

**Twenty-third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

7 sept 2014

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



what's coming



september

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

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

10 Wednesday, Weekday

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6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

11 Thursday, Weekday

9:45am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center 100.
Religious Education begins, 4:45 session, Parish Life Center.
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

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Troop 1410)
4-7pm, **Parish Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk and Dance**, Holy Cross Academy.

15 Monday, Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30pm, RCIA program, Church. All invited to class at 7:30.

16 Tuesday: Saints Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

Saint Mary Preschool first day of school, Parish Life Center.
10am, **CCW General Meeting**, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

17 Wednesday, Weekday (St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor)

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

18 Thursday, Weekday

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

19 Friday, Weekday (St. Januarius, bishop and doctor)

20 Saturday: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, and Paul Ha-Sang, and Companions, martyrs

PARISH LIFE WEEKEND: Parish Ministry Representative are present in tents outside church at Masses.
SCRIP Sales after Masses.

21 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✚ Join us for our ecumenical **Taize Prayer Service** Monday evening, 8:15 to 9pm for prayer for unity and peace.
- ✚ Our **Parish Ice Cream Social, Cake-walk and Dance is Sunday Afternoon, September 14, 4-7pm**. Enter the contest for best decorated cakes: most unique, most delicious looking, best "family project" cake, and prettiest cake. Cakes must arrive for judging by 4:30pm. 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!
- ✚ **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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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,

Do you remember what it felt like when we were kids and summer was ending? There was always a kind of sadness as the days got darker but also an abiding warmth about gathering closer to family and other people as the weather turned cooler and we left behind that summer independence as we returned to home and community, and school.

One of the things we looked forward to, as children, was the fall carnival. It is one of the strongest memories of community that I recall in my life. We would go out into the early evening and there would be lights strung across the parking lot at St. Francis Xavier Church in Kansas City, MO, twinkling welcome. There would be a lot of people who braved the first chill in the air of autumn, who came out for bingo under the tent, or to try out the various booths of games where you could win that prize that you never wanted so much as you did at that moment. Ice cream was always served.

And there was the cakewalk.

Someone (I always figured it was Monsignor, himself) had literally painted a numbered path on the parking lot and people lined up to take their chance on winning a cake.

You see, you follow this magical path and when the big band music stopped, if your number was called, you won a cake. It was better than the lottery. You looked at the array of beautiful cakes and got to choose. This was, as far as I was concerned, the foretaste of heaven.

Of course, our family brought a cake too—everyone did—because that was the price of admission. Mom's cake was always one of the first to be picked, even though they just looked like the ones we often had at home. She made this kind of chocolatey-licious cake with sour milk that is still my favorite today.

As I think back on these memories I'm sure I've idealized the whole thing, as a child will do. But it is so great that regardless of what

that church carnival actually was, the feeling of it has stayed with me to this day as one of my favorite memories. It is that feeling that you can't replace when you begin to feel like you don't belong, or are drifting a little. It is comfort to know that somewhere, the church lights are still on.

So now you know, if you were wondering, "Why a cakewalk?" I'm always amazed at how many people have never been to one.

Of course, the fact that cake goes so well with ice cream gives us another clue. The ice cream social finds its fulfillment *in* the cakewalk, and it leads us to *share* our prizes. It is funny how often people win their cake and run for the door, taking it home. (Here is a secret, maybe it will catch on this year: once a cake is won, it is meant to be something you can share with others.) Suddenly there is ice cream *and* cake for everybody, which help us to see how well we are suited for one another, too. You can use cake and ice cream as a model for how community can form and people can complement each other.

So don't miss our parish cakewalk, and dance, and ice cream social next weekend. Come in your dancing shoes. There are a few events each year that can bring all of us together and this is a good one. Yes, it happens out at Holy Cross in the afternoon on Sunday (I guess people don't like to go out in the evening anymore) and it is still late summer so the sun is still high and it is plenty hot. But all the ingredients for good memories are still present, and I hope it can serve as a moment when you realize that the community of the Church is still at the heart of who we are.

Now that I think about it, maybe we should add Bingo out on the soccer field. Maybe next year.

There is no charge, this is a present to all of you in our parish family. No charge, of course, unless you'd like to bake an amazing cake and bring it for some kid to win and, hopefully, share.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School, 2012*

Off to a great start

From preschool to the eighth grade, Holy Cross students are off to a great start. On their first day at school, our kindergartners completed a very successful hunt for the gingerbread man. This allowed them to see the art room, library, gym, music room and many other important places on our campus, and to meet the teachers and office staff who will be here to help them throughout this exciting year. Before enjoying their snack, they learned to ask God's blessing on this activity and on their new year together.

