

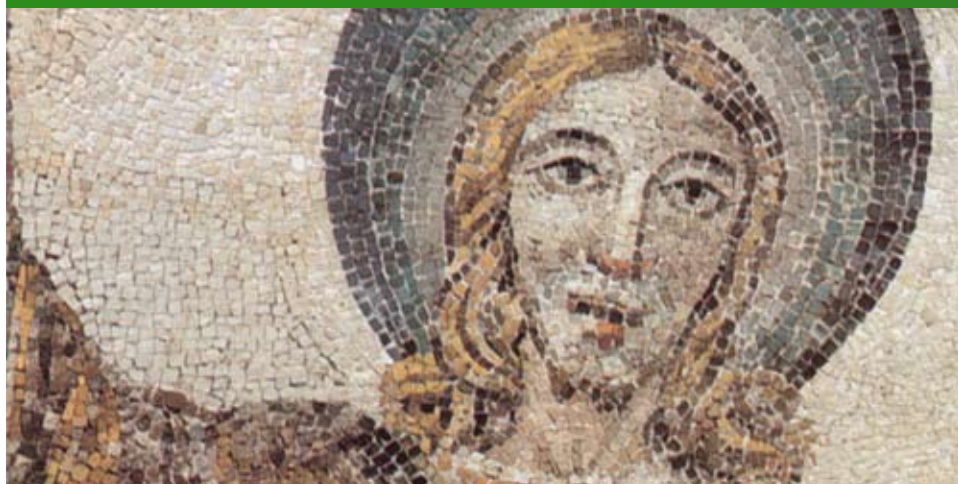


**Twenty-sixth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Commitment  
Weekend**

**28 sept 2014**

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



# what's coming



## september

### 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 Parish, 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.

## october

### 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, Divorce, Annulment and Remarriage with Fr. Mealey (if sufficient response, see p. 3), 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.

9:30am, Health Ministry Walking Program begins at Saint Mary parking lot.

10am, Blessing of Animals for feast of Saint Francis, Stafford Avenue parking lot (in front of office).

2:30pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center 204.

6-8:30pm, Knights of Columbus Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

SCRIP Sales after Masses.

### 5 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Girl Scouts).

11:30-3:30pm, Receptions welcoming Fr. Lino to the Arlington Diocese, Parish Life Center.

2-3:30pm, Annual Life Chain, meet outside Parish Life Center.

3:15pm, Spanish Marriage Preparation, Parish Life Center 204.

3:30-4:45pm, *Making Intentional Disciples* (Called and Gifted) Discussion Group with Fr. Rooney begins, church.

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

Scrip Sales after Masses.

### 6 Monday, Weekday

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

### 7 Tuesday, Our Lady of the Rosary

### 8 Wednesday, Weekday

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

6pm, Catechist Training, Parish Life Center.

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

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

*nota bene (note well, please):*

✚ **Commitment Sunday is today.** Remember to offer your commitment card at Masses this weekend. If you forgot, please mail it in or bring it to the office. Thanks. We ask everyone in the parish to make a positive commitment to living faith in love.

✚ **More adult formation classes are starting** this week. Please look in the bulletin for information - one Bible Study begins on Wednesday and two more begin on Thursday.

✚ **Both Fr. Mealey's presentation on Marriage and the Annulment Process** (Thursday evening, Oct. 2) **and our Seminar on Life Decisions** (Saturday, Oct. 4) will be held depending upon response. At the time of this printing, we have not had any registrations. If you wish to attend, please call the office and leave your contact information so we may notify you if the meetings are to be held at a later date.

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

✚ **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.

**PARISH OFFICE** 540-373-6491, fax 371-0251  
stmary@stmaryfred.org  
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*Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm*

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Fr. Keith Cummings  
Fr. Stephen Holmes  
Fr. Lino Rico Rostro  
Deacon Alberto Bernaola  
Deacon Dick Delio

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250 Stafford Lakes Parkway  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234  
Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.

**ST. MARY PRESCHOOL** 373-7553  
Director, Nanci Scharf

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** 373-6491  
Director, Aristides Lucas  
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

**YOUTH MINISTRY** 373-6491  
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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## from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

First of all, I hope everyone had a chance to stop by the ministry booths under the tents outside Mass last weekend. What a wonderful, generous group of people and what a beautiful spirit seemed to fill the event. Our thanks to all the ministry leaders and representatives who gave up a good part of a weekend to tell our parish story. My special thanks go to the coordinators of the day: Dawn Miller, Beth Merriman, Patti Kaila and Rick Caporali. Thank you!

This weekend is Commitment Sunday, when we take all that we have learned about opportunity and decide what we plan to do about it this coming year. You'll notice on the commitment card that there are places to state your intentions to be involved in the parish life of prayer, service in ministry and faithful support of the parish mission that is the life of the Gospel and the salvation of souls. Please, again—each and all—consider doing at least one thing this year as a sign of your good will and thanks for God's love for you. We have been given so many gifts in love, and are called to use them to advance God's plan in loving service.

Commitment, Abraham Lincoln said, is what transforms a promise into reality. I'm pretty sure he wasn't speaking directly about the spiritual life, but it is a fascinating reflection when you consider the ways we are invited to respond to God's promise. The realization

of God's promises always requires a personal investment of self, an offering, a giving away. God doesn't accomplish anything in our lives or the life of our parish without us, fully involved.

Consider a vocation, and how a vocation can't be successful without a commitment. You could have a vocation as a mom or dad, or as a priest or religious, or even as a peacemaker or teacher, but it means nothing if you don't respond. The word *vocation*, based on the Latin word *voco, vocare* (to call), has intrinsic to its meaning that someone has to *answer* the call. Otherwise it is of no value, unfulfilled.

This Thursday we keep in our prayers one of our parishioners, Joe Farrell, and our seminarian from this summer, Rich Miserendino, both of whom will be ordained as transitional deacons at Saint Peter Basilica in Rome by Archbishop Donald Wuerl of D.C. We pray for their commitment in this step toward being ordained priests here in Arlington next June, and for our church and the commitments we make. May they be a good example and source of inspiration for all of us to follow through with the good intentions we have, to follow God's will in our lives and, by our actions, transform God's promise for us and our parish into reality. Congratulations, Joe and Rich!

On a final note, I promised a parishioner that I would mention his disappointment when he came back to his vehicle after the 8:30am Sunday Mass and found that someone had backed into it and driven off, leaving considerable damage. This is not the first time this has happened, sadly. There were other instances of rude behavior which people related. We can only apologize for the parking lot we have for so long. It is all we have. If you do not wish to be parked in, it would be wise not to park in a place where that will likely happen. Choose one of the spaces along the trees, or on a street nearby. Above all, let us make the commitment to take responsibility for our mistakes, and be charitable and kind with each other and with our neighbors.

God bless you.

*Fr. Dom*

*Rich Miserendino,  
Bishop Loverde  
and Joe Farrell*



# holy cross academy



A National  
Blue Ribbon  
School, 2012

## ...let it begin with me...

Fourth graders at Holy Cross Academy take the challenge to care for our earth seriously. After our school Mass on September 11, some of the students were inspired by the lyrics from "Let There Be Peace on Earth." As the children joined in the final line, "*and let it begin with me*" they decided that it was time for them to take action in making our world a better place.

The students asked our principal Sr. Susan Louise where they could plant some flower seeds. A small flower bed was made available and they brought the tools and seeds from home. Each day at recess, one of the class gardeners waters the plants and checks on them. A group of about 12 children does a daily litter check around the school property, also during their recess time. Each class has been given a poster encouraging them to take care of the earth, planting flowers and trees and cleaning up litter wherever it may be found. There is even a sign on the principals' office proclaiming, "The Principal of a Cleaner World."

With our young people taking the initiative to care for our earth, we have great hope for the future of our world.

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](http://www.holycrossweb.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.





parish life

# the vineyard is open

## Parish Life Weekend best yet

Last weekend parishioners got to know about more than 80 ministries after all the Masses, and spoke with representatives and leaders to talk about the possibilities of getting involved in the life and mission of the Church. This weekend is Commitment Sunday, when we take action about how we will pray, serve and support at the parish during the coming year.



*You are cordially invited,  
all who have volunteered at  
Saint Mary or Holy Cross  
during the past year,  
to come to our eighth annual  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*

*Dinner and dancing,  
Thursday, the 23rd of October  
6pm at Holy Cross Academy*



## religious ed

## youth

**Teaching Masses**

This year our Teaching Masses will be held on Tuesday, October 7 and Thursday, October 9 at 6:30pm in the church. Last year our pastor, Fr. Rooney did an excellent job of helping us appreciate the deep and profound rituals at Mass. These rituals are much more profound than what appears on the surface so it is essential that they be explained to us regularly. Parents are urged to bring their children to one of these Teaching Masses as it will also count as a class.

**Catechist Training**

The next catechist training session will be on Wednesday, October 8, at 6pm in the Parish Life Center. We will continue exploring Evangelization with Fr. Cummings. Many Catholics are not practicing their faith because evangelization is taken for granted or inadequate. Our parish is an evangelizing parish. Let us keep it this way.

**Children's Offertory Envelope**

Since classes began there has been tremendous increase in the number of children's offertory envelopes coming in. Let us continue encouraging our children to put their quarter into a Children's Offertory Envelope when they come to Mass. Some are bringing it to class and giving it to their catechist.

**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](mailto: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!



*This is our way of saying "Thank you for all that you do!"*  
There is no cost for the meal and dress is casual. Seating is limited, adults only, please. To make your reservation, please RSVP to the parish office, 540-373-6491 or to Fr. Rooney at [frrooney@stmaryfred.org](mailto:frrooney@stmaryfred.org) by Monday, October 20.

# education

## adult classes

### 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 view our bulletin from last week online at [www.stmaryfred.org](http://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: 9:30–11:30am 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, full Rite of Christian Burial, and teachings 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 Advance 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. Please RSVP—to be sure we will have enough materials—to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, October 1 or by email to [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org). Thanks.

##### November 14-16: Men's & 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](mailto:lensyl1966@verizon.net). To register go to [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://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

##### 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.** It is important that we hear from you no later than Monday, September 29 if you are coming, please register at office with a \$10 fee for the book and study guide.



Both workshops on **Annulments** and **Life Decisions** will be postponed until a later date if we do not receive sufficient registrations. Please register soon, and leave your contact information so we may notify you if these classes are not held this week. Thanks.



**please detach this parish life commitment card and return it! thanks.**

*Lord, you know my thoughts before I think them.* Please read about each of the ministries listed below in the Parish Renewal Handbook. After you sign up, you will be contacted by the area leader to explain how to get involved.

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# TREASURE

**I will support my parish financially.**

*Lord, your goodness fills my life. We find fulfillment in faith when we share with others what we have. Each household at St. Mary is asked to work toward making a certain giving goal each year in order to provide a stable parish budget allowing for growth, perhaps based on the 10% Biblical tithe.*

Prayerfully consider this possibility:

*5% for our Parish of St. Mary  
1% for the work of the Diocese  
4% to other charities.*

Examples: Annual Income      Weekly Gift

\$30,000	\$29
\$50,000	\$48
\$70,000	\$67
\$100,000	\$96

**My Gift to my church, St. Mary:**

\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually

The option of electronic giving is offered through *Faith Direct*. If you wish to enroll, visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) online. Our parish code is VA635.



**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## GIVEN IN LOVE. CALLED IN LOVE. Saint Mary 2014-2015 Commitment Card

First and Last Name (please, one card per family)

Street Address

City ST Zip

Telephone (important)

email address (please print)

### Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

Please prayerfully consider your response to God's call this year to renewal and service. For each member of the family, consider one activity (or more) and indicate their name in the blanks before each ministry in the list.

All are asked to fill out this card – if you are already involved in a ministry we ask that you renew your commitment by marking the box "NOW". If it is a new ministry you are going to try, please mark the box "NEW".

**Bring this card to Masses on September 27-28, Parish Commitment Sunday, or mail it to us using the envelope provided. Thanks, and God bless you for your involvement in our parish community!**

## TIME

**My commitment: time with God in prayer.**

*Lord, I want to know you more. We are only alive in God as much as we are willing to be involved in prayer. Only then are we prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.*

*For the coming year, I intend to:*

- ☐ Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
- ☐ Attend weekday Mass at least once a week.
- ☐ Spend 15 minutes a day in private prayer.
- ☐ Invite a friend or acquaintance to Mass.
- ☐ Pray together with my family before meals.
- ☐ Pray a daily ☐ weekly rosary with my family.
- ☐ Discuss our Catholic Faith with my children.
- ☐ Teach my children our prayers.
- ☐ Read Sacred Scripture for one hour a week.
- ☐ Spend an hour in Adoration each week.
- ☐ Bring my family for Adoration once a month.
- ☐ Read Scripture with my spouse each day.
- ☐ Go to confession at least every 2 or 3 months.

# around the parish

## October 4 Blessing of Animals, 10am

The traditional blessing of animals for the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi will take place on Saturday, October 4 at 10am in the parking lot at the statue of Saint Francis in front of the Parish Office Building. Please park away from the building to allow space for our "rambunctious" pets. Please also come prepared to clean up after your pet in case of "accidents." All animals should be contained or leashed, please.

## 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.

## Celebration for Fr. Lino

All parishioners are invited to celebrate with Father Lino who, although serving in our diocese for a decade, has just recently been *incardinated*, or accepted fully by Bishop Loverde as a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, no longer on loan from the Diocese of San Luis Potosi in Mexico. Congratulations, Fr. Lino!

Receptions will be held on Sunday, October 5, following the 10:30am and 12:30 and 2pm Masses.

## 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 restored in 2006 to its original design, as envisioned by America's first bishop John Carroll and 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.

## Senior Luncheon October 14

The next parish senior luncheon will be held at the Parish Life Center on Tuesday, October 14 from Noon to 3pm. All Seniors in the parish are invited. If you plan to attend, please call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580 by October 13 so we can best prepare for the luncheon. Entertainment will be provided. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish.

## Parish Book Club

The parish book club will meet at 10am October 14 at the John Paul II House to discuss *What Is the Point of Being a Christian* by Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP. The book was awarded the 2007 Michael Ramsey Prize for the theological writing. More information: Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or [bmah761569@aol.com](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com)

## 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 World-wide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 14-16 in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-378-4150.

## Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

El sábado 22 y domingo 23 de noviembre se llevará a cabo el fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial en el Hotel Holiday Inn Dulles Expo, en Chantilly, Virginia. Inicia el sábado a las 7:15 de la mañana y termina el domingo a las 5 de la tarde. Si desea más información comuníquese al 703-273-0875 o al correo electrónico [macastrober@gmail.com](mailto:macastrober@gmail.com)



# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

21 Sept. 2014 Offertory	31,360.
Parish Building Fund	11,372.
Religious Education (add'l)	1,854.
Poor Box / Vincent de Paul	206.
Scrip profit 9/15-21	119.
YTD	433.

