

**Third Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

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



what's coming



**SAINT
MARY**
of the
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CONCEPTION
Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

january

25 SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25-31, Catholic Schools Week.

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Girl Scout Troop).

SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.

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

26 Monday, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

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

27 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Angela Merici, virgin)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Bishop Loverde at Mount Olivet UMC in Arlington

28 Wednesday, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Women's Group, Courtyard Meeting Room

29 Thursday, Weekday

Catholic Advocacy Day, Richmond

6:30pm Parent Gathering Speaker Series: Kevin Bohli, Parish Life Center.

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

30 Friday, Weekday

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

31 Saturday, Saint John Bosco, Priest

SCRIP Sales after 5pm Masses.

6:30pm, Reception for Teachers and Catechists, Parish Life Center.

february

1 SUNDAY, FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Saint Mary Preschool).

SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.

9:30am, Preschool Open House, Parish Life Center.

1pm, Holy Cross Academy Open House, at HCA.

2 Monday, The Presentation of the Lord

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

3 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop)

10am, CCW Board Meeting, Parish Life Center 100.

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

4 Wednesday, Weekday

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Women's Group, Courtyard Meeting Room

5 Thursday, Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

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

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

6 Friday, Saint Paul Miki, Martyr, and Comopanions, Martyrs

7pm, Called & Gifted Workshop, Holy Cross Academy.

8pm, First Friday Mass, Church.

7 Saturday, Weekday

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.

9am, Called & Gifted Workshop, Holy Cross Academy.

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

SCRIP Sales after 5pm Masses.

6pm, KoC Monthly Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✠ The **special collection this weekend** is for the **Church in Latin America**. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you for your generosity.

✠ You will not want to miss the **Called and Gifted Workshop** Saint Mary is hosting **Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7**. See page 7 for the registration form.

✠ Join us in Arlington on Tuesday night for our diocesan observance of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** with Bishop Loverde: January 27 at 7:30pm at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, 1500 Glebe Road.

✠ **Catholic Advocacy Day in Richmond** is this **Thursday, January 29**. Register at www.vacatholic.org and join us for a day of learning about issues and taking a personal role in doing something about educating our representatives about the Catholic faith.

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

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

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

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

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

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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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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

I hope everyone has had a chance to sit quietly in church at some point this week, or maybe this coming week, to just sit, consider the power of the Presence of Jesus among us, surrounded by all the children and gifts that cover the walls. There is a holiness in this "community" that I have not experienced before. A holiness that is filled with love, and hope and expectation, and possibility.

Never say "the youth are the future of our Church." It ignores the present moment in which we live together. The youth are as much a part of the present moment as anyone else. Why spend time thinking about what *might be*? When we can be enlivened and thankful and filled with hope for what *is*. The youth are the present of our Church.

We are confronted with the many faces and many gifts that are the people of God. I think it is probably a whole lot easier for a child to recognize his or her gifts and celebrate them. Adults become encrusted with all kinds of opinions and expectations they have for themselves, and others have of them, that have shaped us into a group of doubters. One year I filled in at St. Leo elementary school in Fairfax as the art teacher until we could hire a new one. My first day I asked, "How many of you are artists?" In kindergarten and first grade all the hands shot up. Second grade, doubt had begun to enter. By fourth grade maybe one-fourth of the students admitted their creative ability. By eighth grade maybe one uncomfortable student would look around to see if anyone was judging them and raise their hand halfway. I asked the rest why there were no artists in the room. Most answers were like this: "My friends / parents / teachers told me I'm not an artist." "My friends / parents / teachers told me I can't sing." They must have been friends / parents / teachers who didn't understand what it was to be a friend or parent or teacher!

Is it any wonder that Jesus says that unless we become like children we will not enter the kingdom of heaven? Not because children have it all figured out or have the secret of sanctity. They just love, and live in the possibility. When God says something that might seem unlikely to our adult ears, they can allow wonder and pay closer attention.

This week I have intentionally asked people what gifts they have that make them uniquely who they are. You know, the whole "no two snowflakes are

exactly alike" thing, only applied to people. We are distinct and unique not because of our fingerprints, but because of the combination of gifts each of us has received. The call is the same. To holiness, to fulfillment, satisfaction and fullness of life, and joy. The way each of us responds by using the gifts we have received is what makes each of us different.

So I asked people the question about their gifts. And the number one answer was, "I don't know." Some said they doubted that there was anything that made them special at all. Most probably didn't realize that a gift isn't just something you like to do or are good at - but a tangible way that God has chosen for each of us to be instruments of his love, to help our world, our brothers and sisters, all those who seek what is good - to touch the Mystery of God. To be servants after the heart of Jesus.

We have lived our lives, and are teaching our youth to think the same way we have, as if what is *real* and God's will is always something out of reach, something yet to be, some state of future perfection. The problem with this thinking is that it will never happen. We will always be dissatisfied, most will give up after a while, a long while or a short while.

But what if you really believed that God has already given you everything you need? He has. You are who you are, who you always will be. He has given us his divine life in baptism, a call as a member of the Body of Christ to share in his mission, the gifts of the Holy Spirit to accomplish a life's work, free avenues of reconciliation and mercy, and perfect Communion with God. Is there more?

The way to start this awareness of the new life we have already received is to look into ourselves and see how God is calling, according to the gifts he gave us, which make us who we are. It isn't mysterious, any more than we can say what color of eyes we have and what our favorite food is.

I imagine a Church where people live fully in their gifts for the glory of God, and nothing is a chore or burden. They say that there are no volunteers in the Kingdom of God, just people who are living out the call that they have received. Because it is who we are. May all of us begin to build this Kingdom on earth, living with youthful hope to look not at some undefined future moment, but to know the love of God now and live in it, and care.

God bless you.

Fr. Dom

holy cross academy

Smile! You're on HCA's camera!

Middle School students have the opportunity to choose from many different activities at HCA. Mrs. Angie Tomayko, technology teacher, leads them in exploring the creative applications of digital photography in two different electives.

Students in the Digital Scrapbooking elective selected a theme and created a digital scrapbook using Shutterfly. These budding designers learned how to digital image transfer using scanners, SD cards, card readers and USB connections, as they experimented with composition and layout to create their scrapbooks. They are very proud of their final product and look forward to exploring this further.

Another Middle School elective focuses on Photography. Students learn about the history of photography, uses of photography, basic camera function, basics of composition and lighting as well as sorting and editing digital files. They discuss various careers in this field and how they can use both basic and creative photography throughout their lives.

The future holds many new opportunities for our students and the skills they learn as they explore photography and design will help them in many 21st century careers and bring a lot of joy to their lives.

Holy Cross Academy and Saint Mary Preschool invite you to our Open House on **Sunday, February 1**. Our preschool will be open from 9:30am to 12pm. You can visit HCA from 1-3pm. Come see what we are all about!

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.



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called & gifted workshop

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
- Implications for parish life and ministries

Simplify your life.

Do you find yourself overwhelmed by your commitments? If you have a good sense of which spiritual gifts you have to offer to others, it will be easier to make decisions, set priorities and focus your energy. The Workshop is an opportunity to discover what gifts God has given you for others by seeing how God has worked through you in the past.

*The Workshop, offered by a team from the Catherine of Siena Institute, will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7. Everyone is invited to participate. The cost of the Workshop is \$20 for parishioners (\$30 for others). **Registration is required by January 28, 2015.** Forms are available outside all Masses this weekend, or the office, or online - find the link at the top of our parish website, www.stmaryfred.org.*

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.

THE CALLED & GIFTED™ WORKSHOP

offered by the Catherine of Siena Institute, Colorado Springs. www.siena.org

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception/Fredericksburg

The Workshop will be held at Holy Cross Academy

on Friday, February 6th, 7–9:30pm, & Saturday, February 7th, 9am–3:30pm



The Called & Gifted Workshop

Discover God's Call for Your Life

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends his love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms!

The Called & Gifted Workshop is a two-day live presentation which includes Church teaching on the laity and lay apostleship, the nature of charisms, call and vocation, and how to undertake the process of discernment.



The Called & Gifted™ Discernment Process has been used since 1993 by over 75,000 lay, ordained, and religious Catholics and other Christians around the world. The Called & Gifted™ process is designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their life.

Called & Gifted™ is a three part discernment process intended to help lay Catholics discern their charisms. All three parts of the process are necessary to determine where you are gifted. Part one is the Called and Gifted workshop, this workshop lays the foundation for the beginning of discernment. Part two is a one-hour, one-on-one Gifts Consultation, this is an invaluable part of the process. Part three, the substance of the discernment, is a small groups process which will teach you how to develop charism experiments and how to evaluate your results. In the last part of this process we learn how to identify ways we learned to control life as children that get in the way of using our charisms as adults.

Registration deadline is January 28, 2015. The fee is \$20 for Saint Mary parishioners, \$30 for others.

registration form:

Name of Ministry (if actively involved): _____

☐ Registered Member / St. Mary (\$20)

☐ Not a Member of St. Mary (\$30)

Name of church where you are a member: _____

Please return this form to the Parish Office by **Wednesday, 28 January 2015**, if you plan to attend the Workshop.

yes! I will attend the Workshop.

NAME _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Box lunch on Saturday is included. Payment must be included with registration. Make checks payable to St. Mary. Fee is not refundable.

education

religious education

Deacon Alberto with Spanish Speaking Parents

Monday, **January 26, from 6:30 to 7:45pm** in the Parish Life Center, parents are invited to join in the first of three discussions on the Spanish version of Bishop Loverde's Pastoral Letter on the New Evangelization, "*Go Forth with Hearts on Fire.*"

Bishop Loverde writes "After 48 years as a priest, I have never been more convinced that each

of us each us needs and desires a relationship with Jesus Christ in His Church. Each day brings this reality home to me in new and striking ways." Come to the sessions and fulfill this need and desire.

First Parent Gathering 2015

Thursday, **January 29, from 7 to 8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center, guest speaker Mr. Kevin Bohli's topic will be "Church Teaching on Human Sexuality." It is important that parents inform children that

the teachings of the Church are intended for our happiness and the good of our community. For many years Catholic teaching has consistently described human sexuality as a wonderful gift of God which carries a significant measure of responsibility.

Mr. Kevin Bohli will provide practical tips and advice on how to have conversations with your children about the gift of human sexuality. He will advise when to start, what to say, and how to break the ice.



Deacon Alberto



Kevin Bohli

In early January, Saint Mary's RCIA members took a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.



community happening here

Themed-basket raffle

The 3rd Biennial Jacob Michael Storck Charity Golf Tournament is being held April 24, 2015 to benefit Holy Cross Academy. This year the wonderful families from HCA and St. Mary Preschool have put together some amazing themed baskets to be raffled. There are many different options such as: Mom's Day Out, Reading, Coffee, Sweet Treats and even a Camping Basket!

The baskets will be on display during Catholic Schools Week at the Academic Dinner at HCA and in the Parish Life Center Sunday, February 1.

1. Ticket prices are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20 or 20 for \$50 and everyone is invited to support this great cause and purchase tickets for the chance to win! For more information on the raffle please contact Golfing4Jake@comcast.net or phone at 301-928-5390. For questions about the tournament, visit www.

Golfing4Jake.com. Thank you for your support and Good Luck!

Learn more about SHARE and our Health Ministry

Do you have questions about our parish SHARE program or our Health Ministry? Come learn how both of these programs are for everyone in our parish!

You are invited to join us at our CCW sponsored Winter Workshop (Forum) on **February 21 at 1pm** in the Parish Life Center. Rick Caporali will be a presenter as well as a chef! He along with others will demonstrate how to use the SHARE food box whether you are a single person or have many in your family and of course, tasting will be part of the workshop! All your questions can be answered by the experts.

Our Parish Health Committee will also be presenting how they can help you with a healthy lifestyle, give you refresher information on CPR techniques as well as the defibrillators in the parish buildings. They too can answer any questions you might have on these subjects.

Handouts will be available for you try the recipes presented. Internet resources will be recommended for other recipes pertaining to the food in the SHARE food boxes. Sometimes it's the preparation of the food that makes all the difference! For one person who hated Brussels Sprouts because her family served them boiled, a recipe for roasting them changed her mind; they were absolutely delicious that way! Although Brussels Sprouts is not on the menu for the workshop, come with an open mind to watch our presentations and enjoy!!

We welcome the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The miraculous image of Our Lady will visit Saint Mary on three occasions in the coming weeks: Tuesday, February 10 from 1-9pm; Saturday, February 14 from 6:30-9pm; and Sunday, March 1 from 2-4pm in the church.

A digital copy of the original tilma of St. Juan Diego in the basilica in Mexico City, this image communicates the loving presence of Mary, our Mother, through some beautiful signs. Healings, tears and glitter follow her, and one is able to feel the heartbeat of Mary as well as the heartbeat of Jesus in her womb.

This is one of the missionary images which began to circulate at St. John Paul II's request in June, 1991 at the International Rosary Congress and the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Image Guardian Vivian Mestey, from our parish, reports such wonders as common to those who venerate her image.

You, too, can experience these graces, signs and wonders through Mary's mediation and respond to our bishops' call for a culture of life in our country.

"Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy?"



happening here



Organist Weston Jennings will perform at Saint Mary on February 13, 2015.

Free organ concert, February 13

Concerts at Saint Mary presents organist Weston Jennings at a free concert **Friday, February 13 at 8pm**. Weston Jennings is quickly establishing himself as a talented and engaging international performer. He has performed across the U.S. and Europe, including at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Saint Thomas Church in New York, and the cathedrals of Berlin, Los Angeles and Denver.

Jennings recently accepted the post of Organ Scholar of England's Chelmsford Cathedral in England. Upcoming concerts include Westminster Abbey, Princeton University Chapel, Truro Cathedral, and London's Royal Festival Hall; but you can hear him right here at Saint Mary!

Donations to support the series will be welcomed; a reception will follow. For more information, contact David Mathers at dmathers@stmaryfred.org or (540) 373-6491.

Calling all those who would like to host a small group for Lent

This weekend we begin welcoming all those who would like to gather a small group of colleagues, friends

or family members during the weeks of Lent to meet, discuss and share the selections of Sacred Scripture for the coming Sundays. You can fill out a card in the pew as a host, or contact us at betransformed@stmaryfred.org, or go to www.lentenfriends.org for more information.

We will invite people to become involved as hosts and gather their own groups for the next two weekends, and will soon invite individuals who are interested but don't have a group.

2015
lenten small christian communities



SIX-WEEK SESSION
FEBRUARY 15 TO MARCH 29, 2015

Celebrate Lent with FRIENDS

Sign up today to be a host

Welcome a small group of friends and two "new friends" into your midst. Most groups consist of three to twelve people. These groups often meet in homes or any comfortable, casual setting. Please leave two empty seats for those looking to be welcomed into our faith community.

BETRANSFORMED, is a six-week series, featuring readings, teachings by various pastors and testimonials by parishioners. A booklet and DVD will help guide your discussions. No training is required.

Sign up to be a host today!



www.lentenfriends.org

happening there

**Diocesan Mass
in Celebration of
Consecrated Life**

All are invited to the Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Consecrated Life. The Vigil Mass is Saturday, **February 7, 2015 starting at 5:30pm** at the

You are invited to celebrate with Bishop Loverde
the Consecrated Men and Women
who serve
the Diocese of Arlington.
The eve of
**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
During the Year of Consecrated Life**
**Saturday
February 7th, 2015**
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and Reception
The Cathedral of St. Thomas More
For more information, contact the
Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514
vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington, VA. Following the Mass, there will be a reception with Bishop Loverde.

All across the world, the Church is celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life. By declaration of Pope Francis, the Year of Consecrated Life began on the first Sunday of Advent in 2014 and will continue through the World Day for Consecrated Life on February 2, 2016.

Pope Francis has written that the Year of Consecrated Life has three aims: to look to the past with gratitude, live the present with passion, and embrace the future with hope.

**Men's Conference,
March 7**

All men of the parish are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on **March 7, 2015**. This year's conference—entitled Victory Over the Common Enemy—will feature renowned speaker Fr. Larry Richards and author Neal Lozano exploring the presence of sin and evil in our lives, and how to overcome them. Breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde will be included. Registration begins January 1st. **New conference location: Foxchase Manor in Manassas.** Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more details or to register.

Suffering endured
with Joy
will Transform
the World

**WOMEN'S
Conference 2015****FEATURING:**

Kerri Caviezel

Kathleen Wilson
Founder of Mary's Shelter**March 28**

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fox Chase Manor8010 Chatsworth Drive
Manassas, VA 20109**Cost:** \$45 before February 21 and \$55 after
Register at: arlingtondiocese.org/women

Questions?

Contact the Office for Family Life
familylife@arlingtondiocese.org
or (703)841-2550

Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Office for Family Life & the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

18 January Offertory 32,414.
Parish Building Fund (add'l) 3,765.
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box 105.

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 February

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in February is Hazelwild Farm's Therapeutic Riding Program. The program offers specialized horseback riding lessons for all ages of riders with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The lessons increase stability, flexibility, strength, motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence for the riders, along with providing many other physical and emotional benefits. For more information, go to www.hazelwildfarm.com.

Men's Group

Looking for a chance to strengthen your faith while enjoying some good food and drink? Join other men of the parish and discuss issues relevant to work, family, and friendship in a casual environment at the Blue & Gray Brewing Co. each month. We're going to kick-off 2015 by discussing some of the essays from 'What's Wrong with the World' (free online) by the renowned Catholic convert, apologist, and author, G. K. Chesterton. We'll meet on the **last Friday of the month** at 7:30pm. Contact Mike Bostain (mrbostain@verizon.net) for more information.

HCA Science Fair judges needed

Holy Cross Academy will conduct its annual Science Fair for 7th and 8th graders on **Friday, February 6, 2015** from 8am until 11:30am at the school located behind Geico on Route

17. Anyone interested can email Eileen Lanzarone at eileen.lanzarone@gmail.com. or call the school at 540-286-1600.

Catholic care packages for your college student

Do you know a college student who would enjoy a Valentine Care Package with a Catholic twist? The Praying Moms of College Students are ready to help you out. We are sending out loving care packages just in time for Valentine's Day. The package will include sweets, a poem, prayer message, winter necessities and a special message from you...all for \$14.

Please sign up by February 5 at www.prayingcollegemoms.org/carepackages/ or mail your check to Praying College Moms, P.O. Box 3461, Oakton, VA 22124 with the student's address, your address and phone number. Any questions please contact Darleen Rouin at 703-455-4142 or email at darleenandchris@earthlink.net.

Diocesan Newspaper Collection

As registered members of Saint Mary Parish, everyone receives a copy of our Diocesan Newspaper, the Arlington Catholic Herald. The Parish pays an assessment to the Diocese on 40% of its registered families for subscriptions to the Arlington Catholic Herald. All subscriptions paid to Saint Mary during the year and contributions made in the Annual Diocesan Newspaper Collection stay with the parish to help offset

this assessment. Last year we received a total of \$11,872.12 from the annual newspaper collection and quarterly subscription envelopes to help offset a \$42,394.00 assessment.

If you have not paid for or renewed your subscription to the Arlington Catholic Herald, we ask that you consider doing so now. The subscription rate of \$22.00 a year is one of the lowest of any Catholic newspaper with

a circulation of more than 50,000, and the wealth of Catholic articles and information about your Diocese is invaluable. Green subscription envelopes are included with the January, April, July and October envelope packets for your convenience, and the Annual Diocesan Newspaper Collection is next weekend. Your generosity is truly appreciated, and we are very grateful for your constant support. God bless you.

Upcoming special collection: January 31 & February 1

liturgy called in love

Choose Life reflection for January 25

God does not make mistakes. When a human being is alive, it is because God wants him or her to be alive. People do not have to measure up to our standards or expectations in order to have dignity and deserve protection. *"Lord, I pray for all those who are disabled, frail, and ill. Give them Your strength and peace, and give us the eyes to see their dignity and value."* (Pro Life Reflections for Every Day)

First Friday, February 6 All Night Adoration

Our First Friday evening Mass at 8pm will be followed by All Night Adoration. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Pope Francis exclaimed: "Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us each time that following him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we 'possess,' but a gift to him and to others." At least two people must be present with Our Lord at all times during Adoration. Please sign up today and enrich your soul with the gift of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

2015 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!

This month Bishop Loverde will send a mailing regarding the 2015 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2015 BLA is "Stewards of Christ Sharing Gospel Joy!" After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. When we join together as one Body in Christ, we can do so much for so many!

Saint Mary prayer list

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

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 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, Holly Smith, Lois Merrill, Janie Sherry, Martha Clemens, Teresa Hopkins, Art Gabler, Pat Arvai, Veronica Johnson, William Herr, Bob Willis, Naomi Russo, Marie Savage

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

26 MONDAY

6:30 Mary Dyson
9am + Frederick Graves
Tm 1:1-8; Mk 3:22-30

27 TUESDAY

6:30 + Richard Gardener
9am Emmanuel (+) and Dolores Lucia
Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

28 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Marie Jose Maria
9am Christopher Lanzarone
Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

29 THURSDAY

6:30 + Pat Schupp
8:15* Holy Cross Academy
9am Bruce Strickland
Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

30 FRIDAY

6:30 All Souls
9am + John Murphy
Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

31 SATURDAY

9am Inge April
5pm Chris Rooney Family
7pm + George and Margaret Stiegler
Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Mk 4:35-41

1 SUNDAY

7am + John and Betty Gil
8:30 Joseph Detrane (+) and Family
10:30 + Those who died in January
10:30*+ Cecilio Albo
12:30 For the Parish
2pm + Maria Delcarmen Garcia Ponce
5pm Marilyn and Mike Coughlin
7:01 Jeff Nunnery
Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

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