever is needed, the possibility of temporary foster care and other ways to help. This is the meeting you must attend.

The meeting is intended as a regional meeting, so please contact your friends in other parishes who you think might be interested and extend an invitation.

In the meanwhile, please continue to pray for a wise and just response to the needs of these children. All agree it is a volatile subject, also that the children are the ones lost in the middle.

Join the Choir!

Saint Mary Music Ministry invites those interested in joining one of our choirs, or in just finding out more, to contact David Mathers, our Director of Sacred Music, at the parish office, (540) 373-6491 x217 or dmathers@stmaryfred.org.

Choirs for adults: Mr. Mathers directs the Adult Choir (10:30 Mass at the church, Thursday evening rehearsal.) Mrs. Donna Green directs the Folk Choir (5:00 Saturday Mass, Wednesday evening rehearsal), and Mr. Domingo Bautista directs the Coro Hispano (the Spanish Choir, 2:00 Mass, Friday evening rehearsal).

Choirs for young people: Mr. Mathers directs the Childrens' Choir (2nd-7th grade, 8:30 Mass, Thursday afternoon rehearsal) and the Youth Choir (8th-12th grade, 5:00 Sunday Mass, Tuesday evening rehearsal).

Choir is a great way to use your talent to help our people praise God, develop some musical skills, and get to know some fellow members of our parish through working together in this ministry. The Coro Hispano is ongoing now. The other choirs will begin rehearsing in September.

New Hymnals!

"Full, active and conscious participation" in our liturgical worship is not an end in itself. It's purpose is to draw us ever more together as one people of God, and to lead us to an ever deepening encounter with the grace of God we experience in our worship. One of the most profound ways this happens is when we raise our voices together in songs of praise and sorrow, thanks and petition. The blending of our voices, each of us giving our self over to the whole, is a deep symbol of our participation in the Body of Christ. This song opens us, both as individuals and as a community bound together by love, to a deeper experience of God's grace.

So it's an important occasion for a parish to receive a new hymnal, a sacred liturgical book set aside for the use of God's holy people. We plan to have our new hymnals, Gather 3rd Edition, in place by next weekend. They will be blessed for sacred use at the start of the 5pm Mass on Saturday, August 23.

Celebrating a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year?

Were you married in 1964 or 1989? Then join Bishop Loverde for the 2014 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 19th at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. This event publicly acknowledges and expresses gratitude for couples in the diocese of Arlington who are celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this calendar year.

Bishop Paul S. Loverde will be the principal celebrant and homilist, and will preside over the solemn renewal of marriage vows. Commemorative certificates will be given out in Burke Hall at the reception following the Mass. Bishop Loverde will be available for pictures with the couples.

All jubilarians must be current members of your parish. Couples who cannot attend but would like to receive a personalized certificate and program must still register through the parish. The Office for Family Life will mail details about the Mass and reception to each registered couple during the first week of October.

Contact Elaine in the parish office to register - no later than Friday, September 12th. For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM

Matrimonios comunitarios en esta parroquia

La Parroquia de Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception ofrecerá la oportunidad de convalidar su matrimonio a todas la parejas que están viviendo juntas por varios años o solo casadas por el civil. Serán un total de 8 clases que se tomarán únicamente los domingos después de la misa en español (3:15-4:30pm). Las clases comienzan el 28 de Septiembre y terminan el 16 de Noviembre. Al final la celebración de estos matrimonios serán comunitarios.

Interesados contactar al Sr. Ismael Bermúdez (540) 295-3093 o a la Sra. Leticia Gonzáles (703) 473-7218. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 21 de Septiembre. Más información en las oficinas de la parroquia.

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale Donations

The Knights of Columbus continues to seek donated items and monetary donations for our annual Yard Sale Fundraiser on September 27th.

Consider donating your tax deductible unneeded items like: appliances, furniture, kitchen items, hobby and craft items, baby items, coats and jackets, T.V.s and electronic items, books, movies, children's items, tools, mowers, barbeque grills, and anything else in good shape you no longer need that is taking up space. All proceeds from the yard sale go to charity.

You may drop the items off Saturday mornings at the KoC 4034 Council home on 4724 Harrison Rd or we pick up your items up Saturday mornings at your location by contacting Mario or Patria Figueroa (540) 898-0957.

Questions about the Yard Sale can be directed to the Tim Fleming through email at yardsale@kofc4034.org



Health-Walking Group

Our Saint Mary Health Walking Group is going to meet on six consecutive Saturday mornings **9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/01** following the 9am Mass. Come and join us!

A new initiative of our Parish Health Ministry Committee, this is the first planned activity for the parish to promote health and well-being, and help people to become more aware of their responsibility to care for their bodies as well as their souls!

Know your numbers

In preparation for the Walking Group series, we are offering a service to help "Know Your Numbers." This assessment will provide results for:

- blood pressure;
- height, weight, & BMI;
- blood sugar level and total cholesterol, triglycerides, and a HDL & LDL test.

