

**Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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



what's coming



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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.

25 Monday, Weekday (St. Louis)

First Day of School, Mass of the Holy Spirit at 10am, Holy Cross Academy
3pm, Health Ministry Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

26 Tuesday, Weekday

7pm, Back to School night, Holy Cross Academy.

27 Wednesday, St. Monica

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
6:30pm, Catechist meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7:30pm, Art Bennett: Catholic Charities and Undocumented Immigrant Minors, Parish Life Center.

28 Thursday, St. Augustine, bishop and doctor

9am, Preschool Open House for T/Th, MTWTF, Parish Life Center
9:45am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center 100.
7pm, Back to School night, Holy Cross Academy.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

29 Friday, The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9am, Preschool Open House for MWF Morning Classes, Parish Life Center.
10am, Preschool Open House for MWF Afternoon Classes, Parish Life Center.

30 Saturday, Weekday

SCRIP Sales after Masses.
1:30pm, Usher Workshop, Church

31 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Labor Day Weekend, no Coffee Shop.
Scrip Sales after Masses.
8:30am Mass, Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion, Church.

1 Monday, Weekday

Labor Day, Parish Office is closed for the Holiday. Evening Novena canceled.

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

Saint Mary Preschool first day of school, Parish Life Center.
6pm, **Catechist Training**, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

3 Wednesday, St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor

6, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

4 Thursday, Weekday

9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
6:30pm, Prayers and Squares, Parish Life Center 100.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7pm, Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center 202.

5 Friday, Weekday

7pm, **Called and Gifted Workshop** begins for parish ministry leaders, Parish Life Center.

6 Saturday, Weekday

6-11am, **Know Your Numbers Parish Health Program**, Courtyard Meeting Room.
6-8:30pm, K of C Monthly Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

nota bene (note well, please):

✚ Welcome back to School teachers, staff and students! We look forward to a great year with you.

✚ Our Parish Ice Cream Social, Cake-walk and Dance is Sunday Afternoon, September 14. Please save the date! Our **Manna Food Project** is also the weekend of September 13-14. **Parish Life Weekend** is the following weekend, September 20-21.

✚ RCIA begins September 8. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please call and register in the parish office.

✚ 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.

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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,

We've had a family (a man and two small children) visiting us at weekend Masses begging outside the church for months, now. Over this time, I've been approached by many people, some who have said they shouldn't be there, some who have told me they actually borrowed money from others to give to them because, even though they have a nice car and don't look that desperate, the children shouldn't be on the street. Of course, compassionate people feel bad for them. We have repeatedly told them that if they stay on the property that we will call the police. As soon as I am told they are outside they take off faster than I can get out there to run them off.

My alarm went off when two things happened: 1) they began to tell people that "Father said it was okay that we stand out here and beg," and 2) "No cash? That's okay, we take checks."

We have looked into these people - there are quite a number of them - and discovered that they have been going to churches all over the diocese for months. They are actually Romanian (real gypsies) who work for companies (the mob) in Romania who have now saturated Europe, and who have now bought them plane tickets to come to get money from parishes in the United States. One pastor in northern Virginia said that these companies in Eastern Europe actually look on line for the parishes in the US with the biggest collections, then send people here to take advantage of them.

If you've ever been robbed by gypsies outside of churches in Europe (Rome, in particular), you will know whom we're talking about.

Please do not be taken advantage of, and do not let them take advantage of your charity that should be directed to legitimate need.

Here is how "Father" would like you to respond. Just call the police. Don't tell them you are going to call the police, because they will be gone before the police arrive, and then will be back next week. It is never a good idea to give anyone cash, anyway, but especially not

a check to someone you don't know. Their bosses will have your name, address, maybe phone number and bank account number.

This is probably a good time to talk about how we can best address the issue of begging and homelessness. And scams.

Saint Mary is very deeply committed to supporting local agencies who address issues of hunger and homelessness. With community dinners, and the spectrum of Micah ministries, Saint Mary and area churches provide daily meals, shelter from the cold, visitors' services in the form of food, clothing, facilities, a program for respite care following medical procedures, job assistance, rapid re-housing and career counseling. Anything people need is available through these agencies and all people need to do is ask. The homeless shelter is far less helpful due to strict eligibility requirements, but that is also a community resource. No one should need to beg, please, tell them of our parish commitment and invite them to look into what is offered. By providing these agencies with our resources, we know that our generosity is getting to the people for whom it is intended, where help is really needed.

We are happy to say that over the past decade Saint Mary has been a tithing parish, that is to say, that between 12 and 15% of the collections that pass through Saint Mary have gone to the poor and those in need. Your generosity to the parish automatically assures that 12 to 15% of your charitable donations provide for the poor and other legitimate charities and local agencies. We regularly support all of them.

