

**Fourth Sunday  
In Ordinary  
Time**

**1 feb 2015**

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



*Giotto's "Presentation  
of the Lord," 1304*

# what's coming



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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

### 8 SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Columbian Squires).  
SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.  
3:30pm, *Forming Intentional Disciples* Book Study resumes with Fr. Rooney, Courtyard Room.  
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center.

### 9 Monday, Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program, Church. All invited to class at 7:30pm.  
8:15-9pm, Taizé Ecumenical Prayer Service, Church. *All Christians invited.*

### 10 Tuesday, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House, downstairs.  
1-9pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe Visitation, Church.

### 11 Wednesday, Weekday (Our Lady of Lourdes)

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

### 12 Thursday, Weekday

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

### 13 Friday, Weekday

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms' Group), John Paul II house.  
8pm, Organ concert, Church, followed by reception. All are welcome.

### 14 Saturday, Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.  
6:30-9pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe Visitation, Church.

*nota bene (note well, please):*

- ✂ Don't miss our **Open Houses** today at our Saint Mary Preschool (**9:30am to noon, Parish Life Center**) and at Holy Cross Academy (**1pm to 3pm, at 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22406**).
- ✂ **Calling all hosts** who would consider hosting a small group in our Lenten Bible study program **BETRANSFORMED**. Signups will be this again this weekend, individuals who would like to join an existing group can do so after February 4. Please check out [www.lentenfriends.org](http://www.lentenfriends.org) for information or ask people standing outside after Masses this weekend.
- ✂ This weekend's second collection is the **Diocesan Newspaper collection**. Contributions help offset Saint Mary's assessment due to the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.
- ✂ **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

<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, 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
<b>HOLY CROSS ACADEMY</b>	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
<b>ST. MARY PRESCHOOL</b>	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
<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 Steven Haughton, RN, and Beth Palacios, RN
<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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

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# from our pastor



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

This week as I am writing this bulletin article I'm in the middle of signing 5,200 end-of-year statements to all you parishioners for your tax records for giving last year! I have completed 2,800 for those who have no record of giving, and am about to get started on the other 2,400. I was visiting with some friends from a large parish in northern Virginia over the weekend and they said that they had already received theirs last week!

We get mixed responses from people every year, and I wanted to offer some comments which might make the process less irritating.

First, we don't do it to make people feel bad about how much they gave, or didn't give. We are required to report back to you how much your charitable giving was last year to the parish for tax purposes, in case we got it wrong and so you have a document to file. There have been instances in the past where we have missed some gifts and people have corrected us—this is why we have to send zero-giving letters, too. Each year I believe we are better at our recordkeeping, but there is always the occasional error, and we have to hear from you.

As I write in the letter, a zero-giving letter doesn't mean that you may not give cash, or are generous in many other ways. Again, there is no judgment on our part, we just have a report to make.

Some people say that they don't want a report because their giving is something for which they don't want a tax deduction. I think this is fine, too, but if you consider what some of our tax dollars are being spent on these days (some things which even violate our conscience rights as Catholics), maybe it would be good to keep as much as you can for things you would really like to support.

Some people say that they are offended that we would make their giving records public. This is also a misunderstanding. Only I and a select few of our staff even have access to the database where we are required to record all gifts, and these same people prepare the statements and mail them each year. There is no publication or opportunity for anyone to review these records. They are only between you and me and God. Even the diocese of Arlington, when they prepare lists of people we are to ask for special gifts (as in the recent Leadership Initiative Campaign), have only at their disposal

records of previous diocesan capital campaigns, public records, Bishop's Lenten Appeal history, or other gifts made directly to the diocese. They do not access our parish database for demographic or financial information.

Another interesting misconception has to do with so many who are coming into our country from other countries. National statistics show that giving is down simply because newcomers don't realize that the Church in the United States depends entirely on private donations in the weekly offertory. In European or Latin American countries, Central and South America, government subsidies maintain the properties, set and pay for budgets and often even pay salaries for parish employees. Here that is not the case. Each expense of the parish—program, service or outreach—is only possible if you give to the parish. Most churches today do not see an offertory growth that equals the growth in the cost of living, and church utilities, expenses and payroll go up year just like those of everybody else.

As I said, I'm between the letters for those who have no record of giving and all those who do. This many families—2,800—might even give only \$20 a year which would be like a second Easter collection. We would be on target for our annual budget. But God has always provided what we need, and he touches everyone at different times to support the parish in various ways.

New means of electronic giving through *Faith Direct* have made a regular gift to the Church more convenient and more regular for about 220 families, and that number is growing all the time. You might consider this as an option.

