

**Twenty-second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

31 aug 2014

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



what's coming



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.

september

1 Monday, Weekday - Labor Day

Parish Office is closed for the Holiday. 6:30am Mass and Evening Novena are 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

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

4 Thursday, Weekday

9:45am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center 100.

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.

8pm, First Friday Mass and all-night Adoration, Church.

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.

7 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catholic Business Network of Central Virginia hosting Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 / 10:30 Masses.

CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center.

Scrip Sales after Masses.

8 Monday, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Religious Education begins, 4:45 and 6:30pm sessions, Parish Life Center.

7:30pm, RCIA / RICA Program begins, Church.

8:15pm, TAIZE Ecumenical Service of Prayer and Song, Church.

9 Tuesday, St. Peter Claver, priest

10 Wednesday, Weekday

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

11 Thursday, Weekday

9:45am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center 100.

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

7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

12 Friday, Weekday (Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

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

13 Saturday, St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor

9:30am, Legion of Mary birthday celebration for Blessed Mother, Parish Life Center.

SCRIP Sales after Masses.

14 Sunday: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

3-7pm, Parish Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk and Dance, Holy Cross Academy.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✚ Our **Parish Ice Cream Social, Cake-walk and Dance is Sunday Afternoon, September 14.** Enter the contest for best decorated cakes: most creative, most delicious looking, most authentically “kid-made”. Cakes must arrive for judging by 3:30pm. Dance to live music and chill.

✚ Our **Manna Food Project** is also the weekend of September 13-14. Please bring non-perishable food donations to the van outside church all weekend for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank.

✚ **Parish Life Weekend** is the following weekend, September 20-21. Watch your mail for our Parish Renewal Handbook with ministry catalog and prayerfully consider which ministry might be perfectly suited for you this year. Everyone, please get involved!

✚ **First Friday is this Friday** and we will have our customary Mass at 8pm followed by all-night adoration. Please plan to come, adore, and pray: for safety for Christians, for peace, for justice and for life. If you can, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the church.

✚ **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.

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

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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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from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

The beginning of the Ministry Year at Saint Mary gives all of us a chance to draw near, roll up our sleeves and get to know our God who is immediate to us, and our neighbor whose needs are also immediate.

The word *immediate* could have two senses: right at this moment, as in *immediately*, or right in the same place. Most people live their lives with God at least at arms' length (it is easier that way) but God isn't limited by location. It is a human concept which we need to grasp being. To us, to be requires a place to be, but with God, he is always *here*, just as he is always *now*. For the person who is considering God, he is *never* "there." He is always here.

The founding fathers of our republic were largely Deists. Some had become absolute advocates of the Enlightenment religion of nature and reason, a belief that there is some kind of God who made the machine and pushed the start button, then just sits back and watches it succeed or fail. Some were Christians, but most were a combination of the two, who believed in little or none of the miracles or supernaturalism found in the Judeo-Christian tradition, but retained Christian loyalties of faith. On the conservative side was Washington and Adams; the liberal, Franklin and Monroe.

This impersonality of God, however, has permeated our atmosphere of religious freedom with a spirit of "freedom from religion," even for believers. It would seem quite possible to believe and not live belief. So there is this lingering doubt in the mind of people since the Enlightenment, that perhaps all we really *can* know is empirical knowledge, that which is seen and heard, touched and tasted.

But is it possible to see and hear, touch and taste things that are beyond physical reality? Just because one person doubts the possibility or has never delved enough into the mysteries of God and has had no experience—well, that doesn't mean these things don't exist. Our tradition, on the contrary, is filled with accounts of saints and entire communities of people

who have known the supernatural event of God in their lives in a quite tangible, documentable way. We do it, for example, every time we enter into God at Mass and result in Communion together. It isn't a contest of wills or subjugation, it is a free and humble submission that God is greater and can move in our lives in ways that are *immediate*. *Here and now*.

Mass on TV can't take the *place* of being in church on Sunday, any more than having feelings of compassion for the poor and homeless can substitute working together to provide solutions to end hunger and isolation. Or standing shoulder-to-shoulder with those who are considered the stranger by some, discovering common dreams and spiritual hopes. We have to be together for it to happen.

