



The Baptism Of The Lord

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



what's coming



january

11 SUNDAY, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

2pm, Fredericksburg RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY Ceremony, Washington Boulevard Monument.
SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.
Coffee Shop after Morning Masses (Youth Ministry), Parish Life Center.
Noon, English as a Second Language classes resume, 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

12:30pm, Called and Gifted Workshop for Parish/School Faculty and Staff begins.
7pm, First Penance and First Communion Meeting, Church.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center 204.

16 Friday, Weekday

Teacher Workday, no school.
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

CCW Collection of Baby Shower items after all Masses, take to Parish Life Center.
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.
4pm, KoC Hispanic/Latino/Mexican Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

18 SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CCW Collection of Baby Shower items after all Masses, take to Parish Life Center.
SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.
Coffee Shop after Morning Masses (American Heritage Girls), 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.

19 Monday, Weekday

Martin Luther King Day, Parish offices closed.
No Religious Education classes this week.
7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program, Church. All invited to class at 7:30pm.

20 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr)

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
6pm, Catechist Training, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

21 Wednesday, Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Women's Group, Courtyard Meeting Room

22 Thursday, Weekday

March for Life, Washington, D.C. Busses depart from the Church following the 9am Mass.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center 204.

23 Friday, Weekday (Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin)

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

nota bene (note well, please):

✚ **Religious Freedom Day 2015:** Today (Sunday) is the 238th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's writing the later First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution here in Fredericksburg. Come: 2pm at the monument on Washington Boulevard (see p. 8).

✚ You will not want to miss the **Called and Gifted Workshop** St. Mary is hosting **Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7**. Please register! Click on the link on the front page of our website and join us.

✚ **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.

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

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

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

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

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

It used to be after Christmas you could heave a sigh of relief that everything went so well and then slow down for a few weeks before Lent began. Not so, anymore! As I write this article on Monday, 1/5, we are exactly three months until Easter, a month and a half from Ash Wednesday and there is much to tell you about.

I want to tell you about the dialogue that began today between six members each of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church and Saint Mary—that will need to wait until another week.

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the end of the quick Christmas Season and a day that we all consider the impact of this baptism event in our own lives. It means, among so many other things, that just as all this would be meaningless without Jesus' Presence to us—in liturgy, in life, in ministry—especially and in a particularly remarkable way in the Eucharist—that it also requires that we also be present to him.

We have to be here, in his Presence, because *to be present to the Love of God is to be transformed*. This Presence must happen both ways.

This weekend we have surrounding us on the walls of the church photos of the children of the parish—at Holy Cross Academy and in our Religious Education Program—after we celebrated Family Week. We invited parents to attend RE classes with the children and prepare a photo, adding what gifts they have received from God that might actually be part of God's calling them to the Consecrated Life as a Sister, a Nun, a Priest or a Monk. So many kids, so many gifts. They are with us in the church to remind us of who we are, how we are called, how we need to be present to God night and day, how we must nurture and support these gifts which God has given us not for ourselves, but to build up his Church.

They are a reminder of how we must pray for each other, and place ourselves in the presence of God every moment of our lives to learn the depths and beauty of this relationship to which God has called us, to live in his love.

Today, we are called by our baptism into his Loving Presence, he who is Love, to be transformed. And every moment is a new beginning.

So, as we seek to *live into* our baptism, here is a program of spiritual exercises I invite you to take advantage of this year. I challenge you to use any or all of these opportunities to their fullest, because they are a coming together of several programs just at the right time in the life and spiritual development of our parish, and we will grow together. It won't happen again for a long time. Some of it you already know about.

Begin with the Called and Gifted Workshop, use the season of Lent to build your small group skills while we catch up on all the one-on-one Gift Consultations, and then begin the Small Groups for Called and Gifted in learning and living your gifts in everyday life.

February 6-7

Called and Gifted Workshop

Investigate the gifts that God has given you that make you uniquely suited to love and serve one another and participate in the life and ministry of the Church.

at Holy Cross Academy

7—9:30pm Friday, 9—3:30pm Saturday;

\$20 for parishioners / \$30 for others

covers materials and lunch on Saturday.

Register by January 28.

Season of Lent

BETRANSFORMED Small Group Bible Study

Consider gathering a group of six or seven friends, colleagues, associates or neighbors ("affinity" groups) to study and share the Mass Readings each week before the six Sundays of Lent. Volunteer to host a group, or sign up for groups that will be forming. DVD and book help lead discussion. You can get a glimpse now at www.lentenfriends.org

\$10 for materials. Watch for details and announcements and sign up soon. First week of study is February 15 through Palm Sunday.

March 1-3

Forty Hours' Mission:

"The Kingdom of God is Among You"

Deacon Mark Cesnik, OP, of the Catherine of Siena Institute will lead the parish in a reflection on the spirituality of gifts.

Weekend homilies April 30 and March 1, and at 7:30pm (following Mass) on Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3.

This year let's make the most of Lent together.

God bless you.

