

**Thirty-Third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

**15 November 2015**



# what's coming



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## november

### 15 SUNDAY, THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Troop 1410)  
9:30am-Noon, **Saint Mary Preschool Open House**, Parish Life Center.  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.  
3:30pm, Health Ministry Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

### 16 Monday, Weekday (St. Margaret of Scotland)

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.  
7:30pm, Catholics' Divorce Survival Guide class continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 17 Tuesday, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

9am, Holy Cross Academy Open House.  
10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 18 Wednesday, Weekday (The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles)

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

### 19 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.  
7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 20 Friday, Weekday

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.  
7pm, Bunco, Parish Life Center.

### 21 Saturday, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30am, Family Holy Hour, Church.  
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.  
KofC Citrus Sale, outside of Church after Masses.

### 22 SUNDAY, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Trail Life 4034)  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.  
KofC Citrus Sale, outside of Church after Masses.  
11:30am, **New Family Welcome Meeting**, Church.  
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

### 23 Monday, Weekday (Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr)

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.  
7:30pm, Catholics' Divorce Survival Guide class continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 24 Tuesday, Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

### 25 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr)

No YOUCAT this week.

### 26 Thursday, Weekday

Thanksgiving, **Parish Offices closed**.  
10am, Thanksgiving Mass (*there will be no 6:30 or 9am Mass today*).

### 27 Friday, Weekday

Thanksgiving Holiday, **Parish Offices closed**.

### 28 Saturday, Weekday

### 29 SUNDAY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## nota bene (*note well, please*):

✂ The **second collection** this weekend is for the **Parish Building Fund**. To explain to newer parishioners, and as a reminder for all of us: this monthly collection is a commitment we made seven years ago when we began the renovation of our church and all buildings on the parish property. Rather than have a capital campaign with a five-year pledge, we decided to pay off the debt with a \$48K monthly mortgage payment over the next ten years. So far we have paid about \$700K thanks to this monthly collection. An easy way to remember to help with this is by giving electronically through Faith Direct. Thank you for your generosity.

✂ **Saint Mary Preschool Open House is today** in the Parish Life Center, 9:30 to Noon. Please stop by and say hello.

✂ **Holy Cross Academy Open House is Tuesday at 9am** in the school library.

✂ We have a long way to go if we are going to have a meaningful **Parish Photo Directory**. For the rest of November only 8 appointments are made in each 128-appointment week. Photographers go home for good at the end of November. Please be a part of this historic record of our parish in 2015.

✂ Don't forget we have one, very special **Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10am** when we all gather and give thanks to God. As a sign of our gratitude we have a **Food Collection for the Fredericksburg Food Bank**. Bring bags of nonperishable foods, keep them with you in the pews and at the Offertory everyone brings the food forward and it is placed all around the altar as our offering. There will be no 6:30 nor 9am Masses on Thanksgiving.

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<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	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
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm,</i> <i>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
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<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE</b>	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
<b>HEALTH MINISTRY</b>	845-3031 Lois Sullivan, RN, FCN
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
<b>MARRIAGE</b>	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
<b>JOIN US</b>	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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## from our pastor



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

This week I am glad to announce to you some of the ideas that our *Laudato si'* discussion group is ready to propose to the parish for consideration as a response to Pope Francis. You will find our ideas listed on pages 8-9 of today's bulletin.

You will notice that **one of the ways our parish is seeking to grow our community into a place where people know each other and are known is by encouraging your family's inclusion in the Parish Photo Directory.** People can feel welcome by getting to know who is sitting next to them in church. **I ask you to do it.** As it stands right now, only about 350 families will be represented (500 years from now they will think we are only a small parish)—the photographers are scheduled up to Thanksgiving with only 6% of appointments taken. I think we can add more if there is interest.

At the heart of the encyclical is not nature for nature's own sake. Nature is God's creation and we must honor it, but it was made by God for a particular purpose. Pope Francis says that God made the earth as the place where he intends to encounter mankind. To destroy the place is to destroy the meeting. Listen to what he says about how creation is made for the Eucharist:

*"The sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life. Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane. Water, oil, fire and colors are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise. In the Eucharist, we find its greatest exaltation. God himself became man and gave himself as food for his creatures. The Lord choose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. He came not from above, but from within. [How absolutely beautiful is that thought?] The Eucharist joins heaven and earth. The Eucharist is a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation" (233).*

One of the women in our group wrote this:

*"Reflecting, I came to realize that if we allowed God to do what he had intended, that is, if we allowed him to be in charge, things might kind of take care of themselves. For example, if you cut yourself, the body starts immediately to clot and stop the bleeding. The body is always repairing itself. As for nature: While I was waiting at the*

*light to turn into the supermarket, I noticed the "weeds" growing up out of the tons of cement. It was one of those "moments." To realize the power of God to have his creation growing up through tons of cement. That he is always trying to make things right, and we are preventing it. It made me sad to think just how much we have destroyed ..."*

Another parishioner wrote this:

*"Pope Francis has inspired me to see outside of political party alliances and focus on the teachings of the Church and everything you just said in your bulletin. After all these years I realized that neither political party truly represents the compassion of Christ or represents the sanctity of life from conception to natural death (fair wages, etc.) and I am moved by the Holy Spirit through the Pope to share this with the world. I look forward to learning how I can help our parish see through the political/financial controls that have consumed us as I also continue to grow. I know this is the truth although a hard one for many to open their eyes to. It takes true grace to question oneself and change."*

I am so grateful for all who are willing to look around and see the world with new eyes. "All is gift" (St. Ignatius), and "all is grace" (Dorothy Day). Until we are able to see the beauty that is in a blade of grass we won't begin to understand the love of God. It is my conviction that our world doesn't care for our world today because they do not know the love of God staring at them from every blade of grass. And only then the tree that passes now from the green of ordinary time to the red of martyrdom, a dying that gives witness to the new life of resurrection at Eastertime. I would imagine the voice of God to be more beautiful than, or maybe the combination total of, every midnight and bird and poem and storm, Brahms' "Requiem" and sunrise, all in an instant.

Pope Francis puts it rather soberly:

*We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it. We have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness, faith and honesty. It is time to acknowledge that light-hearted superficiality has done us no good. When the foundations of social life are corroded, what ensues are battles over conflicting interests, new forms of violence and brutality, and obstacles to the growth of a genuine culture of care for the environment (229).*

Let us care. God bless you. *Fr. Don*

# holy cross academy



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## Future saints on the march

Those HCA Saints are alive and on the march! **Our Holy Cross Academy community celebrates the feast of All Saints with a parade of our heavenly patrons and friends.** Students in kindergarten through fifth grade don the garb of their chosen saint and parade throughout the school to the delight of our Middle School students and the many parents who come to participate.

Each child decides on a saint that they would like to research and learn more about. Class activities revolve around these heavenly role models as the students write reports, make life-size replicas and produce power points on the saints.

Our parade of saints ends with several fifth grade students telling us about their chosen patron and how each of us can imitate him or her. All Saints Day is a very special day at Holy Cross Academy.

Come see **St. Mary Preschool on Sunday, November 15, 9:30-12:30.** Our Fall Open House for **Holy Cross Academy will be on Tuesday, November 17 at 9am** in our school library. You can learn all about our school and see it in action. Please plan to join us to see our outstanding program which develops the whole child and challenges each student to pursue excellence in all areas.

Our school is a place your child can flourish, grow and learn. We would love to give you a tour of our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. We look forward to telling you all about the wonderful opportunities we provide for our students. Learn about our parish school by visiting our website, [www.holycrossweb.com](http://www.holycrossweb.com). If you would like to see what we can do for your child, please call our HCA office at 540-286-1600 or St. Mary Preschool at 540-373-7553.



## education

# religious education

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

Each year, Religious Education families help about thirty families in our parish have a bountiful Thanksgiving meal by **donating the following items** by grade:

- **K**—Canned Cranberry Sauce
- **1st grade**—Boxed Cake or Brownie Mix
- **2nd grade**—Canned Corn, Black, Kidney or Pinto Beans
- **3rd grade**—Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes
- **4th grade**—Boxed Biscuit or Muffin Mix
- **5th grade**—Boxed or Bagged Rice
- **6th grade**—Boxed Potatoes
- **7th grade**—Canned Green

Beans

- **8th grade**—Boxed Stuffing Mix
- **9th-12th grades**—Canned Cranberry Sauce

### National Bible Week

From **November 15–21, 2015**, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*. This year's theme, "The Bible: A Book for the Family," builds on this year's Synod of Bishops on the

Family and Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/index.cfm).

Each year, a generous benefactor has enabled us to buy Bibles for our students. **Students from Grade 5 upward and those preparing for sacraments are given a Bible to take home.** Bibles are also available in their classrooms. We urge parents to encourage their children to read their Bibles, especially the Sunday Mass readings. **The Mass readings are listed in each bulletin in the "liturgy" section.**

# youth ministry



### Saint Mary Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree will be going up soon. It's not too early to start thinking about how you can contribute. See page 10 for more information. We have the privilege of supporting the following charities this year:

- Mary's Shelter
- Catholic Charities: Fredericksburg
- Micah Ministries
- Greenfield Nursing Home
- Woodmont Nursing Home
- Hope House
- St. Vincent De Paul
- Refugee Resettlement Services

## YOUCAT

Meets Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 8pm.

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# parish life happening here



## iPad winner

Congratulations to Sharon Malay our Yankee Candle raffle winner this fall. Sharon won a brand new iPad. Thanks to everyone who helped with this Youth Ministry fundraiser.

## CCW guest speaker

The Council of Catholic Women will meet **Tuesday, November 17 at 10am** in the Court Yard Meeting room. Our guest speaker will be the wife of Deacon Dick, **Carleen Delio** who will share a reflection on "Thankfulness in the Seasons of our Lives." Please join us for an inspiring talk along with refreshments and sharing in who we are: women at St. Mary—'People of Thankfulness Sowing Seeds of Mercy.'

## History submissions

The history book about Saint Mary slated to be finished next year will cover all our history, from the missionary period prior to 1858 to the present day. Do you have a special memory of a church event or about a certain priest, sister or layperson that you'd like to share? Have you benefited from a healing Mass? Did you come to church to pray when a war was declared or ended, when a pope or president died, or on 9/11? We can't guarantee every comment will be included, but

the more we have to work with, the better our book will be. **To submit an item, please contact Donna Davis at [LadyDee519@aol.com](mailto:LadyDee519@aol.com) or 540-752-5502.**

## Cursillo Ultreya gathering

Please join the Cursillo community for an Ultreya gathering on **December 6 at 5pm**. If you have ever attended or are interested in attending a Cursillo retreat, we want you to join us! Learn more about Cursillo, find a group reunion, and listen to a short talk by our guest speaker. The meeting is a potluck and will be held at Lily Alarcon's home, 6 Stratford Hall Court, Fredericksburg. If you have any questions, please contact Lily at **540-752 0974**.

## Adult Confirmation classes: Dec./Jan.

Deacon Dick Delio will begin Adult Confirmation classes for all those who have already been baptized and have received first Communion, but have not been confirmed, as well as

for those who might want a short refresher course on the Catholic faith. There will be an **introductory meeting on Wednesday, December 9 at 7pm, followed by six, Tuesday evening classes at 7pm**. Please call the parish office to register, leaving your name, phone number and email address.

## Health Ministry Health Link newsletter

The Health Ministry is reaching out to parishioners who would like to receive current information on topics of health prevention, healthy-lifestyle disease prevention, and general resources of interest to all family members. We want to include you on our email list. Please send an email to [lsullivan@stmaryfred.org](mailto:lsullivan@stmaryfred.org) so that you are ready to receive our next newsletter. Please remember that you can make suggestions/requests for specific topics of interest to you and your family. We will certainly try our best to get you current information!

*Come and see what our school has to offer!*



**HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**  
*invites you to*

**VISIT OUR SCHOOL**

November 17, 2015 9-11am  
February 7, 2016 1-3pm  
April 16, 2016 6:30-8pm

We invite you to come learn about our school and all it has to offer. Tours of the elementary and middle schools are available on request. Named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2012.

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# saint mary responds

## yes: laudato si'

*A couple dozen parishioners met the last few Sundays to discuss the Holy Father's encyclical on Care for the Earth, **Laudato si'**. Pope Francis is very keen on results—action—as a response to the needs of our day. His message is clear: we have to talk about the problem, we have to build relationships as brothers and sisters, and we have to do something about it.*

*Following is a first draft of our group's findings and suggestions of ways in which we might proceed. All of these are intended for our parish family at Saint Mary, but would be even more meaningful if our activities could cross lines of race and creed for all people to care for our common home.*

### Education

We plan to invite a speaker to the parish from the Friends of the Rappahannock to speak about things we can do that would be appropriate to our area, such as: preventing the use of fertilizers which flow from our lawns into the bay; what kind of plants are invaders that threaten native plants and use too much water, endangering other species; incorporation of raingardens.

At Saint Mary we are going to ask our garden committee to identify plants on the property with names, to acquaint people with native species and names of the plants that share our space.

Much of what Pope Francis writes about, also, is a reintroduction of ethics into our understanding of modern life. A speaker could give the moral considerations that should be heeded when creating a built environment that brings people together and provides a space where relationship can build society. What impact has our presence here had on others?

### Community

#### Catholic Charities

Find ways to support more effectively our local family services office and other agencies which support the family and build up the community.

Is there a way that the parish can be involved in creating safe, affordable housing? Can we be involved with the foster care program to help integrate young adults who transition into society?

How can we foster an attitude of

it. This is a project that is too important to our parish to let it go incomplete. Is community a value to you? It is too easy not to know the person who is sitting next to you at Mass. Have your picture taken, get a free book and a free portrait of yourself, and help our community to get to know itself.

### Social Justice

#### Catholic Advocacy Day

In addition to our annual advocacy in January on behalf of life issues and poverty, care of



ourselves not as owners and consumers of land and resources, but true stewards of these gifts, caretakers who leave it better than we found it?

One of the important things that we are working on right now is the Parish Photo Directory. The encyclical suggests any means that would make a community more accessible and help people to feel that they belong to

immigrants and religious liberty, we hope to work on preparing a discussion about mental illness in our communities. Virginia is currently ranked 48th of 50 states for mental health care. Millions spent on care of plant species could also be used effectively if diverted to care of humans.

How can we get our students to take some part in Advocacy Day and bring this awareness back to their schools?



## Personal Consumption

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...

We discussed all kinds of practical things we could easily do as a response to change our use and throw-away mentality.

- When we recycle, we naturally use less. If we buy less, we throw away less. Members of our committee are going to research the most effective ways to promote recycling in our parish. But the bottom line is simply to use less. Mostly we waste because we don't think it through.

Would you consider *intentionally* rationing something that you use, limiting your consumption to a certain smaller amount? If we know the supply is limited, we are more careful with what we use. Our group is going to make suggestions about how we could practice voluntary rationing of some items. Our world simply is not an all-you-can-eat buffet.

- We are going to stop using styrofoam products in the parish.
- Collect the water you run while waiting for it to become hot, save it for other uses.
- Even though paper is recyclable, use only what you need. Dishtowels instead of paper towels; handkerchiefs for adults instead of tissue.
- If single streaming recycling is the practice of our local waste management contractors and city trash service, we need to start having special recycling containers in our parish buildings and our neighborhoods. Maybe our parishioners can start initiatives with their neighbors and friends, if such concern has not already brought about results.



## Saint Mary visits Greenfields

Children from the Saint Mary Outreach Committee were invited for a great morning of trick-or-treating with the residents of Greenfield Senior Living. Children led a Halloween parade and passed out lovely colored pictures and stickers. Residents loved seeing the children and passing out the tasty treats. A great time was had by all!

**If you are interested in attending our monthly visits to Greenfields,** please contact Julie Appleton at

[jrmappleton@gmail.com](mailto:jrmappleton@gmail.com).

Visits are the second Tuesday of each month from 10-10:45am.



# happening here

## Our Annual Giving Tree: Why so many gift cards?

Every year we have a Christmas tree in our Church filled with ornament tags that represent the various groups we serve through this ministry. When you look at some of the ornaments you will find things such as baby clothing or items for new mothers (**Mary's Shelter** or **Hope House**). Sometimes you see things like lotion, bed sheets, slippers or clothing for **Woodmont** or **Greenfield** (nursing homes). In the last few years it has become more common to pick up tags that request a \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 gift card. **There are many people who have asked us, "Why are agencies asking for gift cards instead of toys like they use to?" This is a great question and we want to explain.**

Some of the agencies we work with have told us that as wonderful as it is for their families to receive lots of toys to give to their children on Christmas day, the reality is that toys don't fill bellies with food, or help get diapers, shampoo, or many other necessary things that families need. Many of these agencies who work directly with families—such as **St. Vincent de Paul and Refugee Resettlement Services**—have stopped asking for toys because the families they represent have asked them to. The gift cards can be used to pay for food, other necessary items, as well as a few toys for the kids. Likewise, **Micah Ministries** utilizes the gift cards we provide for the varied and extensive needs of the people they serve.

A new organization that we have on our Giving Tree this year is **Catholic Charities Family Services**. Catholic Charities Family Services provides counseling to people in our community including adults, children, families, couples and a few groups. They are able to serve clients on a sliding scale fee, taking into account annual income as well as the number of dependents in a family. Fees for sessions range from \$15-\$100 per session. By providing a check to Catholic Charities Family Services you are able to help families, individuals and couples who desperately need counseling and otherwise could not afford it.

We hope this helps to explain the reason why there are so many ornament tags requesting gift cards or checks. There are still many ornaments that have particular items that can be bought if giving a gift card doesn't seem personal enough for you. However, the reality is that these gift cards and checks allow these incredible organizations to go beyond making Christmas day a joyful memory. After the Christmas lights are put away and the New Year has passed, these gift cards and checks continue to provide much needed help.



**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service**

Join Fredericksburg area Christian Churches  
for a Thanksgiving prayer service on  
Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm at  
The Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg,  
810 Princess Anne and George Streets downtown.  
*You are welcome.*



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# parish life happening there

## Cold Weather Shelter now open

The Cold Weather Shelter will re-open for the winter season on November 15 and will remain open each evening until mid-March. **Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings** by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (white socks, small toiletries, etc.).

**Saint Mary will be collecting donations of men's underwear sizes medium and large.** Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully

accepted at our Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that the temporary shelter will be available during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit **Micah Ecumenical Ministries**, [www.dolovewalk.net](http://www.dolovewalk.net) or **Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter**, [www.thurmanbrisbencentre.org](http://www.thurmanbrisbencentre.org).

## SHARE looking for new distribution site

We learned last month that we will no longer have the use of our current location for distribution of our SHARE Program to local participating churches. **The**

**program currently serves 450+ families** within a community of approximately 15 local churches from Bealeton to King George. Participants provide over 1,000 hours of community service each month.

**If you are aware or can offer an alternate location within a ten mile radius of Saint Mary it would be greatly appreciated.** The need is as follows: approximately 1,000 square feet, indoors preferable (to be out of the bad weather) but not absolutely necessary, access to a commercial loading dock and use from 6am–8:30am the third Saturday of each month. We have our own pallet jacks, and take all pallets and packing materials with us. **Please contact Rick Caporali, 540-373-6491** for additional details and more information about the program.



## "The Church Always Reforming"—2015 State LARCUM Conference

The State LARCUM Committee invite you to attend **our annual conference in Sterling on December 4 and 5**, starting at 2:30pm on Friday and ending at 2pm on Saturday. The conference is a wonderful program of talks, praise, fellowship, and opportunities to get to know our ecumenical partners in the Commonwealth.