The Micah Welcome Center is on Princess Anne Street next to the Baptist Church and is there to provide care for people in difficult situations. The parish office can let you know where the daily breakfasts and dinners are prepared for anyone who doesn't have a meal today. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask our staff. Let people know where they can really find help, and stop those who would take advantage of your kindness.

May God bless you, *Fr. Dom*

holy cross academy



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Happy new year!

Holy Cross Academy and Saint Mary Preschool faculty and staff joined together this week to prepare our new school year. On Monday we will welcome back our returning students and greet our new families and children who are joining our school community for the first time. We renew our commitment to our mission of Catholic education here at Saint Mary Parish:

At Holy Cross Academy, we are guided by the spirit of Saint Francis de Sales as we dedicate ourselves to:

- ➔ Create an atmosphere of prayer and reliance on our heavenly Father;
- ➔ Spread the message of Jesus in our families and our community by treating all persons with respect and showing reverence for the gift of God in each one;
- ➔ Build up our Spirit-filled faith community within Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish;

- ➔ Serve those in need in our local community and in the Missions through an awareness of our global responsibility to all humanity;
- ➔ Develop the whole child: spiritually, emotionally, academically and physically;
- ➔ Promote academic excellence by challenging all our students to recognize their gifts and fulfill their God-given potential.

We are excited to begin this new year together!

Holy Cross and St. Mary Preschool are still accepting students for this 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.

youth



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.

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 jfstoeckerlnc@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!



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.

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!

Catechists' Meeting on Wednesday

On Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 6:30—7:45pm a meeting of Grades 6, 7, and 8 and Confirmation Catechists will be held in the Courtyard Meeting Room. From 7:15—8:30pm a meeting of First Communion Preparation and RCIC Catechists will be held. VIRTUS renewal will be from 7:15—7:45 for both groups.

All catechists are reminded of the first training session on Tuesday, September 2 in the Parish Life Center. Dinner will be served.

Catechists needed

As baptized Catholics we are all called to ministry and to use our God given gifts of time, talent and treasure in our church community. This means that we are called to reach out to others and minister to them. A few more catechists are still needed. Reach out to the children of our parish and be a powerful influence in their formation. It is also a wonderful way to get to know more parishioners.

Contact Karen Sturtevant at ksturtevant@stmaryfred.org or 540-373-6491. Assistant Catechists, Prayer-Aides, Office Volunteers and substitute catechists are also needed.

Religious Ed Classes Resume

Religious Education Classes begin the week of September 8-11. Parents are asked to accompany their children to their first class.

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday" —a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. (At St. Mary we celebrate it the second Sunday of September, the Sunday before classes start.) This year's theme is "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness."

As a catechist, you are responding to a call to share the gift of faith with others, even as you deepen your own faith. This call may have reached you through your pastor, the director of your parish's religious education program, or through your role as a Catholic school teacher. But know that this calling ultimately comes from God whose Holy Spirit inspires and guides you." <http://www.loyolapress.com/catechetical-sunday.htm>

adult classes

Announcing some of the adult ed classes that will be held this fall

As our youngest members of the Parish get ready to go back to school, why not join them in continuing your Adult Education by taking a class this year? We will have several offerings to choose from this year.

RCIA isn't just for those who are considering becoming Catholic! It is a unique and valuable resource for all those who need a refresher course in the Faith, those who are seeking to recover what they have forgotten - or those who are looking for hours for certification! We meet in the church for the teaching part of the program on Mondays from 7:30 to 8:15pm, and classes are taught by all priests and members of the RCIA Team. You are welcome.

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is a Catholic Bible study that brings the history of Christ to life through Matthew's Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. The format for the class includes a one hour DVD given by Jeff Cavins with discussions of the Homework and material as a group with facilitator Tess Thome. Join us in the Courtyard meeting room **beginning Thursday, September 25, 2014** from 9:45-11:45 and continuing most Thursdays for 23 weeks. A book cost of \$20 is requested from each participant. For more information or to register for the study, call Tess Thome at 757-870-8176 or via email: tessnmike@cox.net or the church office by September 15th so that we can order the appropriate number of books.

Two Walking with Purpose evening Women's Bible Studies both led by Lori Mattson. Walking with Purpose is a parish-based 22-week course consisting of at home study and meeting once a week in a small group to discuss the weekly lessons or watch an inspirational video at a Connect Coffee.

Choosing the Better Part: Walking with Purpose 101 will meet on Thursdays **starting October 2** from 7:15-8:30pm in Room 204 of the Parish Life Center. Choosing the Better Part touches on all aspects of faith and encourages us to deepen our relationship with Christ.