Friendship doesn't happen between computer monitors. There is no substitute for face-to-face. Lately there have been more and more people asking for counseling in the confessional... I try to explain that it is not possible to have a real first conversation about anything with a person who stays on the other side of a screen. What kind of arrogance would I have if I were to pretend that I had answers for someone whom I have never met? You might as well read a blog. We have to be real and immediate to one another, here and now.

By the way, so does God. It takes a Son to be a Father, a Father to have a Son, a relationship for there to be a love that lives and moves and brings others—all others—into its life of community. A *we* that invites a *you* to join, and become one in the image and likeness of God. We discover who we are when we are immediate and involved with God and with each other.

I do believe that there is a special charism of unity and I would like to call it forth from all those of you who have it, to help our parish come together to life this Ministry Year. These gifts—all our gifts—are given in love so that we might respond in love, and they will only be fulfilled in our action.

May God bless you, *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy



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Welcome back

Our school year started on Monday with lots of smiles and hugs all around. Our students came in loaded down with new supplies, eager to meet their teachers and spend time with old friends and new ones as well.

After entrusting their children to their teachers, parents were invited to Father Brisson Hall for some coffee and the opportunity to catch up with one another. The highlight of our day was our Mass where each of us pledged to uphold the goals of Holy Cross Academy once again.



Together, we rededicated ourselves to work for the good of our parish and school and to serve one another after the example of Jesus so that God may be glorified in each of us all through this coming year. Welcome back, Holy Cross Academy!

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 jfstoeckerclnc@yahoo.com

High School Youth Group

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



Youth Ministry testimony:

Hi! My name is Claire, I'm a high school junior, and a member of Saint Mary Youth Group.

Before I started coming to youth group, faith was not very important to me. To me, church was just something that we did as a family. Most weeks, I would have preferred to sleep in, rather than get up and go to Mass on Sunday. When I was in seventh grade, my mom made me go to middle school youth group. I was really mad at her ... until I got there. Everyone was so welcoming and joyful and wanted to be there, and it was impossible to stay angry! As I grew increasingly interested in my faith, I continued attending middle school youth group, where I always found supportive friends who encouraged me in my faith and personal life.

After Confirmation, I joined high school youth group, and it has been one of the best decisions of my life. I was pretty nervous my first time going, because even though I had a few friends from middle school youth group, it was intimidating being there with the high schoolers who all seemed to know each other. I had an amazing time, and decided to continue going, because, after all, there was food, games and friends, and I could openly talk about my faith and people wouldn't think I was weird. Since, then, I've been to almost every youth ministry activity and have loved every minute of it. I have made many incredible friends, which is easy to do because everyone there is so friendly!

I have grown tremendously as a person, and as a Catholic. I learned that I can be myself and people will love me for who I am. I learned how to be more confident (especially when I have to pray in front of people!). But most importantly, I've fallen in love with Jesus and with His Bride, the Catholic Church. Everything at youth ministry points you toward Him and it's an experience that is truly life changing. Thanks in part to youth ministry, I found the courage to discern religious life and have been supported by everyone in my ongoing discernment.

I am grateful that I have been given the experience to be a part of the St. Mary youth ministry. To anyone who is thinking about coming to check it out, I definitely think you should. I guarantee you will have fun, as well as grow in your faith!

Religious education classes resume

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

Catechetical Sunday

Next Sunday, September 7 we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. On Catechetical Sunday catechists publicly make a profession of faith, *"with firm faith I believe and profess each and every thing that is contained in the Symbol of Faith."* Catechists will do so at any of the following Masses; Saturday, September 6 at the 7pm Vigil Mass and Sunday, September 7, at the 8:30am and 5pm Masses. All Catechists are asked to attend one of these three Masses.

Catechist Training

On Tuesday, September 2, from 6–9pm in the Parish Life Center, catechists will attend the first training for this school year. Two guest speakers will make presentations on evangelization.

The agenda is as follows: Dinner will be served from 5:45–6:15 pm. From 6:15–7pm, Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, chaplain at University of Mary Washington will help us better appreciate evangelization. From 7:15–8pm he will explore "The New Evangelization" and the important role of catechists as evangelists.

