



**Twenty-fifth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**Parish Life
Weekend**

21 sept 2014



what's coming



september

21 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE WEEKEND: Parish Ministry Representative are present in tents outside church at Masses. CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center. Scrip Sales after Masses.

22 Monday, Weekday

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

23 Tuesday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina ("Padre Pio"), priest

24 Wednesday, Weekday

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

25 Thursday, Weekday

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

9:45am, Matthew Bible Study begins, Courtyard Meeting Room.

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

26 Friday, Weekday (Saints Cosmas and Damian, martyrs)

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms' Group), JP II House.

7pm, Bunco, Parish Life Center Main Hall.

27 Saturday, St. Vincent de paul, priest

9:30am, Health Ministry Walking Program, Saint Mary Parking Lot.

PARISH LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY at Vigil Masses: Offer your commitments of time, talent and treasure at the second collection.

"Risk Jesus 2014," Diocesan Evangelization Program at Hylton Memorial Chapel, Woodbridge.

28 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY at all Masses: Offer your commitments of time, talent and treasure at the second collection.

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Homeless Shelter Dinners)

11:30am, New Parishioner Welcome and Registration, Church.

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

6:45pm, "Fraternity: Foundation and Pathway to Peace" Interreligious program, St. Francis of Assisi, Triangle

29 Monday, Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

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

30 Tuesday, Saint Jerome, priest, doctor

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

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1 Wednesday, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

1pm, Mary Bible Study begins, Courtyard Meeting Room.

7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Bible Study begins, Courtyard Meeting Room.

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

2 Thursday, Holy Guardian Angels

8am, Preschool Grandparents' Day, Parish Life Center.

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

9:45am, Matthew Bible Study begins, Courtyard Meeting Room.

6:30pm, Prayers and Squares, Parish Life Center 100.

7pm, Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center 202.

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

7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center 204.

7:30pm, Presentation on Divorce, Annulment and Remarriage with Fr. Mealey, church.

3 Friday, Weekday

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms' Group), JP II House.

8pm, First Friday Mass followed by all-night adoration, church

4 Saturday, Saint Francis of Assisi, religious

9:30am, Life Decisions Presentation, Parish Life Center.

nota bene (note well, please):

✚ **Parish Life Weekend** is this weekend. Take advantage of our time to visit with ministry leaders and representatives outside under the tents about various ministries — and choose one for your commitment this year. Remember to bring your commitment card to Masses next weekend, December 27-28 for Commitment Sunday. This is the time of year when we make an account of our activity and make resolutions of prayer, service and support of our parish mission.

✚ **Adult formation classes start in earnest** this week and next. Please look in the bulletin for information - most require registration in advance! One Bible Study begins this Thursday, and next week one on Wednesday and two more on Thursday begin.

✚ **Fr. Mealey's presentation on Marriage and the Annulment Process** will be held Thursday evening, Oct. 2. Please, if you or someone you know needs to come back to the sacraments, plan to attend. Also, **Our presentation on Life Decisions** is coming again on Saturday, Oct. 4. Please see p. 8 for details.

✚ **Don't forget the Saint Francis Feast Day Animal Blessing** on Saturday, October 4 in the parking lot in front of the church.

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm
10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY MASS Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am
First Friday 8pm
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm
Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm
All Night Adoration, First Friday
Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass
Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSION Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE 540-373-6491, fax 371-0251
stmary@stmaryfred.org
Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm;
students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney
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Fr. Stephen Holmes
Fr. Lino Rico Rostro
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Director, Leo Chavarria

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

BAPTISMS Parish registration (90 days) and class required.
Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.

MARRIAGE Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

JOIN US New Family Registration meetings held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

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

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

It was a flawless day, I don't remember having had such a perfect day for the Ice Cream Social Cakewalk and Dance. I found myself standing back, looking at what we have done in building this community and felt a deep sense of joy. Here, at least, was a capsule of peace, where people could come together and just enjoy the afternoon, the ice cream and one another, kids could run around in safety and real connections were made among people.

If only it were so everywhere – right? We are so grateful that God has given so much to us, but we are also painfully aware that it is not so in many places in the world. The stories of human cruelty and suffering multiply daily becoming uncountable instances of desperate need. What can we possibly do to help ease their sadness and suffering? To make the world a safe and peaceful place for all God's children?