All will be provided by Registered Nurses. The assessments will take place in preparation for the Health-Walking Group activity, and after the last walk, to help you compare your results.

Saturday, September 6, 7–10:30am for the start, we will do the first assessment, and you can tell us then if you plan to walk with us. We will be assessing again after the end of the Walking Program, **Saturday, November 8, 7–10:30am.**

There are sign-up forms in the Vestibule or in the Parish Office. **Please return completed forms to the Parish Office by Friday, August 29.**

There are a limited number of kits, so please register soon!

Please note: there will be no charge for the initial evaluation. However, there will be a \$10 fee for the second, follow-up evaluation for those who have completed the walking program with us.

Come Join Us!



Pope Francis: Appeal for Iraqi Christians

8 August 2014 Vatican Radio

(Vatican Radio) The Director of the Press Office of the Holy See, Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ, has issued a statement communicating the Holy Father's prayerful concern over the violence raging in Iraq, and especially for the Christians affected by the violence. In the statement, Fr. Lombardi says, "The Holy Father is following with deep concern the dramatic news reports coming from northern Iraq, which involve defenseless populations. Christian communities are particularly affected: a people fleeing from their villages because of the violence that rages in these days, wreaking havoc on the entire region."

The statement goes on to say, "The Holy Father renews his spiritual closeness to all those who are suffering through this painful trial, and makes the impassioned appeals of the local bishops his own, asking together with them in behalf of their sorely tried communities, that the whole Church and all the faithful raise up with one voice a ceaseless prayer, imploring the Holy Spirit to send the gift of peace." Here is the full text of the statement :

The Holy Father is following with deep concern the dramatic news reports coming from northern Iraq, which involve defenseless populations. Christian communities are particularly affected: a people fleeing from their villages because of the violence that rages in these days, wreaking havoc on the entire region.

At the Angelus prayer on July 20th, Pope Francis cried with pain: "[O]ur brothers and sisters are persecuted, they are pushed out, forced to leave their homes without the opportunity to take anything with them. To these families and to these people I would like to express my closeness and my steadfast prayer. Dearest brothers and sisters so persecuted, I know how much you suffer, I know that you are deprived of everything. I am with you in your faith in Him who conquered evil!"

In light of these terrible developments, the Holy Father renews his spiritual closeness to all those who are suffering through this painful trial, and makes the impassioned appeals of the local bishops his own, asking together with them in behalf of their sorely tried communities, that the whole Church and all the faithful raise up with one voice a ceaseless prayer, imploring the Holy Spirit to send the gift of peace.

His Holiness urgently calls on the international community to protect all those affected or threatened by the violence, and to guarantee all necessary assistance – especially the most urgently needed aid – to the great multitude of people who have been driven from their homes, whose fate depends entirely on the solidarity of others.

The Pope also appeals to the conscience of all people, and to each and every believer he repeats: "May the God of peace create in all an authentic desire for dialogue and reconciliation. Violence is not conquered with violence. Violence is conquered with peace! Let us pray in silence, asking for peace; everyone, in silence.... Mary Queen of peace, pray for us!"

Catholic Charities: Migration and Resettlement Office teaches Pre-employment Skills

Our local Migration and Refugee Resettlement office has developed a pre-employment program to prepare newcomers for the American workplace. "We really can confidently refer our clients" says Laurel Collins, Director of the local Catholic Charities Fredericksburg Office. "They go through nine hours of pre-employment training where they learn about workplace expectations and cultural norms and all come with good work ethics."

Historically, clients tend to stay in jobs longer compared to non-refugees, are very reliable and dependable, pass drug screens, are permanently, legally authorized to work and appreciate their jobs. Most come with varied work experiences and skills to offer and very rarely are there any job-related issues with the clients. If any issues do arise, employers have the office staff's support to mediate or coach the clients on their work or to help resolve an issue.

For example, the staff worked with a client that was employed by United Sprinkler to learn the

terminology for the tools. "We worked with the manager to make a picture book of the tools and parts with their various names, as a means of getting him up speed. We have also helped clients to study and learn menus, and assisted with training in the kitchen and at cleaning jobs." Employers tend to like knowing that there is support for the clients in their transition to a new work environment. The staff assists with new hire paperwork and makes sure all the necessary legal and tax documents are completed correctly.

In their most recent Pre-Employment Training session, there was a surgeon, two civil engineers and two who men have worked in construction with the Army Corps of Engineers. The MRS office is happy to provide resumes of clients, and invite employers to consider them as a potential referral service. It is not the expectation that the new skill match their previous employment capacity, however there is tremendous potential here for good skilled employees.

If you are a local business, owner that might consider speaking with the MRS office about possible employment opportunities, we can be contacted at 540-899-6507, or be reached at lcollins@ccda.net.



Parishioner: International Soap Box Derby winner

Michael Burgess, altar server, rising 8th grader at Holy Cross Academy, and Troop 1410 Boy Scout, participated in the 77th Annual International Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio on 26 July. Michael placed 6th in the Masters Division! Michael won the local Fredericksburg Soap Box Derby in June. "It was amazing and one of the best experiences of my life." said Michael.