From 8:15–9pm. Mr. John Knutsen, Coordinator for Evangelization and Adult Formation, Diocese of Arlington, will update us on "The New Evangelization" in the Diocese of Arlington.

Catechists needed

"The Lord has put within you the spiritual wisdom, strength, and grace needed to conduct a specific mission which He has in mind for you. The challenge is to live according to that wisdom, strength and grace so that your entire life bears witness to the Person Whom you know and love" (*"Go Forth with Hearts on Fire"* A Pastoral Letter on the New Evangelization by Bishop Paul S. Loverde, Bishop of Arlington).

Volunteer to be a Catechist, Assistant Catechist, Prayer-Aide, Office Volunteer or substitute catechist. Contact Karen Sturtevant at ksturtevant@stmaryfred.org or 540-373-6491.



The Effective and Indubitable Sign of Forgiveness: Reflections on John 20:21-23
by Pierre-Marie Dumont

"What is Catechism if not the memory of God's loving mercy? And what is a catechist if not a witness to the peace and joy of his forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation?"

On Easter evening, Christ restored peace and joy to his apostles (Jn 20:21-23), conferring on them and their successors the power, through the Holy Spirit, to forgive sins: thus was instituted the Sacrament of Penance. Though we have received new life through Baptism, we remain sinners, ever in need of absolution. But only as we forgive are we forgiven. It is a catechist's duty to awaken in a child a hunger for that same healing peace and joy of forgiveness—theirs to others, and God's to them."

Considering the Catholic Church?

Come and See! – what being a Catholic is all about through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

We begin September 8 and will meet Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:15pm in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2015. We also welcome baptized Catholics who have not received Communion and Confirmation.

Contact the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 or email rciastmaryfred@gmail.com. Come and see what it's all about. You are welcome!

rcia+rice

¡Ven y entérate!—lo que es ser Católico con el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA).

Comenzamos el 8 de Septiembre y 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 el 4 de Abril del 2015. El programa es también para todos aquellos Católicos bautizados que no han recibido los sacramentos de Confirmación y de la Eucaristía.

Por favor de llamen a la oficina de la Parroquia al (540) 373-6491 o escribírnos también a rciastmaryfred@gmail.com. Ven y entérate de lo que el programa de RICA te ofrece. ¡Te esperamos!

education

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 7:30-8:15pm**, 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 15 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 15.

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 3:30-4:45pm, 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.

health walk or cakewalk?

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!



Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk, Dance

A favorite parish event every year, mark your calendars for September 14, the feast of the Holy Cross! Dancing to a live band, cakewalking and ice cream sundaes mark the end of summer and the beginning of a new parish year. 3-7pm at Holy Cross Academy.

Deadline extended for "Know Your Numbers"

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**.

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.

Sign-up forms are still available in the Parish Office. **Completed forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Wednesday, September 3.**

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.

Questions? Call our parish nurses at 540-845-3031.



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 (5pm Saturday Mass, Wednesday evening rehearsal), and Mr. Domingo Bautista directs the Coro Hispano (the Spanish Choir, 2pm 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, 5pm 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.

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls Troop VA0128, which is chartered through St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception's CCW, is preparing for the 2014-2015 program year. We currently have girls from all local parishes and would love to welcome your daughters as well!

Family Camping, Christmas Caroling, May Crowning and Rosary, AHG Badges, Service Projects, and Hiking are just a few of the activities currently scheduled on our calendar.

There will be an information session for parents and activities for girls, aged 5-18 (birthday by October 31) on September 4 at 7pm at Holy Cross Academy, and regular meetings will commence the following week. For more information, you can contact the troop at ahgva0128@yahoo.com or visit www.ahgonline.org.

Saint Mary Over 40 Singles

Planning ahead for the Fall! The local players at Lake of the Woods are doing "Fiddler on the Roof" and tickets are expected to sell out quickly. Tickets go on sale September 1; adults are \$27.

Anyone interested in a ticket for October 18 at 7:30pm, please contact Kathy Saladino at ksaladino2009@comcast.net by September 1. Seating for tables of 10.