Of course, we reach out in whatever way we can. And we pray. When I was writing the intercessions for Mass last week this idea was on my heart, and we prayed: "That the wrongs that others do may NOT be kept alive in us in the form of discrimination, judgment and hatred; that we may be examples of Christ's love, we pray to the Lord." I think this is the most difficult aspect of evil and sin, that its damage can cause us to sin, too, as we are dealing with its effects. We can decide to keep the effects of

these sins alive and damaging. Sins of hatred must not cause others to hate; it is easy to fall into this trap. Then evil has won the day.

But if we were able to respond in love? Well, that is the idea we are all familiar with, but it is not so easy in action as it is in concept. "Hate the sin but love the sinner" is a hard teaching.

We can't condemn whole peoples or cultures for what we are seeing happening around us, no matter how horrible the images on television or unthinkable the reports. Terrible crimes have been committed in the name of religion – ours, too – ever since human beings have been involved. It isn't the religion driving it, ever; it is in the evil choices of extremists who have hijacked truth and twisted its interpretation to their purposes.

But we must condemn the actions and do what we can to prevent them, together, and do everything we can to make sure that the actions end there.

In response, then, we must be people of truth who reveal it in our own lives. We seek it in others, and respond to it in love when it is found. We encourage it, we teach it and form it in our young people and learn it from the wisdom of our elders. And we keep alive in our memories the beautiful afternoon and the gathering of family and friends as a reminder that God continues to bless, and to guide us.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*



holy cross academy



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School, 2012*

The confluence of science and art

At Holy Cross, science lessons come alive indoors and out. Students in 7th grade enjoy peering at microscopic views of our world. As they look at each slide, they learn how to compare it to others and how all things in our world are both different and alike. Along with the wonder that this creates, students call upon their analytical skills to differentiate between living things and discover the interrelatedness of all of creation.

Our third graders enjoy exploring our beautiful campus and find ways to integrate their love of art into their nature collections. Iris pods become tiny vases and flowers falling from crepe myrtles combine into lovely arrangements. Students eagerly gather up acorns and other riches of late summer as they explore gardens and fields.

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.holycross-web.com. For Saint 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 started 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!

These cakewalk cakes rocked

Record numbers of parishioners turned out on the beautiful afternoon last Sunday for the Saint Mary 2014 Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk and Dance. So many cakes, so little time. Thanks to all our school PTO and staff, CCW women and Sisters for their support and hard work that made the afternoon such a success.

*Award Winners
(top to bottom):*

Most Unique

Prettiest

Best Family Project

*Most Delicious
Looking*



rite of christian initiation for adults

The RCIA Program has begun.

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 Saint Mary RCIA program began 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 Eucharist and Confirmation. The parish will offer a separate Adult Confirmation class in late fall for baptized Catholics who have received 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!

education religious ed



First Week of Religious Education Classes

The first week of classes began with Catechetical Sunday when the catechists were presented to the parish community and made their annual Profession of Faith.

Classes began with a gathering of students and parents in the main hall of the Parish Life Center. After the Opening Prayer the parents were thanked for making Religious Education very important in the lives of their children. The following were also discussed: Participating in the life of the parish community, expectations and charities Religious Education supports.

After the gathering parents were invited to accompany their children to their classrooms to meet their catechists and be briefed about the school year.



watch what's coming

Find useful resources for faith and life with our adult education series of classes and formation events this year

For more details about classes which are beginning very soon, please visit the education booth outside Mass today and ask for a flyer, or view our bulletin from last week online at www.stmaryfred.org:

formation events

October 2: Annulment Workshop

Fr. Mark Mealey of the Arlington Tribunal returns with his presentation on divorce, remarriage and the annulment process. Don't live outside the sacraments; there is a process, and people who want to help. Call to register.

October 4: Life Decisions Presentation: Making Life Decisions Guided by Your Catholic Faith

Join Fr. Don Rooney, David Mathers, Regis Keddie and Bob Mueller of the Diocesan Development Office for a seminar on end-of-life planning which includes liturgical, sacramental, medical and financial planning. Let us know you are coming: 9:30-1pm in the Parish Life Center.

Often the Liturgical and Sacramental needs and expectations of the Church are not conveyed or discussed until our mortality is upon us or a loved one. Please join us on October 4 for an informative talk on how our faith handles end-of-life issues. Fr. Don Rooney and Mr. David Mathers, Director of Sacred Music, will discuss the importance and the purpose of the Anointing of the Sick, planning of the traditional Vigil, the Mass of Christian Burial, the Rite of Committal at the cemetery and the interment/burial practices of the Church. We have a very rich sacramental tradition that is often overlooked, particularly if our surviving spouse or family member(s) are not familiar with our faith tradition. We will also discuss, Catholic Advance Medical Directives as outlined by the Church and Planned Giving and Estate Planning.