*Thank you for your generosity!  
Please remember to use your Offertory  
Envelopes to ensure the accuracy of  
your end-of-year statement. The "Child-  
ren's Envelope" proceeds will not be  
recorded on family statements.*

## Porto Charities Annual Collection for God's Special Children October 4-5

The month of October has been designated as Disabilities Awareness Month, and Bishop Loverde has once again endorsed Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. Next Sunday there will be a second collection to assist special need programs such as the Paul VI High School, Pope John Paul the Great and St. Mark's School Special Education Options Program, the Helen Keller Institute, Gabriel Home, Special Olympics, and the "Keyboard for Kids" program which provides audio visual communication capability to special needs students in the diocese. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, their families and this entire diocese. Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. All checks should be made payable to Saint Mary Catholic Church.

## Children's October charity

The charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to

strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education.

## 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 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 fami-

lies should contact Mr. Kevin Doyle, Council 4034 Church Activities Director, at [kgdoyle@verizon.net](mailto:kgdoyle@verizon.net). Applicants must act quickly, applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 21.

## Retreat Day at the Basilica with Young Adults Oct. 11

Saint Mary Young Adults are taking our annual trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for a retreat day on Saturday, October 11. Please join us for a day of prayer and exploration of the largest church in North America. Among the activities: Mass, Confessions, group and individual prayer time, and a tour of the Basilica. Carpooling will be available. For more information, please join our email list by emailing Allison Gatrone at [StMaryYA@gmail.com](mailto:StMaryYA@gmail.com)

## Manna Project Food Drive Results

Congratulations to the parishioners of Saint Mary for a very successful Food and Funds Drive on September 13 and 14. Saint Mary Manna Project volunteers collected 2,063 pounds of food and goods, in addition to \$4,918 in monetary contributions for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. This equates to 16,473 meals to help those in need! Our thanks to the Manna volunteers and to the members of Saint Mary for your generosity in giving and helping with this cause.

## Pro-life reflection

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she

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does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not have yet healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life" (Pope John Paul II, *Gospel of Life*).

## **Knights of Columbus Yard Sale a success thanks to you!**

Thanks to all of your donations and support again this year the annual yard sale was a success.

With your help the Knights can continue to participate in the many charitable programs we support this Holiday season. Thanks, and God bless you all.

## **All-night adoration First Friday, October 3**

Our First Friday evening Mass at 8pm is followed by all-night adoration until 9am Saturday morning. At least two people need to be present with Our Lord at all times during adoration. Please sign up today. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. *"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight."* – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (Feast Day October 1).

## **St. Mary Prayer List**

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** 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, 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, Jo Ann James, Frances Scott, Dennis Hahn, Barbara Leone

**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, Jamal Williams

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

## **Daily Mass Intentions and Readings**

### **september**

#### **29 MONDAY**

6:30 + Courtenay Marshall  
9am + Mary Ngat Vu  
Dn 7:9-14, Jn 1:47-51

#### **30 TUESDAY**

6:30 Sr. Susan Louise  
9am + Timothy Hanlon  
Jb 3:1-23, Lk 9:51-56

### **october**

#### **1 WEDNESDAY**

6:30 Jim Park & Family  
9am + Clarence & Helen Hixon  
Jb 9:1-16, Lk 9:57-62

#### **2 THURSDAY**

6:30 All Souls  
8:30\* Serrina Manzano  
9am + Kevin Murphy  
Jb 19:21-27, Mt 18:1-10

#### **3 FRIDAY**

6:30 + Candida Luzardo  
9am + Roseanne Burke  
8pm + Kenneth Schmitz  
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, Lk 10:13-16

#### **4 SATURDAY**

9am + Timothy Hanlon  
5pm For the Parish  
7pm + Jim Flewellen  
Jb 42:1-17, Lk 10:17-24

#### **5 SUNDAY**

7am Jesse Diego  
8:30 Sean Fennington  
10:30 Those who died in Sept.  
10:30\* + Timothy E. Hanlon  
12:30 Respect for all human life  
2pm Joe Farrell & Rich Miserendino  
5pm + Joel Mazzarella  
7:01 + Peter & Marija Ugincius  
Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43

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