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 González 703-473-7218. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 21 de Septiembre.

Saint Anne Sisters in Faith Sept. 5

Please Join us Friday, September 5 as we begin our year of study and fellowship. We will begin our year of study with the book, *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. Join us for 9am Mass followed by fellowship and study at the JPPII house. Fellowship from 9:45-10am. Recitation of the Rosary and study from 10-11:30am. Childcare is available. Please contact Rocio at Rocio.o.atkinson@gmail.com or Suzi Eggleston at 540-834-0752 if you have any questions.

September Family Dinner Sept. 6

The September Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, September 6 from 6-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes pork loin, boiled red potatoes, escalloped apples, corn on the cob, and carrot cake. The profit will be donated to Birthright. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults \$7; Seniors (60&up) \$6; Teens \$6; Children (7-12) \$5; Children (under 7) Free. THE MAX COST PER FAMILY IS \$25.

CBNCV Pancake Breakfast Sept. 7

On Sunday, September 7, 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.

Book Club Sept. 9

The parish book club will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at 10am in the John Paul II House to discuss *John Henry Newman* by Avery Cardinal Dulles, S. J. (c. 2002). Cardinal Newman, beatified in 2010, is considered a giant in the fields of theology, philosophy, and education. Originally a priest in the Church of England, the subject was a leader in the Oxford Movement and was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1845. More information: Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com

Celebrating a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year? Sept. 12

Were you married in 1964 or 1989? Then join Bishop Loverde for the 2014 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 19 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 registered couples during the first week of October.

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

Mary's Birthday Celebration Sept. 13

All are invited to a breakfast celebration sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women and the Legion of Mary on September 13 after the 9am Mass in the Parish Life Center.

Manna Project Food Drive Sept. 13-14

In just a few weeks the people of St. Mary parish will once again have the opportunity answer Christ's call to feed the hungry. On the weekend of September 13-14, the St. Mary Manna Project will be collecting non-perishable food items and

financial donations for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. Volunteers will be available before and after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday in front of the church and at Holy Cross Academy. Needed items include canned meat and fish, peanut butter, beans, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, soup, canned vegetables, instant potatoes and rice. Personal items such as shampoo, soap, paper towels, etc. are also welcome. And, for each \$10 donation, the Food Bank is able to provide thirty meals for hungry families!

The Food Bank feeds more than 20,000 people in the Fredericksburg area each month, but they can't carry out this important work without the help of the local community. So mark your calendar for the weekend of September 13-14, and do your part in answering Christ's call to help those in need.

Looking for faith-filled volunteers

Are you 50+, wanting to serve in your community, and would like to join a dynamic group of peers? Consider the Ignatian Volunteer Corps: We are a national movement of active retirees who volunteer in our local community one or two days a week. We share our talents and life experiences with organizations that directly assist those suffering from poverty and we work to alleviate structural injustice. We grow in our faith together as we go! Please join us for one of our information sessions on Tuesday, August 26, September 30 or October 28, from 10-11am at our Northern Virginia Fairfax Offices. Contact our Regional Director Joanie Coolidge at 703-352-4140, jcoolidge@ivcusa.org and see www.ivcusa.org for more information.

For the past five years, St. Mary Council of Catholic Women has presented one of our female students with a \$1,000 scholarship to St. John Paul the Great High School.

This year's winner is An Le. On Tuesday, August 5th, An and her family joined us after Mass to receive her check and join us for a celebratory cake.



operations through our gifts

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

september

1 MONDAY

6:30 (No Mass)

9am + Angela Purks, Gracik fam.

1 Cor 2:1-5, Lk 4:16-30

2 TUESDAY

6:30 + Stella Stofko

9am Jean & Ariel Saint Elin

1 Cor 2:10-16, Lk 4:31-37

3 WEDNESDAY

6:30 John C. Bowling

9am Amante Marinas, Jr.