Mr. Robert Mueller, Director of Development for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington will discuss the importance of personal planning and the legal steps required for Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Charitable Gift Planning and a review of the Advance Medical Directive.

Catholic Advanced Medical Directive brochures, Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Workbooks and Funeral Planning materials will be available at the seminar and this information can also be found in the Parish Information Center in the vestibule of the Church and the Parish Website. We will meet in the Parish Life Center after the 9am Mass. RSVPs are suggested but not required to the Parish Office by Monday, September 29 or via email to stmary@stmaryfred.org.

November 14-16: Men & Women's Retreat

at Loyola on the Potomac in Faulkner, Maryland, "Behold the Face of God" is this year's theme. Explore the Ignatian principles of being contemplatives in action, finding God in all things. Contact Len or Sylvia Fontenot, 540-663-2261 or email lensyl1966@verizon.net. To register go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com.

The retreats begin on Friday with check in and Confessions from 5-6:30pm, an orientation at 6:45pm and dinner at 7pm and conclude with lunch on Sunday following Mass. The suggested offering for the Retreat is \$235, but only \$185 for first-time retreatants. A payment plan is available.

other Saint Mary retreat dates:

Men's Retreat: 6-8 March 2015 (during Lent).

Women's Retreat: 13-15 March 2015 (during Lent).

education series

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, good for all
Mondays starting September 8
7:30-8:15pm in the church.

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Catholic Bible study of Matthew's Gospel.
Thursdays starting September 25 (23 weeks)
9:45-11:45am, Courtyard Meeting Room.

Choosing the Better Part: Walking with Purpose 101 (Year 1)

Thursdays starting October 2 (22 weeks)
7:15-8:30pm in Parish Life Center 204.
Bible study and a weekly meeting.

Keeping in Balance (Year 2)

Wednesdays starting October 1 (22 weeks)
7:15-8:30pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room.
Bible study for those who have completed the Walking with Purpose 101 class.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother
Wednesdays starting October 1 (8 weeks)
1-3pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room.

The powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows.

Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus

is a bookstudy working with the "Called and Gifted" program that will be led by Fr. Don Rooney **Sundays beginning October 5 3:30-4:45pm in the church.**

Walking Group begins next Saturday

From your parish nurse.

September 27 is the start day of walking for your health. It will be fun and rewarding for mind and spirit. I am looking forward to see you all.

We purchased six copies of a spiritual walking book to guide and inspire us with this journey. This book, *Christ Walk: A 40 Day Spiritual Fitness Program*, is available to borrow a week at a time from the Parish Library. This will give an opportunity for every one to share. Please call your Parish Nurse if you wish to sign out a copy.

Let's go over a few Safety reminders.

1. Wear appropriate shoes. They will keep you balanced.
2. Walk in pairs. This is to make sure you both are looking out for each other while you share your thoughts about the *Christ Walk* book you have read.
3. Please pace yourself. This is not a Race. Listen to your body. Every one is a Winner.
4. Distance is up to your discretion. The walking path is marked every ½ mile with markers up to three miles.
5. You can walk on your own any day of the week if you wish. Jot down your mileage for your own record. It will be encouraging to see how far you improved if this your first time.
6. Please Eat Breakfast. Your body needs fuel.

This organized walk is every Saturday after 9am Mass starting September 27, ending November 1.

On November 8 your Health Ministry Team of Nurses will re-check your numbers if you wish. There will be \$10 fee for this re-check to cover the cost of the cholesterol kits.

Please call the Parish Nurses for more information: 540-845-3031.

6th annual **RUN FOR FOOD 5k & Inaugural PAWS IN TIME DOG WALK**
 benefiting
 Fredericksburg Area Food Bank & Fredericksburg SPCA



Saturday, September 27, 2014
 at the **FREDERICKSBURG FAIR GROUNDS**

Join the FUN at the
CVTV Launch Party & **DAY TO SERVE** Community Projects

7 am: registration opens
 pre-register online at runforfood5k.org
 8am: 5k race begins
 9am: **CVTV** launch party starts
DAY TO SERVE community projects underway
 (see service project list at runforfood5k.org)
 11am: dog walk and costume contest begin

Entry donation: non-perishable food items for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank
 dog or cat food for the Fredericksburg SPCA and area shelters.