During their first visit to the library, the fifth graders were treated to the first installment of *Touch Blue* by Cynthia Lord, a book about accepting others and knowing that you belong. The students are eagerly awaiting their next library class so that they can continue following the adventures of Tess and Aaron.

Students throughout the school have enjoyed catching up with old friends, meeting new ones and learning all that their teachers have in store for them this 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.



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!

A parent's take on youth ministry

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...(Matthew 28:19-20)." For most of us parents, "all the nations" begins with our children. We have an awesome responsibility to our children to raise them in the Catholic faith handed down through the apostles. Jesus asked no less of us and we must ask no less of our children than to learn, practice, and pass along this faith.

We may sometimes struggle with how best to teach the faith to our children. I do; three of my children are teenagers, making the task even harder as they mature and grow more independent. Since we began having children almost 20 years ago, my wife, Megan, and I have been fortunate to have belonged to many parishes with vibrant faith instruction for children. Nowhere has that instruction been more alive than here at St. Mary and Holy Cross Academy. Holy Cross not only provided faith instruction, but important lessons in love and character, immersing each student in a nurturing environment of shared Catholic experience which is so crucial to our children's faith development.

Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) provides another support to parents looking to deepen and enrich their children's faith life. St. Mary is blessed to have an incredible youth ministry which challenges our children and emphasizes how their faith, words, and actions are relevant in all aspects of their lives. It helps them discuss their faith and defend its teachings in a world which is often hostile to the Catholic viewpoint. One of the reasons St. Mary CYM is so powerful is that parents, parish leadership, and the teens themselves bring support, encouragement, and learning to their faith lives and the lives of others. The teens grow by each other's thoughts, words, and experiences, as well as those of the adults helping out. Since becoming involved in the youth ministry here, my children have noticeably grown in faith, love, and charity. They've participated in WorkCamps, been active in parish activities, and lived lives of which Megan and I are very proud...and they've had fun doing it!

I encourage all St. Mary teens to try out the CYM get-togethers on Sunday or Wednesday evenings during the school year and the many other activities and opportunities for service which are available in CYM. You will encounter people your age who share your beliefs and a bond which you may never have experienced before. You will encounter God in a fun, inspiring environment designed specifically for you.

Several parents assist our youth minister, Leo Chavarria, in small group discussions and many parents cook and serve meals for the CYM get-togethers on Sunday evenings during the school year. Parents act as team leaders and contractors for diocesan WorkCamp every year, teaching the youth about teamwork, hard work, and being a model of Catholic social teaching. I have been working with Leo for several years on a range of activities for the teens. I have been an adult leader for WorkCamp for three years and was the stakeholder last year, working tightly with Leo to ensure that all the many elements of WorkCamp came together and that the teens and the adults had a spiritually fulfilling and fun time helping people in need. All that experience has helped me, too, as I am inspired by the teens and the parents who are shining examples of how to live our lives. I ask every adult in the parish to seriously consider working with the CYM at St. Mary in whatever capacity you are able. It's a good start toward making disciples of all nations.

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 fulfilment 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.



Catechetical Sunday and Profession of Faith

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday in our parish. At three Masses, Saturday at the 7pm vigil Mass and Sunday at the 8:30am and 5pm Masses, catechists will make their annual Profession of Faith, commissioning them 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. Let us all rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Catechists are also specially honored at two special annual parish events: The Parish Volunteers Dinner in October and the Parish Educators' Reception in January.

Religious education classes begin

Religious Education classes begin this week, Monday September 9 to Thursday, September 12. Parents are asked to be with their children. Like last year, we will begin in main hall of the Parish Life Center. After that parents and children will go to the classrooms to meet their catechists.

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.

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 at lori@acumen-ea.com or the church office. 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.

community

next weekend

ice cream social, cakewalk and dance



**4pm Holy Cross Academy doors open
ice cream is served!
drop off cakes for the Cakewalk
live music begins, band: Dixie Power Trio**

4:30 Cake decorating contest judging

4:30 cake contest winners announced

- Best family project cake
- Prettiest cake
- Most unique cake
- Most delicious-looking cake

4:30 Cakewalk begins, until cakes are gone!

Music and ice cream until 7pm.

A favorite parish event every year, mark your calendars for next Sunday, September 14, the feast of the Holy Cross! Bring a cake to share; dance to a live band, cakewalk 'til you drop and enjoy ice cream sundaes as we mark the end of summer and the beginning of a new parish year. 4-7pm at Holy Cross Academy.



community reprise

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.

Saint Anne Sisters in Faith

Please join us Friday, September 12, 2014 as we continue our year of study and fellowship. We are studying the book, *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. Join us for 9am mass followed by fellowship and study at the JPPII house. Fellowship from 9:45-10:00am. Morning prayer and study from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Childcare is available. Please contact Rocio at Rocio.atkinson@gmail.com or Suzi Eggleston at 540-834-0752 if you have any questions

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.