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3 August 2014 \$36,308.

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Shop with SCRIP

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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!

Electronic Offertory Faith Direct available

Faith Direct enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

For parishioners currently giving electronically, *Faith Direct* will be replacing our current electronic giving process, so we ask you to "make the change" as soon as you can.

With *Faith Direct*, the parish will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket.

Please join in enrolling by responding to the mailing you will receive or visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is VA635.

Kof C Bowling League

Knight Of Columbus Council 4034 Non-sanctioned Bowling League will begin Monday, September 8, 2014 at the AMF Fredericksburg Lanes on Route 3. We would like to formally extend an invitation to join a fun filled evening. The league is open to all parishioners of St Mary, family, and friends. We are still in the process of forming teams. The cost of bowling will be \$16 per week-per person with four bowlers on a team.

Formation meeting will take place at AMF on August 25th at 7:00pm. The league starts September 8th at 7:00pm every Monday through April 2015. At the end of the season, there will be an awards party with prize money given.

Come join and bring family and friends to join!! If you would like more info about the league or would like to join please contact Rick Reschick at 540-368-9345 or rez55@cox.net or Steven Young at 540-841-3630 or Stevenmyoung86@yahoo.com.

Virtus training scheduled August 21: Attendees must arrive on time!

For those who have never taken Virtus Certification training as a part of our diocesan child protection program in parish ministry, we have scheduled a local Virtus Training Program on Thursday, August 21 from 6-9:30pm in the Parish Life Center. Anyone who will regularly interact with children and youth in ministry is required to complete this program. Please register for the Training at signup@virtus.org.



Prayer Service for healing for Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse

In 2005, the Diocese of Arlington began a series of Prayer Services for victims/survivors of sexual abuse, celebrated by Rev. Mark S. Mealey, OSFS, and Vicar General. The Prayer Services include a survivor's testimony of his/her efforts to heal from the effects of sexual abuse, followed by a light reception. The next Prayer Service will be on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 10:30am at Saint Matthew Catholic Church, 8200 Robert E. Lee Drive, Spotsylvania, VA 22551. Rev. Mark S. Mealey, OSFS, will preside.

Pro-life reflection

"He said to His mother, "Woman behold your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." (John 19:26-27) On August 22 we observe the Queenship of Mary, acknowledging that the highest place that any creature holds in Heaven is occupied by a woman and a mother. To be pro-life is to be pro-woman, and Mary the Mother of God is an inspiration for all women about how to embrace the vocation of motherhood, facing the unexpected with faith, courage, and joy. "Queen of Heaven, grant all your people a deep appreciation of the dignity of women, of motherhood and of life."

The great 11th century upper church of San Clemente in Rome is built over a 1st century partician's house where the earliest Christians gathered in secret to celebrate Mass. Behind the balducchino is seen a beautiful mosaic of the vine and branches, filled with fruit and people, coming out of the crucifixion of Jesus.

St. Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Mary Ullmer, 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 Sowjeja, 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, Patricia Russo, Sr. Marie de Chantal, Nathan Tarantino, James Calpin, Rebecca Johnston, Mary Damato, 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, Robert Lyman, Anna Castagna, Beth Malaby, John Paul Baksy, Dan Owens, David Arnold, Steve Keene, Daniel Bustamonta, Joseph Rooney, Christopher Ford

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, Daniel Zeytoonian, Justin Carter

Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

august

18 MONDAY

6:30 Joan Downey
9am + William Novitsky
Ez 24:15-24, Mt 19:16-22

19 TUESDAY

6:30 + Julius Magill
9am + Nick Kennedy
Ez 28:1-10, Mt 19:23-30

20 WEDNESDAY

6:30 + Rod Key and Family
9am Sr. Iliia Delio
Ez 34:1-11, Mt 20:1-16

21 THURSDAY

6:30 + Don Mosher
9am Peter Nguyen
Ez 36:23-28, Mt 22:1-14

22 FRIDAY

6:30 + Marge Dziedzina
9am Joan Doherty
Ez 37:1-14, Mt 22:34-40

23 SATURDAY

9am Veronica Spellman
5pm + Owen Lea
7pm Elizabeth Ames
Ez 43:1-7b, Mt 23:1-12

24 SUNDAY

7am + Thomas M. Lloyd
8:30 + Domenic DiLoreto
10:30 For the Parish
10:30* + Kathleen McHugh
12:30 Military Living & Deceased
2pm Ismael & Santana Bermudez
5pm + Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen
7:01 + Mary Gunther
Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36,
Mt 16:13-20

Masses were offered in July for the following unscheduled intentions: Father Holmes, Father Rooney, +Mary Catherine Suchar, Kelly Keiser, +Timothy Hanlon, +Roberto Medina, +John Doherty, Elaine McBennett, Maureen Flanagan, The Meeh Family, +Irma Padgett, +Patricia Hagerty, Debbie Lloyd, +Antonio Perez, +Marinita de Argeta, +Kenneth Schmitz, +Oliver Martineau and +Sarah Harkins.

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy