

**The Holy Family
Of Jesus, Mary
And Joseph**

28 dec 2014



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



what's coming



december

28 SUNDAY, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.
No CYM activities.

29 Monday, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord (Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr)

No Religious Education Classes this week—Christmas Break

30 Tuesday, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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

31 Wednesday, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord (Saint Sylvester I, Pope)

ONE 6pm Vigil Mass for the Holy Day of obligation, Mary, Mother of God, Church.

january

1 Thursday, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Happy New Year!

No Religious Education Classes this week—Christmas Break.

Holy Day Masses: 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), Church.

2 Friday, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Mom's Group), John Paul II House.

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

3 Saturday, Christmas Weekday (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

RCIA Trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC.

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

6pm, Knights of Columbus Monthly Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

4 SUNDAY, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.

No CYM activities.

5 Monday, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

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

6 Tuesday, Christmas Weekday (Saint André Bessette, Religious)

7 Wednesday, Christmas Weekday (Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

8 Thursday, Christmas Weekday

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

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

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

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

9 Friday, Christmas Weekday

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Mom's Group), John Paul II House.

10 Saturday, Christmas Weekday

SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

11 SUNDAY, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses, Parish Life Center.

Noon, English as a Second Language class, Parish Life Center 203.

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

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✠ **Thursday, January 1**, is a **holy day of obligation**. The vigil Mass for the **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God** is at 6pm on December 31. January 1 Masses are at 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, and 2 pm (Spanish).

✠ **SCRIP is on sale** this weekend in the Parish Life Center after most Masses. Please use SCRIP and help our school.

✠ You Were Given in Love; You Are Called in Love. Visit our website—stmaryfred.org—to find out more and register for the **Called and Gifted Workshop** to be held **Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7** at Saint Mary.

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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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 bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

As Pope Francis said in his general audience last week, Jesus chose to come to the world as part of a *family*. The mystery of the incarnation of the Son of God, which opens a new chapter in the universal history of man and woman, “occurs within a family, in Nazareth. He could have come spectacularly, or as a warrior, an emperor... No, he came as the son of a family, in a family,” he emphasized.

God can do anything he wants, and he doesn’t do anything by accident.

Today we are challenged to look at the family in its most basic form. Joseph was a man of integrity, righteous and true and loving. We imagine him providing a humble and safe home for his wife, Mary, and her child, Jesus. It is clear that he was not affluent or proud. The silence of Scripture accounts shows him quietly protecting, doing what is necessary to preserve this family, sometimes courageously. In the Bible he pays attention to God’s voice, but never speaks himself.

Mary, likewise, only points to her Son: “*Do whatever he tells you.*” So receptive, devout, reflective, yet so unmovable that she will not miss even a moment by his side on the way to Calvary, at the cross, or at the tomb and beyond. In her lowliness lies the real power of God: “*My soul magnifies the Lord.*” What we see in the God-made-man, Jesus, in his humanity we must also see in her: hers was the only human DNA that gave birth to the Son of God.

They lived in relative obscurity. We don’t really know what he was up to for most of his life. Sometimes I think this is the most fascinating and mysterious fact of the whole thing, that the most interesting Being ever to live on this earth, this God-man, stayed mostly invisible for most of his life, unknown. Nearly all of it, unless you call the time up to his presentation in the temple “public.” His work of three short years in the public eye, certainly his most productive years in terms of teaching and example, doesn’t mean that he wasted the rest of his years; the Son of God wouldn’t waste anything. He spent it in Nazareth, where the family settled after they fled for their lives as refugees in Egypt, until the time he left Nazareth and came to the desert, afterward to be baptized by John.

The large part of Jesus’ life on this earth was

spent in the context of this family life in Nazareth. I can’t imagine their family would have been any different than yours or mine, except that it would have been the simple life of the day. There would have been no electricity. Nothing that works by electricity. No running water. When I was in the Dominican Republic a great part of our day was spent just getting water from the river. In those days all a family could be was a family, together, always present to each other, eating and laughing, talking and praying, learning and teaching, growing together, working and hoping for tomorrow.

Somehow we need to get back to Nazareth. We are far from there.