Keeping in Balance, focuses on creating balance within. This class will meet on Wednesday evenings **starting October 1** from 7:15-8:30pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room and is for those who have completed the Walking with Purpose 101 class already. Please contact Lori Mattson with any questions or to register at lori@acumen-ea.com or the church office. Please register by September 15. A book fee of \$30 is requested from each participant.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother begins **Wednesday, October 1, 2014** from 1-3pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. The format for the class consists of a DVD by Edward Sri and homework and discussion as a group led by Suzette Young.

Join us for **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** in the Courtyard Meeting Room beginning October 1st from 1-3pm and continuing every Wednesday for 8 weeks. A book cost of \$10 is requested from each participant. For more information or to register for the study, contact Suzette Young at agingcoastrkid@yahoo.com or contact the church office by September 15th.

Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus is a bookstudy that will be led by Fr. Don Rooney on **Sunday afternoons beginning October 5** in the church, from 3:30 to 4:45, six Sundays in the Fall and five Sundays after the first of the year. One of the most significant books on community formation of our generation, this book by Sherry Weddell is a product of her international workshop movement called "Called and Gifted," to which Saint Mary will be deeply committed during the coming year. We will cover one chapter each weekly meeting, and will seek the life of faith not as a concept, but as a relationship with a Person who loves and calls each of us to our full, planned potential.

For High School Parents: Sexual Integrity and the Campus Culture

Parents of young men and women are invited to a presentation hosted by Love and Fidelity Network on Tuesday, September 9, 7:30pm, at Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington VA (stadium entrance #6). LFN sponsors Catholic student groups at 25 US colleges and universities, including Catholic University, Franciscan, Georgetown, Harvard, Notre Dame, Princeton, UNC, UVA and William and Mary.

There is an urgent need to challenge and change the reigning 'sexual revolution' ideology and behavior that is rampant on college campuses, by defending marriage, family and sexual integrity with reasoned discourse, with speakers Ryan T. Anderson and Caitlin La Ruffa. The event is free. For more information, please see www.loveandfidelity.org.

National Service of Mourning

will be held for those who have died in Palestine and Israel Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6pm: Calvary Baptist Church, 755 8th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

The loss and suffering resulting from the latest conflict between the Israeli military and Palestinian groups in Gaza is staggering. More than 1,400 civilians have been killed and hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have been displaced. Weeks of overwhelming destruction have devastated land, homes, and infrastructure. The siege of Gaza and the military occupation of Palestinian territory cripple normal life. As the people of the region cry, "How long, O Lord"?, we join our prayers with theirs in a service of worship. In the midst of sorrow and grief, please join an ecumenical gathering of more than 15 ecclesial communions in a witness to faith, hope and love.

CBNCV Pancake Breakfast Sept. 7

On Sunday, September 7th, in celebration of their 13th anniversary, the Catholic Business Network of Central Virginia (CBNCV) will host a FREE pancake breakfast for all parishioners and guests of Saint Mary after the 8:30 and 10:30am Masses in the Parish Life Center.

The mission of the CBNCV is to provide a network and fellowship to strengthen faith in business, while building a strong Catholic business culture and supporting local, Catholic education.

Gain a 65% Tax Credit...and Give a Student the Gift of a Catholic School Education!

A new Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% tax credit on top of current state and federal tax deductions for donations made to the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for low income new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools.

Who is eligible for the tax credit?

An individual or business entity may receive a tax credit for eligible donations.

What kind of donations qualify for the credit?

Eligible donations include monetary donations by cash, checks, or marketable securities. Donations of goods, services or property are not eligible for the tax credit.

How are donations limited?

In order to receive a tax credit donors must contribute a minimum of \$500. For individuals, including married couples, eligible maximum donation is \$125,000 per taxable year. Therefore, the maximum tax credit of an individual's donation is \$81,250 (65% of \$125,000). Business entities, including sole proprietorships, have no maximum donation amount.

How does a donor apply for a tax credit?

In order to qualify for a tax credit, donors must request pre-authorization from the Department of Education. Donations made without pre-authorization will not be eligible for the tax credit. Pre-authorization requests are processed on a first come, first served basis. Pre-authorization requests will only be granted for the first 25 million dollars in total donations. The Department of Education will issue a preauthorization notice to the donor indicating approval of the donation.

How does a donor obtain a Pre-authorization form?

The Pre-authorization form can be downloaded from the Department of Education website: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/school_finance/scholarships_tax_credits

Call 703/841-2764 or go online to: http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/Scholarship_Foundation.aspx

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.

To the Women of Saint Mary:

By now you've probably received your Council of Catholic Women's welcome letter and raffle tickets and seen our full page ad in the bulletin the weekend of August 9, 10. We've got lots of good things planned for 2014-15 and hope many of you will be able to join us. For those of you who cannot attend our meetings due to other commitments, work, or the stress of monthly meetings, we encourage you to fill out the membership form anyway, include your dues and your email address. With your email address we'll be able to add you to our mailing list for receiving the CCW newsletter informing you of what's going on, of upcoming speakers, special events, minutes of meetings, etc.

At this time we need volunteers for the ice cream social on Sunday September 14th, at Holy Cross Academy. If you can help serve ice cream for a one hour shift (4 to 5, 5 to 6, or 6 to 7 p.m.) please contact Donna Davis at ladydee519@aol.com or 540-752-5502.

At our first meeting of the year, Tuesday, September 16th, we are honored to have Fr. Don Rooney scheduled to speak. For those of you who will be able to attend I know it will be a memorable meeting, one you will enjoy. Meetings, which are on the third Tuesdays of the month, are held in the Courtyard Meeting room starting at 10 a.m. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

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. 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.

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.

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.

First Friday with Young Adults

St. Mary Young Adults are attending First Friday Mass on September 5 at 8 pm. 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.



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!

through our gifts

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection
17 August 2014 \$32,732.

Assumption Collection 10,374.
(includes \$930 through Faith Direct)

Parish Building Fund 10,381.
(includes \$2,180 through Faith Direct)

Poor Box / Vincent de Paul 177.

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.

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!

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.

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, barbecue 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

THANK YOU!

This year, the annual School Dressing Days event, sponsored by the Interfaith Community Council, provided back to school clothing and supplies for 1,147 children, helping 474 families. Each child received a new shirt, socks and underwear, a new pair of jeans, a backpack, school supplies, and some used coats and shoes were available. This event wouldn't have been possible without the help of our area churches and the community, including Saint Mary. The support was truly amazing both in donations of money and clothing, and in the volunteer effort that was needed to make it happen. School Dressing Days is an enormous undertaking, and we were up to the task. The need is great, and we helped fill that need, so to all who were involved in this worthy mission project, you are to be commended for a job well done. On behalf of the Interfaith Community Council, thank you for your service to others.

KofC Bowling League

Knight Of Columbus Council 4034 Bowling League will begin Monday, September 8, 2014 at the AMF Fredericksburg Lanes on Route 3. Formation meeting will take place on August 25th at 7:00pm. The league meets 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.

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.

First Friday September 5 All night adoration

Our First Friday 8pm Mass will be followed by All Night Adoration. Sign up sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up today and come adore Our Lord and joyfully thank Him for the gift of His Mother, whose birthday is September 8.

Pro-life reflection

"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." (Saint Augustine) These famous words of Saint Augustine remind us what the Church means by saying human life is "sacred." As human persons, we are uniquely capable of having a relationship with God. Our lives are oriented to Him as our final goal and fulfillment; hence we cannot be owned by others, manipulated, or discarded. *"Lord, I rejoice in my ability to relate to You, and I honor every human being as Your own special possession."*

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 Sowieja, 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, Thomisita Devilla, Robert Lyman, Anna Castagna, Beth Malaby, John Paul Baksy, Dan Owens, David Arnold, Steve Keene, Daniel Bustamonta, Joseph Rooney, Christopher Ford, Dianne Stephens

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: 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, Raymond 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, Julianne Rogers

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

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

august

25 MONDAY

6:30 Katherine Pereira
9am MacKenzie Hudson
2 Thes 1:1-12, Mt 23:13-22

26 TUESDAY

6:30 Carolyn Farrell
9am + Francesca Recia
2 Thes 2:1-17, Mt 23:23-26

27 WEDNESDAY

6:30 + Jerry Brent
9am Kateri Eastman
2 Thes 3:6-18, Mt 24:42-51

28 THURSDAY

6:30 + Kevin Mosher
9am Kassock Brothers
1 Cor 1:1-9, Mt 22:1-14

29 FRIDAY

6:30 + Maria Clark
9am + Nick Kennedy
1 Cor 1:17-25, Mk 6:17-29

30 SATURDAY

9am + Michael Chase
5pm + Paul Njoku
7pm + Andy Rushin
1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 25:14-30

31 SUNDAY

7am + Theresa Boehringer
8:30 + Rita Gentile
10:30 + Joseph F. Petrucelli
10:30* For the Parish
12:30 + Margaret Organist
2pm + Emilia Romero
5pm + Joyce L. Supina
7:01 The Njoku Family
Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27

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