**The Rev. Dr. Gerald Christianson** will speak on *"The Church Always Reforming"* on the eve of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In his witty and engaging style, Dr. Christianson will provide our State LARCUM Conference with the historical knowledge we require to properly approach the upcoming observance.

The conference fee is \$35 and brochures, registration forms, and lodging details can be found in the vestibule information center in the church. **For more information, contact Fr. Don Rooney, [frrooney@stmaryfred.org](mailto:frrooney@stmaryfred.org)**, Director of Ecumenical Affairs for the Diocese of Arlington. **Registration deadline is Friday, November 20.**

## LARCUM

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## Weekly Offertory

8 November Offertory	\$30,707.
Retirement Fund for Religious	10,234.
All Saints (add'l)	3,967.
All Souls Novena (add'l)	2,606.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul	137.

## 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 November

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for **Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Fredericksburg.** This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. *Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from*

*these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.*

## Pro-Life reflection for November 15

*"Today, too, children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a diagnostic sign, a marker indicating the health of families, society and the entire world. Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for and protected, the family is healthy, society is better and the world is more human."*

*—Pope Francis, Homily during Holy Mass at Nativity Square in Bethlehem, May 2014*

## Tax savings through a gift of stock

You may make a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or our diocese. **In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation.** For more information, please call (703) 841-3896 or visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts\\_stock.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx).



## Pro-life shrine to the Holy Family

One of the outward signs of our parish commitment to the value and dignity of human life will be a shrine to the Holy Family located in the island in front of the Parish Life Center. Please prayerfully consider a donation to support the installation of this shrine. Call Fr. Don directly if you can help.

## Catholic Campaign For Human Development

**November 21-22**

*"The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need"*

*—Pope Francis, World Youth Day Address, July 25, 2013*

During his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis said, "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need" (World Youth

Day Address, July 25, 2013). With these words, Pope Francis continues to bring our attention back to the poor and our responsibility toward them. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) responds directly to his call by addressing the root causes of poverty in the United States. CCHD funds programs in communities across the United States. By giving a hand up, rather than a handout, CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives

and neighborhoods. The CCHD is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and you are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Our diocese retains 25% of the collection to fight poverty right here in the diocese. Please donate prayerfully and generously.

**More information:** [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org).



# liturgy called in love

## Special Mass for Thanksgiving

There will be a **Special Mass at 10am on Thursday, November 26, to celebrate Thanksgiving.** As we have done for so many years, we ask all those attending to bring non-perishable food items with them for Thanksgiving, to be donated to the Food Bank for those in need. We hope you will join us and begin your day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, giving thanks to Our Lord. **Please note there will be no 6:30am or 9am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.**

## September Unscheduled Masses

**Masses were offered in September for the following unscheduled intentions:** Tase Bailey, +John Elwell, Catherine Sturtevant, Sarah Sturtevant, Glen Sturtevant, Sr., Levi Clagett, Sue Parks, Father Rooney, +Ruth Ginter, Father Cummings, Father Holmes, Father Lino, +David Silberman, Samantha Lazazarro, +Alma Bonner, +Sebastian Vittoria, +Talia Rose Wcislek, Dr. Gonzalo & Perla Guacena, and Bennett Lesley.

## October Unscheduled Masses

**Masses were offered in October for the following unscheduled intentions:** Walter & Marie Jessup, Julie Coppola & Patrick O'Sullivan, +Anthony Uva, +Jean Atkins, +Charlotte Koenig, +Carolyn Malone, +Joseph Maenza, +Catherine Caulfield, +W. Eva Murray-Scelzo, +Virginia Murphy, +Silesia Mercés Louredo Martins, +Samuel Alexander Rodriguez Amaya.

## Saint Mary prayer list

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Joanne Sanford, Trevor Wood, Beth Malaby, Rhonda Seidlinger, Margaret McAleavey, David Arnold, Tracy Biddulph, Carole Page, Christopher Kelly, Ann Dunsmore, Lisa Herr, Madeline Doyle, Elizabeth Ames, Elise Valez, Mary Ullmer, Virginia Bare, Bobbi Palumbo, Joanne Deangeous, Carol Eggleston, Patrick Eggleston, Mary Jean Williams, Don Williams, Tom Bowen, Thomas Novotnak, Peter Stafford, Josephine Kreider, Suzi Eggleston, Melvyn Schreckinger, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Marianne Ford, the Carlos Ortiz Family, John Haas, Karen Jones, Jennifer Carlson, Adelyn Wood, Elizabeth Ryan, Dave Kelly, Kevin Murray, Robin Humphries, Jimmy Zollman, Charleen Arnold, Joshua Burgh, Brian Keller, Linda Kaila, Cynthia McCready, Jesse Madison, Kelly Ann Carpenter, Martha Ferrara, Tom and Prov Moeller, Debbie Lloyd, Shana Callirgos, Cameron Richard North, Karen Danis, Maureen Flanagan, Gretchen Maia, Mary Ellen Normand, D.J. Smetek, Jim Evans, Megan Ramsey, Robert and Tenya Mosier, Cesar Corretjer, Josh Oltman, Donelda Wellwood, Keith Kovalefski, Bruce Bates, Joseph Bozicevic, Dyke Stabler, Helen Kozyra, Meredith Dean, Bernice Douglas, Paul Johnson, Alana Cross, Joseph O'Byrne, Veronica Johnson, Hal Ehrhart, Lillian Held, Prudy Tarpey, Mike and Mary Lou Gray, Martha Clemens, Ruth Weaver, Holly Smith, Byers Family, Hunsley Family, Mike Harwich, Charles Dillman, Janie Sherry, Richard Desmond, Nancy Stewart, Randy Knebal, Larry Hudson, Tracey Hansen, Connie Whatcott, John Whatcott, Patrick Clarke, Jacqui Herr, Valconi Family, Joan Carroll, Larry Dillman, Jessica Ryan, Matt Marshall, John Stehle

**Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:** Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, Dominick Joseph Petro, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Sean Plunkett, Roy Selvidge, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Geoff Mann, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond.

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

## Daily Mass intentions and readings

### november

#### 16 MONDAY

6:30 +Kenneth Coghil  
8:15\* Elaine McBennett  
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
Lk 18:35-43

#### 17 TUESDAY

6:30 +Theodorus Ruys  
9am +Barbara Mertens  
2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

#### 18 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Maria Ines Resendes  
9am Jim Evans  
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

#### 19 THURSDAY

6:30 In Thanksgiving to St Jude  
8:15\* +Heath Herrington  
9am Beth Palacios  
1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

#### 20 FRIDAY

6:30 In Thanksgiving to St Jude  
9am +Linda Mercado  
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

#### 21 SATURDAY

9am +Marcel Astier  
5pm Jack Kopcak  
7pm +Joyce Ann Schirmer  
1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

#### 22 SUNDAY

7am Louis and Carolyn Farrell  
8:30 +Deceased Members  
of the Legion of Mary  
10:30 +Richard Romagnoli  
10:30\* Phil Camill  
12:30 Our Military Living and Deceased  
2pm **For the Parish**  
5pm Connie Sielicki  
7:01 +Patrica Gasper  
Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

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

## Masses next weekend

<b>21 November— SATURDAY</b>	
5pm	Fr. Cummings
7pm	Fr. Holmes
<b>22 November— SUNDAY</b>	
Deacon Alberto will assist at the Sunday 10:30am HCA and 2pm Masses.	7am Fr. Lino
	8:30 Fr. Holmes
	10:30 Fr. Don
	HCA 10:30 Fr. Cummings
	12:30 Fr. Don
Deacon Delio will preach at the Sunday 5pm and 7:01pm Masses.	2pm Fr. Lino
	5pm Fr. Holmes
	7:01 Fr. Lino