1 Cor 3:1-9, Lk 4:38-44

4 THURSDAY

6:30 Loretta & Roberto Canizares

9am + Rose Lewis

1 Cor 3:18-23, Lk 5:1-11

5 FRIDAY

6:30 Madeline Doyle

9am + Barbara Mertens

8pm + All Souls

1 Cor 4:1-5, Lk 5:33-39

6 SATURDAY

9am + Catherine Gordon

5pm + Mary Lou Novak

7pm Cathy Thompson

1 Cor 4:6-15, Lk 6:1-5

7 SUNDAY

7am + Thomas M. Lloyd

8:30 + Diane Gallagher

10:30 + Those who died in August

10:30* + Patricia Bauer

12:30 For the Parish

2pm + Christians in Iraq

5pm + Joyce L. Supina

7:01 + James W. Doepp, Jr.

Ez 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10,

Mt 18:15-20

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

St. Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: John Pare, Sherry Taylor, Harold Gardiner, Rhonda Seidliger, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Marcella Sowiewa, 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, Mary-Beth Stephens, the Clasen Family, Mary Jean and Don Williams, Stephen Dittmer, Mary Ullmer, Charlie Catalano, Billie Stewart, Lisa Storm

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, 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, Julianne Rogers

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

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection

24 August 2014 \$32,328.

Parish Building Fund (add'l) 3,243.
(includes \$2,180 through Faith Direct)

Poor Box / Vincent de Paul 87.

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 for the Middle East Sept. 6-7

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has called a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters and other innocent victims affected by the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the cradle of Christianity. These funds will be used by Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic agencies working to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs facing the people in Iraq, Gaza, Syria, and surrounding countries to which refugees have fled. Funds from the collection also will be used to aid persecuted Christians and to respond to rebuilding needs of Catholic dioceses in the impacted areas.

Childrens' Offertory for September

Children's Offertory Envelope donations in September will benefit Rappahannock Council for Children and Parents (RACCAP). The Council has been helping and supporting parents and children for over a decade, providing education and supportive services to the community. They help educate parents about positive parenting techniques. RACCAP works with

we are called

other local, state and national organizations to help families by implementing new and innovative child abuse prevention and awareness programs. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office.

Knights of Columbus asking for donated items for September 27 Yard Sale

The Knights of Columbus continues to seek additional items for our annual yard sale. Consider donating your tax deductible unneeded items that are in good or like new condition. And thanks to everyone who has already donated.

You may drop the items off Saturday mornings 8:30–11:00am at the K of C 4034 Council home at 4724 Harrison Road, or we pick up larger items up Saturday mornings at your location.

Point of Contact for pick-ups: call Mario or Patria Figueroa at 540-898-0957. Questions about the Yard Sale can be directed to the Tim Fleming through e-mail at yardsale@kofc4034.org

All proceeds from the yard sale go to charity. Thanks and God bless you.

Marriage Encounter Weekends this fall

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God."

Don't let the world's way tear your marriage apart. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Sep 12-14 & Nov 14-16 in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-378-4150.

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.

Any individual or business entity may receive a tax credit for eligible donations including monetary donations by cash, checks, or marketable securities. Donations of goods, services or property are not eligible for the 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.

Donors must request pre-authorization from the Department of Education. Donations made without pre-authorization will not be eligible for the tax credit. The Department of Education will issue a preauthorization notice to the donor indicating approval of the donation.

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/catholic-schools/Scholarship_Foundation.aspx

Pro-life reflection

"A child is God's greatest gift to the family, to the nation, to the world. The child is a life from God, created in the image of God, created for great things, to love and to be loved." (Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



Watch next week for August's SHARE Food Order Form

Self Help and Resource Exchange is a cooperative food distribution program that is new this year at St. Mary Church. The ministry provides wholesome and nutritious food to families and individuals at a reduced cost while at the same time promoting volunteer service in our Parish and Community, building relationships with other community organizations.

Participation requires a commitment of one or two hours per month of service, per package of food ordered, in the parish or elsewhere. Any service given to someone else is acceptable. Distribution of packages takes place the fourth Saturday of the month from 8 to 9am.

Please contact Rick Caporali, rcaporali@stmaryfred.org for more information. Food Packages are available to everyone – no income requirements. Menus are available at the parish office or on the Outreach Ministry page on our website, www.stmaryfred.org.