September 27, 2014
 is a **DAY TO SERVE**

DAY TO SERVE is a regional collaboration and interfaith effort between Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, & The District of Columbia.

DONATE your time at some of the many service booth stations set up to benefit area charities. Eye glasses and cell phones will be collected. See runforfood5k.org for details.

JOIN THE EFFORT and register for the Run For Food 5k benefiting the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank and Paws in Time Dog Walk for the Fredericksburg SPCA and local animal shelters.

PARTICIPANTS of all ages and abilities welcome; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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 Fredericksburg Interfaith Council, CVTV, Fredericksburg Fair Grounds, Fredericksburg SPCA, and VA Runner

community invitations

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).

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.

Respect Life Sunday National Life Chain, Oct. 5

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. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives.

Saint Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 5 from 2–3:30pm, and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in the Parish Life Center at 2pm 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.

Birthright evening Open House

Birthright of Fredericksburg, Inc. invites interested men and women to an evening dessert at 7:30pm on Monday, September 29, to learn more about Fredericksburg's first pro-life pregnancy center that has been operated totally by volunteers since 1976. A short film and a discussion of the Birthright Charter will give attendees a clear idea of its mission. For those who choose to continue volunteer training, two sessions at the office on Lafayette Boulevard will be scheduled in October. Come and learn more about this international organization and how you might contribute your time and talent. Registration is a must by Sept. 26: Email birthrightfred@gmail.com or leave a message on the office phone: 540-898-8558.

Plan now for CCW Pilgrimage

All parishioners are welcome to join in the annual pilgrimage, sponsored by Saint Mary CCW, this year to America's First Cathedral, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. The trip will include Mass celebrated by Fr. Lino, a tour of the Basilica as well as visiting the beautiful Pope John Paul II Prayer Garden adjacent to the Basilica, and the lovely gift shop. You are invited to experience one of America's most historic houses of worship, and a masterpiece of American architecture, built from 1806-1821, and restored in 2006 to its original design, as envisioned by America's first bishop John Carroll, and as planned by renowned architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe. There will be time in the afternoon for lunch and to enjoy the Inner Harbor of Baltimore.

The bus will be leaving Saint Mary at 8am on Saturday, November 15, returning by 6pm. Cost will be \$24 which includes the bus and entrance donation of \$2. You may reserve a seat (\$24) at the parish office or at the CCW meeting in September or October. Please reserve early as we expect the bus to fill quickly.

Don't forget ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes!

Saint Mary participates in the regional program of classes for people of all nationalities seeking to learn the English language. Two levels of English classes are offered, and are held in the Saint Mary Parish Life Center on Sundays from Noon to 2pm. For more information, please contact the coordinator, Ray Houpt at rjdhoupt@msn.com

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

TAKE THE FIRST STEP. BRING A FRIEND.

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



**MOST REVEREND
PAUL S. LOVERDE**

Author of *Go Faith with Hearts on Fire*. Bishop Loverde was ordained in 1965 and appointed Bishop of Arlington by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1999.



JENNIFER FULWILER

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



**FR. DWIGHT
LONGENECKER**

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



MARIE MILLER

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



FR. JUAN PUIGBÓ

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



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Weekly Offertory

14 Sept. 2014 Offertory	33,602.
11 Sept. Faith Direct Deposit	24,780.
Religious Education Fund	8,035.
Middle East Crisis (add'l)	1,238.
Poor Box / Vincent de Paul	118.

*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.*

Catholic University of America Collection Next Weekend, Sept. 27-28

Next weekend is the Annual Collection for the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States – The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Founded in 1887, Catholic University is the only higher education institution founded by the US Bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for more than 4,000 students from dioceses across the country, including many from the Diocese of Arlington. Your generous support is appreciated.

First Fridays with St. Mary Young Adults

Saint Mary Young Adults are attending First Friday Mass and Adoration on October 3 at 8pm. All those age 21–39 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 events and activities, please contact Allison Gatrone at St-MaryYA@gmail.com to join our email list.

Attention Crafters

It's that time of year again! Our Annual Craft Bazaar is October 25–26. We need your hand-made crafts. If you have items you have made and wish to donate them you can bring them to us on Thursday mornings in Room 100, Parish Life Center or to the church office. Any questions get in touch with [Wanda Cushing at wcushing@verizon.net](mailto:WandaCushing@verizon.net) or call her at 373-9184.