The Pope continues: “Every Christian family – as Mary and Joseph did – must first welcome Jesus, listen to Him, speak with Him, shelter Him, protect Him, grow with Him; and in this way, make the world better. Let us make space in our heart and in our days for the Lord. This is what Mary and Joseph did, and it was not easy: how many difficulties they had to overcome! It was not a false or unreal family. The family of Nazareth calls to us to rediscover the vocation and the mission of the family, *of every family*. And so what happened in those thirty years in Nazareth can also happen to us: making love, not hate, normal; mutual help common, instead of indifference and hostility. It is not by chance that Nazareth means ‘she who preserves,’ like Mary who, as the Gospel tells us, ‘treasured all these things in her heart.’ From then on, whenever there is a family that preserves this mystery, even if it should be at the outer reaches of the world, the mystery of the Son of God is at work. And he comes to save the world.”

They set a high bar to meet, right? I don’t think any of us can say that we came from a perfect family. Often, the ones who want to appear most perfect are the ones that most need our love and support. On this feast of the Holy Family, let’s make a commitment. To defend the love between members of our family. To strengthen our marriages so parents can love their children from their own store of love. To look again at each other—to stop using the word “sibling” but consider truly what the word “brother” or “sister” means in the plan of God. Such an exalted and beautiful and blessed place to be, our families.

God bless you.

Fr. Dom

holy cross academy



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Delighting the Angels

Music is ringing out from all corners of Holy Cross Academy and Saint Mary Preschool. Students in our band, strings and keyboard program pleased their families with the pieces they have been learning since the beginning of the school year. Our chorus, Youth of Note, prepared a program of Christmas songs that were delightful and inspiring.



Our Preschoolers retold the story of Jesus' birth with great simplicity and love. Their beautiful voices surely delighted the angels on high as much as they enchanted their parents and grandparents!

All of us at Holy Cross Academy and Saint Mary Preschool wish you a Happy and Holy New Year 2015!



education

religious education

Parents Come To Class! It's Family Week: January 5-8, 2015

Parents attend the first week of classes with their child/children in September and January. In September, parents got to know their child's catechist and received an overview of the year's program. In January, we will start a special program influenced by "Called and Gifted," our parish theme, and the "Year of Consecrated Life" as declared by Pope Francis.

The objectives of this session are to introduce the children and young people in our parish to the consecrated life and the priesthood, and to lead them in reflecting upon their gifts and how they can be used in a life of total consecration. Class will begin in the main hall. After the opening prayer, one of the Sisters will present a slide program on the consecrated life and the priesthood. Students and parents will go to the classroom for the second part. The catechists will explain a list of spiritual gifts (charisms)

and ask students and parents to discuss them and decide which gifts they have and how these gifts could be used to serve God in the priesthood or consecrated life. They will also choose a spiritual gift that the child can use in God's service. The final section will be in church for reflection, adoration and prayer.

Happy New Year! God has already planned all our tomorrows. Use your charisms! Trust and obey Him even more in 2015.

youth ministry



Christmas Sweaters steal the show at the High School Youth Group's Ugly Xmas Sweater Party.



January Programs

High School Youth Group returns January 11 and our Wednesday YOUCAT program resume January 7.

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Steubenville Youth Conference, July 10-12



All High School youth are invited to join us for a powerful weekend in Steubenville, OH. The mission of the Steubenville Conferences is

to invite young people into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ through the Sacraments of the Church and the power of the Holy Spirit. This experience of Christ's love opens their hearts to become His disciples and embrace the mission of the Catholic Church. The conferences are filled with dynamic speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, powerful praise and worship music, time for parish fellowship and a ton of fun. If you are interested in attending or learning more please contact the Office of Youth Ministry.

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Joseph O'Byrne, Sr., John Mack

By Mr. & Mrs. Stephen O'Byrne

Owen Lea

By Mr. & Mrs. Randy Lea

Patrick Leo Petro, Sr.

By Kathleen A. Petro & Traci L. Saylor

Patrick Malizia

By Mr. & Mrs. George DePalma

Paul Duhamel

By Mrs. Ann Duhamel

Paul Lockard, Edna Mills, Steve Mills

By Ms. Suzanne Mills

Paul Vincent Varga, Danica B. Rousselle, Rose Mary Varga, William badurina, All Fallen U.S. Military

By Mrs. Roxana Varga

Riccillo Family, Corey Family, Pechin Family

By Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Pechin

Richard K Bonney, William J. Bonney, Paul

V. Bonney, Paul E. Bonney, Tracy Bonney

By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bonney

Richard Rodebaugh, Genevieve & John

Petroskey, Arlie & Elenor Mautner, Leslie

Petroskey, Patrick & Jacob Rodebaugh

By Mr. & Mrs. Rich L. Rodebaugh

Robert C. Wheeler, Mary, John & Paul Quirk

By Mrs. Mary Ellen Wheeler

Campbell Robert Joe Campbell

By Mrs. Rosalind Campbell

Rosa Man Thi Vu, Joseph Trinh Trung,

Joseph Trung Van Vu, Joseph Ngon Van Vu,

Joseph Thanh Cong Vu, Maria Ngat Thi Vu,

Maria Nu Thi Pham

By Mr. Ngu Vu

Rose Pascarella, John Pascarella, Penny

Kutzner, Paul Kutzner, Helen Fister

By Ms. Rosellen Ruleman

Ruth & Paul McNichol, Mildred & John

Kelly

By Mr. & Mrs. David A. McNichol

Samoursk Family, Sims Family, Allen Family

By Mr. & Mrs. Francis Sims

Sarah M. Harkins

By Mr. Eric P. Harkins

Sis & Billy King, James & Carieta Dick, Joe

Brannon

By Mr. & Mrs. David Dick

Snyder Family

By Ms. Victoria Snyder

Stefan Wolanski

By Ms. Bozena D. Wolanska

Steve J. Treblik, Anna K. Treblik

By Mrs. Phylis Pickens

Stofko and Renfro Families

By Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Stofko

Susana Herrera, Mary Elva Navarrete, Charles, Edmondo, Frank, Mario and Carlos Navarrete

By Ms. Suzy Canales

Sybil A. Roscoe, Leo S. Roscoe, Irene M. Desmarais, Roland M. Desmarais, Justin S. Roscoe

By Mr. & Mrs. William Desmarais

Teresita Cacha Canizares, Juan & Natividad Canizares, Rafael, Ernesto and Antown Canizares, Cecelio Albo

By Dr. & Mrs. Roberto Canizares

The Epp Family, The Christofferson family

By Robert & Dian Epp

The Hegarty Family, The Palmento Family

By Mr. & Mrs. Gennaro Palmento

The Living and Deceased members of the Novick and Stanislawski Families

By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M.

Stanislawski

Theodore & Hden Zbrzezni, Troy, Teresa &

Chase Blanchard, Linday & Joey McDonald,

Thad, Pam & Cameron Zbrzezni, Troy

By Ms. Debra Zbrzezni

Theresa A. Boehringer, Ian Patrick Mollo

By Mr. Max Boehringer

Thomas & Patricia Finnegan, Peter

& Francis Finnegan, Lester & Evelyn

Latourelle, William & Grace Buckland,

John Buckland, Charles Reedy, James

McReynolds

By Mr. William Crandall & Ms. Julie Finnegan

Thomas Rozzi, Thomasina DeCarbo

By Mrs. Mary Rozzi

Himelright "Vince Himelright, Colleen

Kilpatrick, Cliff Kilpatrick, Ralph

Kilpatrick"

By Mrs. Colleen Himelright

Vito & Mary Caiafa, Patrick & Mary Hogan

By Mr. & Mrs. Louis N. Caiafa

Wilkinson Family, Sanovich Family

By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph B. Wilkinson

William Driskill, Don & Mabel Quinn,

Dewey & Mary Driskill, Jim Quinn, Phylis &

Lee Driskill

By Mrs. Sharon Driskill

happening here

Free Throw Championship

Come join us for the KoC free throw shooting contest at HCA on January 3, 2015 from 9-11am (pre-registration starting at 8am). Contest is open to all boys and girls of any skill level from ages 9-14. No cost to participate. All contestants will be recognized for their participation. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Mike Garvey at 540-752-0045 or Mike Aldred at 571-221-8327, aldredfamily1@yahoo.com.

Celebrate Religious Freedom Day

On January 11, 2015, the Knights of Columbus Rappahannock Assembly will proudly sponsor the 239th Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's drafting of the Act of Religious Freedom for Virginia. *"It is a freedom that we must not take for granted!"* With Religious persecution growing throughout the world and in our own country, the Knights urge everyone who is able to turn out to march and support this observance. A parade will begin at 1:30pm at the VRE Station in Fredericksburg, followed by a ceremony at 2pm at the religious Freedom Monument on Washington Avenue. All parishioners, their families, friends and neighbors are invited to join in celebrating this important event. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Rick Reschick at 540-368-9345 or rez55@cox.net.

Book Club: January Selection

The parish book club will meet at 10am, January 13, at the John Paul II House to discuss A. J. Cronin's *The Keys of the Kingdom*. The fictional Fr. Francis Chisholm is a compassionate and humble priest whose individuality and directness make him unpopular with other clergy. Considered a failure by his superiors, he is sent to China to maintain a mission amid poverty, civil war, and plague. For more information: Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com.

Al Anon Surviving The Weekend Group

Al Anon is for those who have been affected by someone else's drinking, and members come together to learn a better way of life and how to find happiness. Especially at this time of year, it's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. There is an Al Anon meeting every Saturday at 10am in Room 204 of St. Mary's Parish Life Center.

Los Talleres de oracion y vida

The Hispanic Ministry invites you to attend the prayer and life work shops. participants will learn how to deepen their prayer life and to enter into a personal relationship with the Lord, The series begins January 24- 2015 in the court yard Meeting Room. for more information please contact Leticia Gonzalez (540) 752-1262.

El Ministerio hispano los invita a los Talleres de oracion y vida. En 15 sesiones se aprendera a desarrollar una relacion personal con el senor, desde los primeros pasos,hasta la contemplacion divina.Empezaran el 24 de Enero en el courtyard Meeting Roon al lado de la oficina parroquial para mas informacion contacte a Leticia Gonzalez (540) 751-1262.

Legion of Mary

Are you interested in evangelization? Do you have Marian Devotion? Do you have a desire to both witness the Catholic faith to others, and desire them to come and know Jesus on a deeper level? What about becoming a member of the Legion of Mary here at St. Mary? If you are interested in becoming a member in our Legion please consider contacting Father Stephen Holmes, Legion Coordinator, or Mr. Gregg Carneal or Mrs. Pam Biedenbender. Further information can be gained by going to the parish website or call Father Stephen Holmes at 540-373-6491.

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2015 Youth Music Festival at Bishop O'Connell High School

All 6-8 grade students are invited to a day of music clinics, performances and more on Saturday, January 3, 9:30am to 2:30pm. The event is free, but reservations are necessary so we can plan for your students! Visit www.bishopoconnell.org/youthmusic for more information and to RSVP. Questions? Contact Peter Kadeli (vocal director) at pkadeli@bishopoconnell.org or Ron Isaacson (instrumental director) at risaacson@bishopoconnell.org, or call 703-237-1462.

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Weekly Offertory

The next financial report will be published in the January 4, 2015 bulletin due to early holiday deadlines.

The Second Collection on January 11, 2015 is for the Parish Building Fund.

Children's Charity For January

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in January is the local Hospice Camp Rainbow. Camp Rainbow is an overnight, weekend bereavement camp for children ages 5 to 12 who have experienced a loss or are currently living with a loved one with a terminal illness. The Camp is organized by Hospice Support Care, a non-profit,

non-medical volunteer hospice support organization providing spiritual, practical, and emotional support to patients and their families. The primary goal of Camp Rainbow is to teach children how to grieve in a healthy manner, while building fond remembrances. Like Kids Helping Kids, Camp Rainbow also strives to normalize grief, understand death and dying, and improve social skills. For more information go to www.hospicesupportcare.org.

Pro Life Reflection For December 28

Thanks to Christmas, all the earth has seen the saving hand of God! A new and radiant vision of His glory has shone upon us, because human life has been joined to Him. He has raised human life to a greater

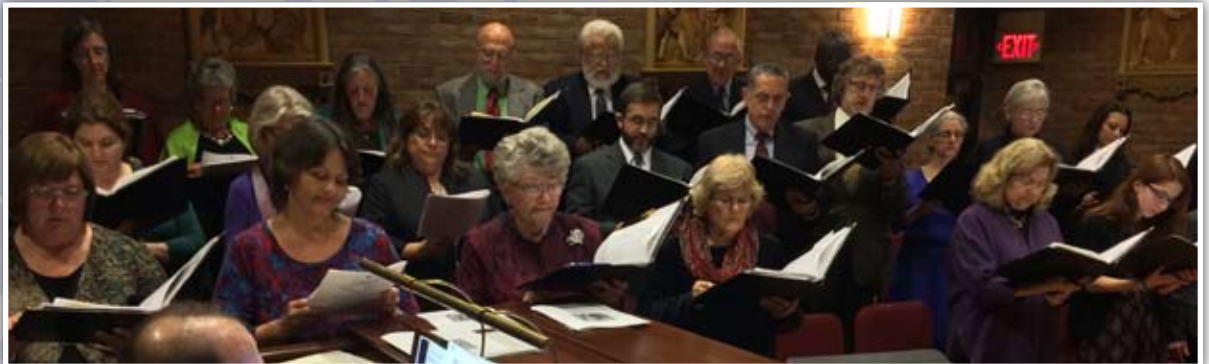
dignity than it had before. Life was always sacred, because it is God's creation. But thanks to Christmas, human life is forever united to Divine Life in and through the Infant King of Bethlehem. *Lord, may all Your people continue to marvel at Your love for human life and reverence this gift as You do.*

All Night Adoration: First Friday, January 2 Following 8:00pm Mass

O Come Let Us Adore Him in Eucharistic Adoration!

"The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger" (Luke 2:16).

"We fall down in adoration before the Son of God. As we



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*adore Christ, born in a stable....
we feel the shepherds' same
amazement and their same joy."*
(Pope John Paul II).

Sign-up sheets for All Night Adoration are in the vestibule of the Church, and our newborn King awaits you. Adore Him and honor His Blessed Mother—Come to Eucharistic Adoration!

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Stop by the scrip table to get more information or set up an online account. Or, set up an account online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Please email us for our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase.

If you have any questions about SCRIP please email Torie Baldwin at scripcoordinator@holycross-web.com or 571-330-3448. Thanks for using SCRIP!

Electronic Offertory Faith Direct available

Faith Direct enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

With *Faith Direct*, the parish will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket.

You may enroll securely online by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is **VA635**.

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:
Veronica Johnson, 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, 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 Gardiner, Betty Ann & Bill Dateno, the Goldsmith Family, Shaun Williams, Lori Horner, Heidi Wilbrandt, Josephine Kreider, Sr. Marie de Chantal, Jo Ann James, Frances Scott, Dennis Hahn, Barbara Leone, Debbie Lloyd, Nancy Hursey, Chris Balut, Linda Kaila, Rose Sisco, Jeff Shinrock, Donald Estes, Johnny Wharton, Phyllis Woolverton, Helen Kozyra, Glenn Nichols, Sr., Thomas Schulsky, Julie Fabula, Amelia McDevitt, Gerald Gardiner, Prov Moeller, The Girth Family, Marie Rooney, Dylan and Brandon Meade, Lisa Storm, Barbara Stauble, Michael Coughlin, Karen Danis, Marian Wilinski, Mary Ellen Normand, John Castagna, Kristy Fairbanks, Peggy Silberman, Florence DesRoches, Keith Snellings, Sr., Debra Wood, Danny Terrant, Roberta Mullins-White, Maureen Flanagan, Wilma Evans, Joseph Bozicevic, Meredith Adams, Anne Shelton

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, 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, 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, Stephen Wilson, Emmanuel Morales, Colin Carpenter, Josh Marsillo

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

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

december

29 MONDAY

6:30 + Barbara Wingo
9am + Anna Ban Nguyen
1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

30 TUESDAY

6:30 + Antonia Maraldo
9am Lori Barlow
1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

31 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Sylvia Chase
9am + Herbert Rossman
6pm + Freddy Aravelo
1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

1 THURSDAY

7am Felicia Motes
8:30 + Joseph Petrucelli
10:30 For the Parish
12:30 + Eufrocina Guillermo
2pm + Juan Expedito Barrios
Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

2 FRIDAY

6:30 Rachel Schamel
9am + Rev. Joseph Messer
8pm + Mary Chin and Peter Bong
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

3 SATURDAY

9am Judy Mazzarella
5pm + George Billing
7pm John Wills
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

4 SUNDAY

7am For the Parish
8:30 + Ann Grande
10:30 + Those Who Died in December
10:30* Elaine Meade
12:30 Vu and Trinh Family
2pm + Abraham Gomez
5pm + George Watson
7:01 + Daniel Taraschke
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

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 for the date you desire, 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