Fr. Dom

holy cross academy



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Building Leaders

As we headed back to school this week, we reflected on some of the opportunities our students have experienced over the last few months. In November, 4 eighth graders and 4 seventh graders from HCA were chosen to participate in the **West Point Leadership Ethics and Diversity in STEM (LEADS) Workshop**. This LEADS Workshop is designed to increase the intensity and scope of work for our future leaders. Students competed in four rotations of Drones, VEX, Bridge building and Leadership Ethics. This is our 4th year participating in this exciting program.

Two of our 8th graders, Tanya V. and Robert Hocter, were chosen Leaders among Leaders by their groups. This is particularly significant because these groups included high school students this year alongside the middle schoolers. Robert's group won the distinction of having the best Leadership skit. These skits were performed by the older attendees and all demonstrated their handling of an ethical dilemma.

In December, four 7th grade girls were invited to the **STEM Mentoring Café**, sponsored by the Department of Energy to engage young ladies

interested in learning about the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Forty female STEM professionals were present to talk about their careers in STEM fields and to answer questions from the students. It was co-sponsored by the Museum of Natural History and took place there. The mentors not only signed up to participate in this event, but will also volunteer 20 hours to the schools who were present. The program was designed to showcase women's careers in STEM fields.

Building leaders and opening the future to each student are two important aspects of our HCA Middle School. We believe in each child and want all of them to realize the wonderful potential God has given them.

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 next Open House will be on February 1. 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.

religious education

First Penance and First Communion meeting, Thursday, January 15

The meeting will be held in the church beginning at 7pm. The reasons for the meeting are:

- To provide parents with practical suggestions on how to prepare their children to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.
- To give parents an overview of how the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist are presented to the children.
- To answer questions regarding First Penance and First Communion.

All parents of students in second grade and Year 2 First Communion classes are expected to attend. See you on Thursday.

Deacon Alberto Bernaola with Spanish-speaking parents, Monday, January 26

This will be the fourth consecutive year that Deacon Alberto will have his winter sessions with Spanish speaking parents. The main purpose is to help parents discuss our Catholic faith with their children. Parents are the first teachers of their children and the kind of home they provide greatly determines what their children become.

This year the discussions will be on the Spanish version of Bishop Loverde's pastoral letter, "Vayan Adelante con el Corazon Ardiente." Parents can get copies from the Religious Education office.

Parent Gathering Speaker Series

Saint Mary welcomes all parents to this year's Parent Gathering Speaker Series. The theme of this year's series is "**Human Sexuality and the Family.**" These four talks (January 29, February 19 and March 12 & 26) will be filled with great information, tips and truth from experts of our own Diocese on how to teach our children about God's plan and the gift of human sexuality. All four presentations will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8pm. in the Parish Life Center.

The first will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 from 6:30-8pm. The guest speaker will be **Mr. Kevin Bohli**. His topic "**How to talk to your kids about the Gift of Human Sexuality.**"

Mr. Kevin Bohli, is the Director of the Office of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Arlington. He will provide practical tips and advice on how to have conversations with your children about the gift of human sexuality. He will also discuss when to start, what to say, and how to break the ice.

youth ministry



Life is VERY Good Rally and the March for Life

On January 22, Saint Mary Youth Ministry is heading to the Patriot Center and Washington, D.C. for a morning of prayer and praise at the Diocesan Life is Very Good Rally. We will have Mass with Bishop Loverde, hear musical performances by Ike Ndolo Band, and a presentation by inspirational speaker Chris Stefanick.

We will then head to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in prayerful protest and



March to the Supreme Court for an end to Roe vs. Wade. Permission slips are available on our website. Space is limited so sign up early!

called & gifted program

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

Are you going through, or planning to make, a transition in your life? Perhaps your children have recently left home. Perhaps you want to return to work after an absence, or you are considering a call to the priesthood or religious life. Know what God has given you to offer other people can help you to discern his will for your life—and provide you with direction when you make choices.

On Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7 our parish is sponsoring a teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs to offer the introductory Called and Gifted workshop. The discernment process will help you to discover God's will for you.

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. You may also contact us by email: called@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.

community happening here

Get involved in a new Small Groups Bible Study for Lent

In the next few weeks, watch for more news about a new program we will introduce for this year at Saint Mary. Developed by Catholic

parishes in Charlotte, NC, it will be a valuable tool for people to choose "affinity" groups — friends, colleagues, anyone you would like to join with during the Season of Lent and study and share the Lectionary readings for the following Sunday. More to follow!

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More details to follow.



www.lentenfriends.org

Today is Religious Freedom Day

Today, January 11, 2015, the Knights of Columbus Rappahannock Assembly will celebrate the 238th Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's drafting of the Act of Religious Freedom for Virginia. 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 are invited. Questions: contact Rick Reschick at 540-368-9345 or rez55@cox.net.