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!

Knights of Columbus Annual Yard Sale Saturday, 7am-1pm

Donations are still needed and can still be dropped off Friday, September 26 at the KofC Hall.

The Knights also invite you to come by, bring your friends and neighbors and hopefully find some things you need at very reasonable prices.

We have lots of furniture, appliances, TV's, clothes, shoes, purses, books, movies, small electronics, sports equipment, toys, kitchen & bathroom items, garden items, mowers, and much more.

Directions to KofC Council Hall from Saint Mary: Take Rt. 1 south; turn right on Harrison Road; Council hall is on left approximately 200 yards from Rt. 1 (just past the Community Center) at 4724 Harrison Road.

Contact Tim Fleming at yard-sale@kofc4034.org with any questions about the event.

Proceeds from the Yard Sale help the Knights support the church and the community throughout the Holiday season.

Bunco Season: get ready

On Friday evening, September 26 at 7pm, this season's Bunco games begin. All Parish adults are invited to come join in the fun. Cost is \$6 most of which is returned in the form of prizes, a small amount goes toward refreshments. We play in the Parish Life Center and will be happy to have you join us!

Movie screening

The Pro-Life Club of St. Michael the Archangel High School cordially invites you to a special, on-campus screening of the movie "40." This free presentation will take place Wednesday, September 24, at 7pm. The address is 6301 Campus Drive.

Pro-life reflection

"Humanae Vitae" is much more than a "birth control" encyclical. It declares and reaffirms the very meaning of human life as a sacred gift from God. We find our fulfillment precisely in welcoming, nurturing, and giving ourselves away for that gift of life. By capturing this vision of life, prohibitions on abortion and contraception make sense as pieces of a greater picture. *Jesus, You fill the world with life.*

outreach & we are called in love

REAP Scholarship Grants

The Religious Education Assistance Program (REAP) is a scholarship grant program developed and administered by Fredericksburg Council #4034 of the Knights of Columbus. The purpose of the program is to support Catholic school education by providing financial assistance in the form of grants to families who, because of financial difficulties, are unable to fully pay the current year's tuition at Holy Cross Academy, Saint John Paul the Great High School, or St. Michael High School. The student's effort and potential for academic success is also an important consideration. This program does not provide financial assistance for students enrolled in the parish Religious Education Program.

Grants up to the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded. Grants are for the current academic year only. Families may reapply for new grants in succeeding academic years if financial difficulties persist or recur. Scholarship grants awarded under this program will be paid directly to the appropriate school.

For information about eligibility, information required, and how to start the process, registered Saint Mary families should contact Mr. Kevin Doyle, Council 4034 Church Activities Director, at kgdoyle@verizon.net. Applicants must act quickly, applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 21.



St. Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Lily Rubbo, Krystal Finch, Dory Henderson, Robert Epp, Mina Logan, Romalie Vonaime, David Vonaime, Helen Kozyra, Debbie Lloyd, 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, Martha Ferrara, Harold Gardner, Betty Ann & Bill Fatina, the Goldsmith Family, Shaun Williams, Lori Horner, Heidi Wilbrandt, Josephine Kreider, Sr. Marie de Chantal

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

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

september

22 MONDAY

6:30 + Ernesto Vibar
9am + Richard Salazar
Prv 3:27-34, Lk 8:16-18

23 TUESDAY

6:30 + Bernardo Tan
9am Adam & Catherine Clagett
Prv 21:1-13, Lk 8:19-21

24 WEDNESDAY

6:30 + Patrick L. Petro, Sr.
9am David Mathers
Prv 30:5-9, Lk 9:1-6

25 THURSDAY

6:30 Joe & Wendy Guthrie
8:30* Karla & Mick Polce
9am + Kenneth Schmitz
Eccl 1:2-11, Lk 9:7-9

26 FRIDAY

6:30 + Ronnie Davis
9am Wade Mahaffey
Eccl 11:9-12:8, Lk 9:43-45

27 SATURDAY

9am + Kenneth Schmitz
5pm + Stefan Wolanski
7pm The Justin Carter Family
Eccl 3:1-11, Lk 9:18-22

28 SUNDAY

7am + Theresa Boehringer
8:30 + Addie Comerford
10:30 Bob Rooney
10:30* + Timothy E. Hanlon
12:30 Military Living & Deceased
2pm + All Souls
5pm + Maude Anna Minnear
7:01 For the Parish
Ez 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, Mt 21:28-32

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