



**The Epiphany
Of The Lord**

4 jan 2015

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



what's coming



january

- 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)**
7pm, Adult Confirmation class starts and runs through February 4, Parish Library.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Gathering, John Paul II House.
- 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.
- 12 Monday, Weekday**
7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program, Church. All invited to class at 7:30pm.
8:15pm, Taize Ecumenical Prayer Service, Church. All Christians invited to join us.
- 13 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)**
10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.
- 14 Wednesday, Weekday**
6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Women's Group, Courtyard Meeting Room
- 15 Thursday, Weekday**
7pm, First Penance and First Communion Meeting, Church.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center 204.
- 16 Friday, Weekday**
9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Mom's Group), John Paul II House.
7pm, Bunco, Parish Life Center.
- 17 Saturday, Saint Anthony, Abbot**
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.
4pm, KoC Hispanic/Latino/Mexican Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.
- 18 SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
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*):

✚ Join us for Family Week in Religious Education as classes resume this week! All parents are asked to accompany their children to class for a special program.

✚ You were *Given in Love*; you are *Called in Love*. Visit our website—stmaryfred.org—to find out more about the **Called and Gifted Workshop** to be held **Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7**. Please register!

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

Looking Ahead:

✚ On **January 17 and 18**, the Council of Catholic Women will host a **baby shower to benefit our local Pro-Life groups**: Mary's Shelter, Birthright, Catholic Charities, and Paul Stefan Homes. Unwrapped gifts will be accepted after all Masses.

✚ Upcoming Events

- January 22, March for Life
- January 25-31, Catholic Schools Week
- January 27, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity prayer with Bishop Loverde at Mount Olivet UMC in Arlington
- January 29, Catholic Advocacy Day in Richmond

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; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i> Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Lino Rico Rostro Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Sacred Music, David Mathers Secretary, Mary Fitch
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY	540-286-1600 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 bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Merry Christmas! What an amazing cycle of celebrations we had this year at Saint Mary! Every Mass was near-full or very full, everyone seemed at peace. The music was truly beautiful and led all of us more deeply into the beauty that lies at the center of the fact of the Incarnation: the love of God. Love was the spirit everywhere, Masses both here at church and at Holy Cross Academy, everywhere, wishes of happiness and blessings.

It is the usual follow-up to be so very thankful to all who have contributed to making these liturgies happen—especially this year, it seemed like we all worked together so well, we were ready. To all our decorators and ministers of liturgy—to all our choirs, musicians, cantors—to everyone who helped decorate and put it all together here in the office, thanks. It really is the best work in the world to do. Thank you.

Something happens to you after you have been a priest for a while about these privileged seasons, something that I've only become aware of recently. This thanksgiving I feel has gradually extended in the form of sincere welcome to all who join us for Christmas. I think this needs to be said. Too long we have stood in judgment of those who might attend at Christmas and Easter. And I want to be clear that what I'm about to say is not that it doesn't matter if you miss Mass on Sunday and Holy Days—I am just so glad that so many attend Mass to celebrate the moments of Jesus' Birth, his Passion, his Death and Resurrection. They are personal moments whose meaning we may not be able to express, exactly, but they move us at the center of our being. They are sources of contentment in lives that otherwise lack something. They bring peace in the middle of any level of battle that you may be waging in your hearts or families. They remind us of God's love which we cannot deny, no matter how hard the world may try to convince us otherwise. God's love becomes visible. You can hold it.

Anyway, I'm just glad that people come. And filled with gratitude, where I used to think it was more of a bother to accommodate so many... I'm sorry for these attitudes in the past, I truly believe that they are in the past now.

The Church has always taught that to be *minimally* Catholic you must attend Mass and receive

Holy Communion (if you can) at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. Of course, if this is the only time you might attend Mass, then it also must necessarily involve sacramental confession. This is what has been called (sadly) the "Easter Duty."

It is a great temptation for those who attend every week to be judgmental of those who do not. Yet, who knows what somebody might be going through in their life? Some people really are busy (though some really aren't) and have to put food on the table for their families, which means that work schedules and family obligations keep them from joining us many Sundays. For many, especially those who are sick, or have been abused (20% of people alive today?) or abandoned, disillusioned about family, community, feel deep pain that is so hard to reconcile, are uncertain of their worthiness to be a part: it takes all they have inside of them to show up and be seen in the context of the family of God.

Are we not all sinners?

Imagine what damage we might do at that moment if we were to choose to judge them rather than be here to welcome them home. It might be a long, long time before they get the strength together to do it again.

Schedules are busy. That is why we have Masses at every waking hour during the weekend. If your weekend is so busy that you can't make it to *any* of our Masses, then maybe your weekend is *too* busy. I ask you to do what you can to work that out.

This weekend we reflect on God's epiphany: how he is made manifest in the Christ child to the wise men from the East—to all those at the time who were not of the house of Israel, the chosen people—to us. God wanted to tell us that he is here for all people—even the fortune tellers and pagans. He calls everyone. So then, why shouldn't we?

We are now in the process of bringing one another to the manger. The angels who bring the shepherds, the star that brings the wise men. We, who bring each other to come and see the Mystery that is before us today.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy

God's plan for each of us

As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, we thank God for his many gifts to each of us. We know that the greatest of all these gifts is Jesus himself.

This coming week, we will help each of our children to think about the gifts that God has given them and how they can use these gifts in the service of God and for the good of his people. During this coming year, we will be thinking and praying as a parish and school about our gifts and God's plan for each of us. On behalf of the faculty, staff, students and families, we wish each of you a happy and peace-filled new year, 2015!

If you want to learn about our school and what we can do for your child, call us at 540-286-1600 or visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. For St. Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. Our school is a place where each child can flourish, grow and learn. 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 opportunities we provide for our students.



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religious education

Classes resume January 5-8

Religious Education classes resume tomorrow. It will be Family Week and parents are asked to accompany their children to class. The family activity is outlined below:

Part One: Parents and children gather in main hall of Parish Life Center.

Part Two: Parents and children go to classrooms. Parents with more than one child are asked to choose one class so all family members will be together.

Part Three: Parents and children go to church.

First Penance and First Communion Meeting, Thursday, January 15

Parents of second grade and Year Two First Communion students are reminded of the very important meeting on Thursday, January 15 at 7pm in the church.

Parents are especially urged to attend so they can further discuss the new format for First Communion. Registration for First Communion Masses will begin the following day, Friday, January 16.

youth ministry



2015 Parent Gathering Speaker Series

St. Mary welcomes all parents to join us for this year's Speaker Series on the topic of Human Sexuality and Family. These four nights will be filled with great information, tips and truth from experts in our own Diocese that we can use to teach our children about God's plan and the gift of human sexuality. For more information on dates and speakers see our website: stmaryfred.org/parents/.

We will kick the series off on Thursday, January 29, 2015 from 6:30-8pm with a presentation by Mr. Kevin Bohli titled, "How to talk to your kids about the Gift of Human Sexuality." Mr. Kevin Bohli, Director of the Office of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Arlington, will provide practical tips and advice on how to have conversations with your children about the gift of human sexuality. When to start, what to say, and how to break the ice will all be discussed during this presentation.

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.

education

adult formation

You were Given in Love; you are Called in Love.

What is the Called and Gifted Workshop?

The *Called and Gifted Workshop* helps lay Catholics discern the unique work of love to which God is calling them and to discover how God has empowered them, already, to carry it out. To date over 90,000 Catholics in over 110 dioceses have attended the Workshop in parishes throughout the world, learning about the crucial role every lay Catholic has in the mission of the Church to bring Christ's love to our neighbors and our culture.

Why should I attend?

Because Christ is calling you. Christ *needs* you, to carry his love to others in a way only you can do. No one else has your particular background, experience, gifts and connections. No one else can take your place.

Over and over again, long-time Catholics have asked after the Workshop, "How come I have never heard of this before?" If you are a cradle Catholic with years of Catholic schooling or have been through the RCIA, chances are that you never fully received Christ's teachings on lay participation in her mission and have never received an opportunity to discover for yourself how Christ is calling *you*, uniquely and personally.

What will I learn?

What the Church teaches:

- Church teaching on the role of the laity
- The identity of the "Lay Apostle"
- How ordained and laity properly collaborate

God calls us to excel in every aspect of our lives, including our careers. Work is an essential part of a Christian disciple's life. The spiritual gifts God has given you help you to be effective at your work and to be a more effective witness to your faith in the workplace. If you are dissatisfied with your job, or are recently unemployed, your spiritual gifts are excellent clues for discerning a new direction.

On Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7, our parish is sponsoring a teaching team from Saint Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs who will offer the introductory Called and Gifted workshop, which will help you begin to discern your unique mission in life. Everyone is invited to participate.

To register or find out more, call Fr. Don at the parish office, or see links to more information and a registration form at our parish website at www.stmaryfred.org.

- Implications for parish life and ministries

Results of the *Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory*:

- God's working through you for others
- Identify how you are personally and supernaturally empowered

The nature of spiritual gifts:

- What are they?
- What are they for?
- How can I discern what mine are?

About Call and Vocation:

- What is a vocation?
- Everyone has a vocation!
- Why discerning my call is essential to happiness
- How can I discover mine and why it is never too late

Who is it for?

- Long-time Catholics and new Catholics
- Active ministry leaders (to

- clarify call, vocation)
- Pastoral leadership
- Parents and teachers
- People in transition
- People who are searching

Do I know what my particular spiritual gifts are? Which gifts make me particularly effective and where can I most fruitfully focus my efforts? Do I need guidance in my responsibility of caring for or teaching the young or those in my life? How do I help them discover their gifts? Even if I'm aware that God is calling me, do I know where?

Who is teaching the Workshop?

The Workshop is presented by the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs. Fr. Mike Fones, OP and Sherry Weddell are co-founders. For more information, you are invited to visit their website, www.siena.org or call their office.

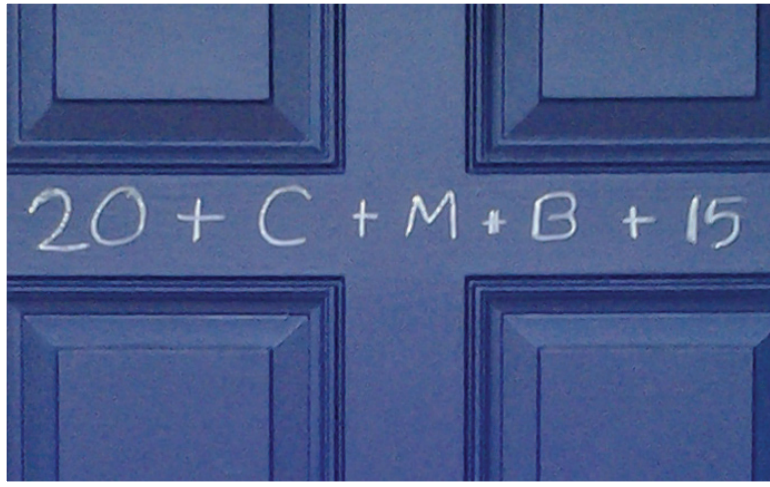
You can find a registration form to download at our parish website, www.stmaryfred.org, and click on the link to the right on our front page.

prayer and worship

blessing of the home

Blessing of the home and household on Epiphany

A tradition associated with Epiphany is the blessing of homes. A parent marks the inside of the main door of the house with 20+C+M+B+15. One explanation of the letters C-M-B is that they are the initials of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar. Another explanation of the initials is that they are the first letters of the blessing: "Christus mansionem benedicat" which is Latin for "May Christ bless the house."



The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May

all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:

Leader or participant: Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke: Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him

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with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

All: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you

as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

All: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

All: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

All: Stay with us, Lord.

All: Our Father...

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

Leader: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Suitable closing hymns: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."

Source: www.usccb.org



happening here



Saint Mary
**Council of
 Catholic
 Women**

Upcoming Events:

Friday, January 16, 7pm

Enjoy a fun night of Bunco at the Parish Life Center! Come join us: it's a fun game, easy to learn, and easy to play! We collect \$6 from all participants, \$1 each goes towards refreshments the remainder gets divided up as prizes to the person with the most Big Buncos, the person with the most Small Buncos, the person with the most wins and the person with the most losses. Come try your luck!

January 17 and 18 Weekend

CCW-sponsored baby shower to benefit our local Pro-Life groups: Catholic Charities, Paul Stefan Homes, Birthright, and Mary's Shelter. People will be on hand in the Parish Life Center and at Holy Cross Academy to accept your unwrapped gifts. If you prefer to donate money, it must be in the form of a check made payable to the organization of your choice.

Tuesday, January 20, 10am

Greg Dilick, Executive Director of the Guadalupe Free Clinic, will be our guest speaker. Please come join us for what should be a very interesting talk. We meet in the Courtyard Meeting Room.

Saturday, February 21

At our annual Forum/Winter Workshop, Rick Caporali will speak about the SHARE program and someone from the Parish Health Ministry will describe their program. More information to follow.

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.

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 relation ship with the Lord, The series begins January 24- 2015 in the court yard Meeting Room. for more imformation 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 contemplanacion 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.

The Real Deal: The Bioethics of Fertility & Pregnancy

Understand the consumer mindset towards infertility, IVF, pregnancy, and abortion affecting our culture.



John T. Bruchalski, M.D., OB/GYN
*Founder, Tepeyac Family Center;
Chairman, Divine Mercy Care*

Practices merciful medicine. Will dispel myths that commoditize the unborn and lead to abortions.



Sr. Terese Auer, O.P., Ph.D.
*Bioethics Chair, St. John Paul the
Great Catholic High School*

A practical look into Catholic teaching on in vitro fertilization and surrogacy.

Saturday, January 10, 2015

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
3304 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA

9:50 am – 1:00 pm: Bioethics Conference

8:00 am – 9:50 am: Registration, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and Hearty Continental Breakfast. See full schedule online.

Free Registration:

<http://realdeal2015.eventbrite.com>



Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Respect Life Office and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Questions?

Email Elizabeth Spoth at spothelizabeth@gmail.com

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

21 December Offertory	37,841.
Parish Christmas Charities	12,391.
Catholic Charities (add'l)	4,005.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul	235.

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

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.

Children's Offertory Envelopes 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 January 4

God gives us the gift of life, in units of years and months and days, and we likewise give it back to Him, in days and months and years of faithful service. In the New Year, let us put the defense of the unborn at the top of our priority list. *Lord, enable me to devote more time, energy, and resources to the greatest human rights movement of our day, the pro-life movement.*

March For Life: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, DC and proceed down Constitution Avenue

toward the Supreme Court and the US Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on Thursday, January 22, to commemorate the 42nd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

St. Mary will have one or two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation; however, participants are asked to bring a box of diapers and/or baby items for the Baby Closet sponsored by Catholic Charities.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Mary and will return to St. Mary at approximately 4:30-5:00pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. Sign up sheets will be posted this week in the vestibule of the Church. Please consider taking a visible stand to stop the slaughter of the innocent, and sign up as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the bus.

Saint Mary's Prayers and Squares ministry joined Masses at two nursing homes last week and presented each person with a mini-quilt symbolic of our parish prayers for them. Here is the group who join for Mass each month at The Crossings.





Registration Now Open!

The 3rd Biennial Jacob Michael Storck Charity Golf Tournament features a day on the course, a silent auction, and spa day event.

The tournament directly benefits the children of Holy Cross Academy and Saint Mary Parish by supporting the Health, Wellness and Recreation Initiative. Proceeds will be used to resurface the school playground and continue improvements to the sports and recreation fields.

When: Friday, April 24, 2015.

Where: At the Augustine Golf Club in Stafford, VA.

Register Online:
www.Golfing4Jake.com

Can I Help? We are looking for businesses or individuals who would be interested in sponsorship or donating items or services for our silent auction. Tax deductible monetary donations are also welcome.

For more information, visit www.Golfing4Jake.com, contact one of our committee members at Golfing4Jake@comcast.net, or call 301-928-5390.

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

January

5 MONDAY

6:30 + George Billing
9am + Virginia Clay
1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

6 TUESDAY

6:30 + William Paxson
9am + Barbara Carter
1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

7 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Jenny Jones
9am Susan Bowier
1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

8 THURSDAY

6:30 + Estella Stofko
8:15* + Juan Jose Blanco
9am + Ann Grande
1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

9 FRIDAY

6:30 Fr. Rooney
9am + Sonny Moore
1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

10 SATURDAY

9am + W. Donald Rooney
5pm + Harry Emory
7pm + Mary Waid
1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

11 SUNDAY

7am + Randy Wood
8:30 For the Parish
10:30 + Michael Ryder
10:30* + Jacob Michael Storck
12:30 + Luis Pierce
2pm Santana Bermudez
5pm + Dorothy McDermott
7:01 + Tomasita Davila
Is 42:1-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

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