In January of 1777, a committee met in Fredericksburg to revise all of Virginia's laws as the Commonwealth made her way from being a colony to becoming a state in a new nation. Thomas Jefferson, a member of the committee, drafted a "Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom" which would go on to serve as the basis for the First Amendment of the Constitution. Jefferson considered this one of the three things he

was most proud of during a lifetime of great accomplishments. From the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom:

"...all men shall be free to profess...their opinions in matters of religion and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge or affect their civil capacities."

Every year in January, near the statue of Hugh Mercer and Mary Washington's grave, the Assembly of the Knights of Columbus, supported by the Commandery of the Knights Templar, host a parade and ceremony at the Religious Freedom Memorial in Fredericksburg, Virginia, honoring this great and historic event. Each year, the Knights of Columbus invites a special guest speaker and honors the religious leaders of every faith in the local community. What appeals most and what few people understand, is the labored relationship through history that surrounds

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the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry. Because of this, the symbolism of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights Templar, marching together, is significant and well represents the ideas of Freedom and Tolerance that Thomas Jefferson had envisioned for his state, and later his nation. A vision which promises America that our Strength comes from our Diversity, embracing the idea of God, yet allowing each human to decide their own path to him.

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.

Roast beef family dinner

A roast beef dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Saturday, January 17 from 6 to 8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and rice pudding. The proceeds will be used to defray the cost of the March for Life buses. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults: \$7, Seniors (60&up): \$6, Teens: \$6, Children (7-12): \$5, Children (under 7): Free. **The max cost per family is \$25.**

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.



*Saint Mary
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Women*

Upcoming Eevents:

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.

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Pro Life reflection for January 11

Every day around the world, men and women who have lost children to abortion gather for Rachel's Vineyard retreats. These provide an opportunity to face the wounds of abortion in a safe, affirming environment of prayer and the support of others who have been through the same experience.

Lord, be with all those who are going through healing after abortion, and bring them quickly to your peace.

For more information about Project Rachel and post abortion assistance, contact Project Rachel in the Diocese of Arlington at 703-841-2504 or projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org or call the Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE.

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.

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:

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, MaryBeth Stephens, the Clasen Family, Mary Jean and Don Williams, Mary Ullmer, Charlie Catalano, Billie Stewart, Lisa Storm, Charles Lee, Irene Sweeney, 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, Chris Balut, Linda Kaila, Rose Sisco, Jeff Shinrock, Donald Estes, Johnny Wharton, Phyllis Woolverton, Helen Kozyra, Glenn Nichols, Sr., Thomas Schulskey, 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, Holly Smith, Lois Merrill, Janie Sherry, Martha Clemens, Teresa Hopkins

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

12 MONDAY

6:30 + Christopher Disesa

9am + Sr. Elizabeth Hoffer, SSND
Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

13 TUESDAY

6:30 + Robert Bonshire

9am Fr. D. William Wingert
Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

14 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Hubert Chase

9am + Barbara Mertens
Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

15 THURSDAY

6:30 + Estella Stofko

8:15* + Joe Doyle

9am + Shirley Bartell
Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

16 FRIDAY

6:30 + Kenneth Schmitz

9am Jason Stanislawski
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

17 SATURDAY

9am + Susan Balls

5pm Lorie Carneal

7pm + Joe Hoffman

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

18 SUNDAY

7am Mary Ann Holzworth

8:30 Joseph Cascio

10:30 For the parish

10:30* + Charles C. Lee

12:30 + For all souls

2pm + Juan Expedito Barrios

5pm + Madeline Andressa

7:01 + Sharon Zajkowski

1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42

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

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Weekly Offertory

Christmas Collection	\$56,520.
28 December Offertory	41,129.
Parish Christmas Charities (add'l)	5,002.
Mary, Mother of God	13,120.
4 January Offertory	40,211.

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.

March For Life: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, D.C. and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the

U.S. 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—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.

Transportation to the March—Saint 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 following the 9am Mass at Saint Mary and will return at approximately 4:30-5pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch.

Sign-up Sheets—Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please consider taking a visible stand to stop the slaughter of the innocent. Sign up early to reserve your seat on the bus.



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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**.

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.

Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: 19 January
Food Pick-Up: 31 January

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

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

Shopping for January:

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

- Boneless Pork Chops, 1 lb.
- Chicken Thighs, 2.5 lb.
- Swai (mild, sweet, similar to catfish), 1 lb.
- Turkey Sausage Patties, 3/4 lb.
- Potatoes, Onions, and 8-10 lbs. more of fresh, healthy seasonal produce

Salmon Dinner
(\$24 + 2 hrs community service)

- 5 lbs. individually frozen, ready to cook

Breakfast Sandwiches
(\$16 + 2 hrs community service)

- 16 sandwiches (each 4.5 oz.) with pork sausage, egg, & cheese

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



SHARE Order Form

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

Salmon (\$24)
_____ x \$24. = \$_____

Breakfast Sandwiches (\$16)
_____ x \$16. = \$_____

TOTAL: \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ zip _____

email _____

cell/phone _____

Community Service Hours:

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

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH, MONEY ORDER, or EBT.

No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed.

Money Orders should be made to: SHARE FOOD NETWORK.