Please know how much your support of the parish is needed—and appreciated. We don't have opportunity to thank you enough for what you provide. We have so much going on here at Saint Mary and have made a difference in the lives of so many people... it is because you have provided the financial support to make it happen. It won't—it can't—happen without you.

Please accept my sincere gratitude as you receive your tax statements from Saint Mary this week, and don't hesitate to let us know if there is something that needs correction. It is a privilege and a great happiness to serve as your pastor.

God bless you.

*Fr. Dom*

# holy cross academy

## Join Us for Open Houses Today



We hope that you will join us for our **Open House this weekend.** You are invited to **tour our Preschool this Sunday, 9:30am-**

**12:00pm.** Our Saint Mary Preschool is right in our **Parish Life Center.** Come see all that our dedicated staff does for our youngest students, helping them to discover how much God loves them as they investigate and learn about the world around them. Visiting our Preschool will always bring a smile to your face.



After lunch, **stop by Holy Cross Academy** and learn about our program for our kindergarten to eighth grade students. Our

Open House will be **from 1-3pm.** We promise to have you home in time for your Super Bowl party. As we teach our children to Live Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales, we provide them with a Blue Ribbon Education. We teach them to live fully in the present as we prepare them for the future God has prepared for each of them.



Along with providing their students with stimulating lessons in many different areas, our amazing teachers strive to offer them enriching experiences. Our 7th graders recently had a visit from two NCIS agents who introduced them to the world of Forensic Science. They learned about crime scenes and evidence, but what they really enjoyed was being fingerprinted and seeing



who has loops, whorls or arches. We suspect that some of our young people may be taking a second look at a career in the applied sciences.

## HOLY CROSS ACADEMY SAINT MARY PRESCHOOL



## OPEN HOUSE

February 1, 2015

Preschool 9:30-Noon; Holy Cross 1-3pm.

Named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2012.

Five teachers named Diocesan Teacher of the Year since 2007.

Fostering excellence in academics in a Christ-centered environment dedicated to the development of the whole child since 1998.



*A National  
Blue Ribbon  
School of  
Excellence,  
2012*



**If you want to learn about our school** and what we can do for your child, come to our Open House or call us at 540-286-1600. You can also visit our website, [www.holycrossweb.com](http://www.holycrossweb.com). For Saint Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. Our school is a place where each child can flourish, grow and learn. We would love to hear from you and will gladly give you a tour of our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and tell you all about the wonderful opportunities we provide for our students.

## education

# religious education

### First Penance and First Communion Meeting

The parents of 2015 First Penance and First Communion candidates attended a meeting on Thursday, January 15. On arrival parents were given a booklet with the dates, procedures and how they could help their children prepare for the sacraments. In a delightful

and inspiring presentation, Fr. Rooney helped the parents have a better understanding of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. He also discussed why First Communion procedures would be different this year.

**This year children will receive First Communion at a Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass on the**

**following dates: April 18 and 19; April 25 and 26; May 2 and 3; May 9 and 10; May 16 and 17.** The children will sit with their families during Mass and receive Communion along with them. Just before the final blessing the children who received their First Communion will come to the front to be acknowledged by the congregation.

# youth ministry



### Middle School Youth Group

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us Sunday, **February 1 from 3:30pm - 4:30pm** for a power hour of fun and faith. We meet in the Parish Life Center. Friends are welcome!

### Parent Gathering

Please join us on Thursday, **February 19 from 6:30pm - 8pm** in the Parish Life Center. Our speaker Mr. Art Bennet will be presenting on the topic of *"Strengthening our Marriages: 5 Tips to better Communicate with Your Spouse."* Mr. Art Bennet is President and CEO of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Arlington as well as a

well known author and speaker. Mr. Bennett will be sharing 5 communication tips that will help married couples be more open to dialogue and strengthen their love for one another.

### High School Winter retreat

All high school teens are invited to join us the weekend of **February 20-22** for our annual retreat. We will head out to Toano, Virginia for a weekend of fun, friends, and faith. This is one of the best programs that Youth Ministry offers and we want you there! Permission slips, as well as our promotional video are online at [stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry/](http://stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry/). Spots fill up fast so don't delay!



*Our teens enjoyed this year's Life is VERY Good Rally and March for Life.*





# community happening here

Early purchase special: Tables of 10 for the price of 9.



## Saint Mary's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "PARISH NIGHT OUT" FORMAL DINING & DANCING

Saturday, April 25, Jepson Alumni Center,  
University of Mary Washington.

Our annual Parish Night Out has become a favorite tradition for parishioners as we gather for a fun, formal evening together with great food and music and dancing. We welcome back the wonderful Andrew Thielen Big Band, with dance classics from many generations of popular music.

Cash bar opens at 6:30pm; Dinner begins at 7pm, followed by dancing.

Tickets at \$75 each. For more information, speak with Marty Bridi, 540-373-0259.

## St. Mary Catholic Church Loyola Retreats for Lent

**Plan ahead to attend a lenten retreat at Loyola on the Potomac.**

Loyola retreats are conducted in an atmosphere of prayerful silence and include generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deep relationship with God. The retreat is open to anyone who is seeking a deeper relationship with God in prayer. It also provides for daily Eucharist and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday and Saturday. Loyola on the Potomac is located in Faulkner, Maryland.

This year's retreat theme is entitled: **"Behold the Face of God"**. This theme invites our retreatants to explore the Ignatian Principles of being **"Contemplatives in Action"** and **"Finding God in all Things."**

The invisible God is made visible through his creative work. Everything is made and continues in existence by God's creative/ salvific work in Christ (John 1: 1-18). By seeing what God does, we come to know who he is. All that we see is a reflection of God leads us to God and yet God is not contained in or limited to any created thing. The retreat helps us to deepen our ability to see and understand with the eyes of Faith. The retreat is open to

anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer.

**The retreats begin on Friday with check in and Confessions from 5-6:30 PM, an orientation at 6:45 PM and dinner at 7 PM and conclude with lunch on Sunday following Mass.**

The suggested offering for the Retreat is \$235, but only \$185 for first time retreatants. A payment plan is available. St. Mary's retreat dates:

**Men's Retreat—6-8 March 2015** (during Lent). **Women's Retreat—13-15 March 2015** (during Lent). Contact Len or Sylvia Fontenot for more info: 540-663-2261 or email [lensyl1966@verizon.net](mailto:lensyl1966@verizon.net). To register go to [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com)

# community happening here

**2015**  
lenten small christian communities

SIX-WEEK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 15 TO MARCH 29, 2015

## Celebrate Lent with **FRIENDS**



## **Participants**

**BE**  
TRANSFORMED

As we continue to accept host sign ups for the next two weeks, people who want to participate may join a small group by registering on our website. When you visit the website, you'll also find a short video clip and answers to any questions you might have.

You may be new to the parish or unable to host a group of your own. We still want you to participate. Without you, the building of our faith-based relationships through "Lenten friends" will be incomplete. To live in a community where faith grows, we need each other.

**BETRANSFORMED** is a six-week series featuring readings, teachings by various pastors, and testimonials by parishioners. This program provides time to build trust within existing friendships and at the same time develop new ones.

**Participants Sign up beginning Wednesday, Feb. 4**  
***Go online to register!***

*There is a \$10 participant fee.*



**[www.lentenfriends.org](http://www.lentenfriends.org)**



## 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.** 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](mailto:Golfing4Jake@comcast.net) or phone at 301-928-5390. For questions about the tournament, visit [www.Golfing4Jake.com](http://www.Golfing4Jake.com). Thank you for your support and Good Luck!

**February family dinner**

The February family dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **February 7 from 6 - 8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes spiral ham, sweet potato casserole, green beans, and chocolate cake. Profits will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul. 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 maximum cost per family is \$25.

**Rent-A-Crew**

**Have a crew of teens do your yard work in exchange for a donation to WorkCamp!** Adult-directed teams of teenagers will be available from February 20 through May 8 to do your yard work for a suggested donation of \$8 per hour per teen. Your job will be pre-viewed and the number of teens will be agreed upon ahead of time, at a convenient date for you. Please call Karen Clemente at 540-845-7403 or email at [karenclemente@aol.com](mailto:karenclemente@aol.com) for more information.

**We welcome the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

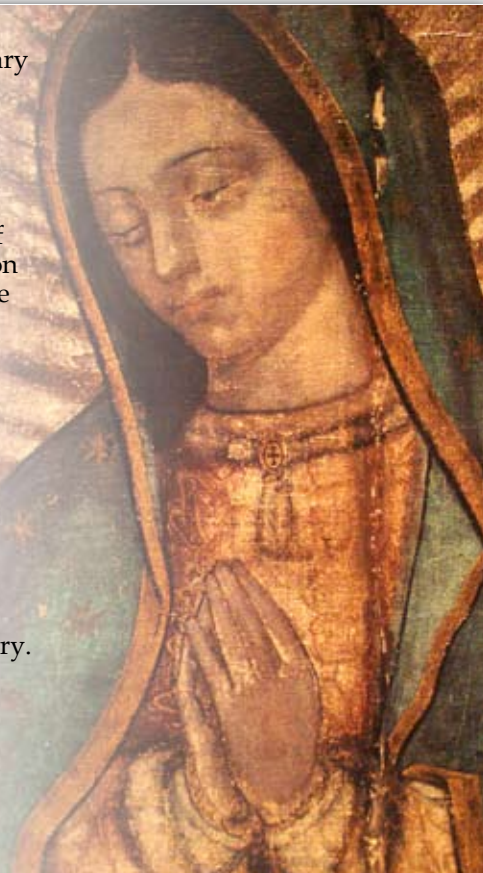
The miraculous image of Our Lady will visit Saint Mary on three occasions in the coming weeks: Tuesday, **February 10** from 1-9pm; Saturday, **February 14** from 6:30-9pm; and Sunday, **March 1** from 2-4pm in the church.

A digital copy of the original tilma of Saint 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 Saint 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?"*



# community happening here

CONCERTS *at* SAINT MARY  
*presents*

## Weston Jennings, organ

Friday, February 13 at 8:00pm



**The concert is free.**  
*A free-will offering  
will be accepted.*

*Meet the artist at a reception  
following the concert.*

**For more information:**  
**dmathers@stmaryfred.org**  
**or 540-373-6491 x 217.**

Organ works of J. S. Bach, Arvo Pärt, Frank Bridge, Claude Debussy, and Edwin H. Lemare's epic and romantic Organ Sonata op. 95 performed on Saint Mary's 3-manual, 49-rank, Robert William Wallace pipe organ.

*With recent performances in London, Berlin, New York, Washington, D.C and Los Angeles, American organist Weston Jennings is quickly establishing himself as a talented and engaging international performer.*

### 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](mailto:eileen.lanzarone@gmail.com). or call the school at 540-286-1600.

### February Book Club selection

The parish book club's selection for **February 10** is *Healer*, John M. Wills' latest novel. The award winning author is a member of the parish and will be present for the discussion at the John Paul II House at 10am.

More information? Kathleen Mahoney: 540-371-2073 or [bmah761569@aol.com](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com).

### THANK YOU from the CCW!

Recently, the Council of Catholic Women hosted a "baby shower" for four local pro-life organizations: Mary's Shelter, Paul Stefan Home, Birthright and Catholic Charities Baby Closet. Thanks to our wonderful parishioners, we collected hundreds of dollars in financial support and enough diapers, wipes, blankets, clothing and other baby items to help these organizations witness for life in our community through the coming year. Thank you for your generosity!

### CCW upcoming events

The CCW is honored to have Sister Susan Louise Eder, OSFS, principal of Holy Cross Academy as our **February 17** guest speaker. Sr. Susan Louise will be speaking to us about spirituality and the consecrated life; the Oblate Sisters of Saint Francis de Sales as well as the Oblate Missions.

Saturday, **February 21** starting at 1 p.m. in the Parish Life Center the Winter Workshop/Annual Forum. Please plan to attend for a very informative afternoon learning more about our Share program and the Parish Nurses ministry.

Bunco will be Saturday, **February 21** from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

# community happening there



On January 24 at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, **Mr. Anthony Hall**, parishioner of Saint Mary (fourth from left), was formally admitted as a Candidate for Formation in the Permanent Diaconate program with the Diocese of Arlington by Bishop Loverde.

## 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 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.

## Diocesan Men's conference, March 7

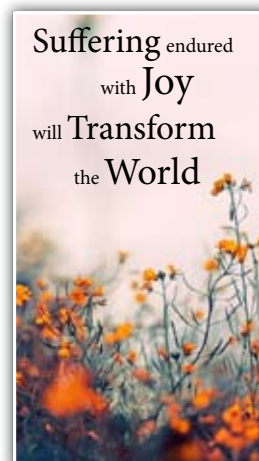
All men are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on **March 7, 2015**.

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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men) for more details or to register.

## Diocesan Women's conference, March 28

All women are invited to the annual diocesan Women's Conference on **March 28, 2015**.

This year's conference—Suffering endured with Joy will Transform the World—will feature speaker Kerri Caviezel and Kathleen Wilson, founder of Mary's Shelter. Breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde will be included. Go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women) for more details or to register.





# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

25 January Offertory 31,560.  
Church in Latin America 6,318.

## Second collection next weekend is for our parish building fund.

**Thank you** for your generosity!  
Please remember to use your  
Offertory Envelopes to ensure  
the accuracy of your end-of-  
year statement. The "Children's  
Envelope" proceeds will not be  
recorded on family statements.

## Children's Offertory Envelopes For 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](http://www.hazelwildfarm.com).

## Choose Life reflection for February 1

"The challenge is to make the  
Church's "yes" to Life concrete

and effective. The struggle will  
be long, and it needs each one  
of you. Place your intelligence,  
your talents, your enthusiasm,  
your compassion and your  
fortitude at the service of  
life!" — Pope Saint John Paul  
II, Homily, World Youth Day,  
August 15, 1993 (© 1993 Libreria  
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permission.)

## February 2: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Jesus Christ—the Light of the  
nations and the glory of Israel.  
"Beloved Christian, you esteem  
Simeon happy in having been  
permitted to take the Infant  
Jesus in his arms; and were

## 2015 Bishop's Lenten Appeal: Stewards of Christ Sharing Gospel Joy! Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2015: ¡Servidores de Cristo que comparten la alegría del Evangelio!

Next weekend, each family in our  
parish will be asked to complete  
a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)  
pledge form at Mass. If you have  
already donated through the  
mail or online or are not able to  
participate, there will be places to  
note that on the form. Please read  
the newsletter being distributed  
with today's bulletin that contains  
detailed information about how  
the BLA funds are distributed  
throughout our diocese. Please  
prayerfully consider making  
a pledge to support the many  
programs and ministries that serve  
the people of our diocese. Every  
pledge is important! Thank you!

El próximo fin de semana, durante la Misa se  
pedirá a cada familia de nuestra parroquia que  
llene un formulario de promesa de contribución  
a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo (PCO). Si  
ustedes ya han donado por correo o por Internet  
o no pueden participar, habrá un lugar para  
señalarlo en el formulario. Por favor, lean el  
volante distribuido con el boletín de hoy, que  
contiene información detallada sobre la forma  
de distribución de los fondos de la PCO en toda  
nuestra Diócesis. Se les ruega que, en espíritu  
de oración, consideren la posibilidad de hacer  
una promesa de contribución para apoyar los  
muchos programas y ministerios al servicio de los  
feligreses de nuestra Diócesis. ¡Toda promesa de  
contribución es importante! Muchas gracias.

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you to receive a grace like him, no doubt you would exclaim: *'Now dost Thou dismiss Thy servant in peace: because my eyes have seen Thy salvation.'*" (The Holy Eucharist, Jose Guadalupe Trevino)

## 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.

## Unscheduled December Masses

Masses were offered in December for the following unscheduled intentions: Nina Pham, RN, +Charles Finn & daughter Jeannette, Robert York, James McCarthy, +Fr. Albert Giaquinto, +Victor Vari, +Rita Mueller, +Deacon Daniel Crimmins, +Cathy Thompson, +Madeleine Andressa, +Juan Expedito Barrios Espinola, +James Ginter, +Jamie Smith, +Pat Donaldson, +Richard Juen, +George Billing, +Helen Novick, +Deceased Legion of Mary Members, +Charles Heitmanek, +J. Rosalio Perez Garcia, +Marian Vayda, Charles Lee, Bob Willis, Grace Sherry, The Bodoh Family, Kathleen Nicholas, +Betty Jane Glancy, Oblate Sisters, and +Gina Lenox.

## Saint Mary prayer list

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

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, Art Gabler, Pat Arvai, Veronica Johnson, William Herr, Bob Willis, Naomi Russo, Marie Savage, Deacon Richard Smith, Anna Castagna, John Paul Baksy

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

### february

#### 2 MONDAY

6:30 Fr. Stephen Holmes  
9am + Catherine Thompson  
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

#### 3 TUESDAY

6:30 + Juan Expedito Barrios  
9am David Fitch  
Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

#### 4 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Father Rooney  
9am + Glen Derouin  
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

#### 5 THURSDAY

6:30 Father Cummings  
8:15\* + Cecelia Lee  
9am + Paul Mesterhazy  
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

#### 6 FRIDAY

6:30 Deacon Alberto Bernaola  
9am + Florencia Sambat  
8pm + Isabella Gozza  
Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

#### 7 SATURDAY

9am Rich Girardin  
5pm + Robert and Joe Campbell  
7pm + William Dean  
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

#### 8 SUNDAY

7am Louise Hartnett  
8:30 + Angelina Altomare  
10:30 All Souls  
10:30\* + Amelia Abbate  
12:30 Fr. Don Rooney  
2pm For the Parish  
5pm + Allan Edward Carlson  
7:01 Rick Caporali  
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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