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

Next weekend we 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

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary on Monday, September 8, as we “prepare a place for unity and peace” in Fredericksburg.

Praying with one voice, let us ask God to bring healing to our world and end the divisions that separate peoples.

You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taizé community in France, the second Monday of every month from 8:15 to 9pm.

It is our hope that this monthly prayer brings together Christians of all churches, pastors and flocks, as together we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about unity



among all who follow Jesus, “as he and the Father are one.” It is something we are unable to do ourselves.

This Unity which embraces all people stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...and belongs to the essence of this community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and accomplish this plan for us.

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.

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. You are welcome!

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.

For more information, you can contact the troop at ahgva0128@yahoo.com or visit www.ahgonline.org.

Respect Life Sunday National Life Chain, Oct. 5

The first Life Chain, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by Please Let Me Live, a small pro-life ministry in Yuba City, California. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a Christian call to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that claims over one million American lives annually, and has claimed over sixty million lives worldwide, through surgical abortion. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration. Hundreds of Christians stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs reading Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: The Loving Option, Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation, Life: The First Inalienable Right. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives.

St. Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 5 and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in the Parish Life Center at 2:00pm to pick up our signs and walk up to Route 1, where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Route 3 to College Avenue. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

operations through our gifts

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

september

8 MONDAY

6:30 Tyler Hansen

9am Special Intention

Mi 5:1-4, Mt 1:1-23

9 TUESDAY

6:30 + Stella Stofko

9am + Pedro E. Bernaola

1 Cor 6:1-11, Lk 6:12-19

10 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Roberto & Loreta Canizares

9am + Timothy Hanlon

1 Cor 7:24-31, Lk 6:20-26

11 THURSDAY

6:30 JC & Mary Witham

8:30* Holy Cross Academy

9am + Anne Michaliga

1 Cor 8:1-13, Lk 6:27-38

12 FRIDAY

6:30 Lauren Morrison

9am + Katherine Sheppe

1 Cor 9:16-19, Lk 6:39-42

13 SATURDAY

9am + Blair Norris

5pm + Patricia Laughton

7pm + Robert J. Campbell

1 Cor 10:14-22, Lk 6:43-49

14 SUNDAY

7am Joseph Trinh & Maria Vu

8:30 + M/M Richard Hegarty

10:30 + Michael Chase

10:30* Michele Will

12:30 + Robin Appleton

2pm For the Parish

5pm Ceili Ann Leahy

7:01 Kelly Keiser

Nm 21:4-9, Phil 2:6-11,

Jn 3:13-17

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: 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, 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, Dianne Stephens, MaryBeth Stephens, the Clasen Family, Mary Jean and Don Williams, Stephen Dittmer, Mary Ullmer, Charlie Catalano, Billie Stewart, Lisa Storm, Charles Lee, Irene Sweeney, Marcella Sowiejka, Carlita Aberle, Daniel and Forrest Theiss, Ed Buzicky, Kati Johnston, Marianne Ford, Richard Fadden, the Carlos Ortiz Family

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, 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
31 August 2014 \$32,131.

Poor Box / Vincent de Paul 344.

Scrip profit 8/11-24 248.

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.

Religious Education Collection

The Second Collection next weekend is for Religious Education. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, parish expenses for our Religious Education Program were \$33,076.37; funds received through the Religious Education Collection were \$8,837.15. This collection helps offset the expense of our parish program, and your generosity in supporting the faith formation of our children is sincerely appreciated.

Children's 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 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.

we are called to share

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.

Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: 15 September
Food Pick-Up: 27 September

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

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

Shopping for September:

Value Package (\$21 + 2 hrs community service)

Fresh produce including potatoes and onions, and the season's best fruits and vegetables, and your featured proteins:

- Split Chicken Breasts
- Chicken Drums
- Bacon (low sodium)
- Pollock Filets
- All natural Chicken Nuggets

Sirloin Steaks (8 steaks) (\$13 + 2 hrs community service)

- ranch style, all natural beef sirloin

Breakfast Flatbread (20) (\$13 + 2 hrs community service)

- Easy to prepare, delicious, Schwann's breakfast flatbread sandwiches of egg, turkey sausage and cheese, each individually wrapped. Great for a quick breakfast or afternoon snack.

Menu items are always subject to change. When we must substitute, we try to give better value.



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$21)
_____ x \$21. = \$_____

8 Sirloin Steaks (\$13)
_____ x \$13. = \$_____

20 Breakfast Flatbreads (\$13)
_____ x \$13. = \$_____

TOTAL: \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ zip _____

email _____

cell/phone _____

Community Service Hours:

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

PAYMENT METHODS:

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