

**Fifth Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

8 feb 2015



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



what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

february

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.

15 SUNDAY, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (CYM).
SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center.
Lenten Small Groups begin this week.

16 Monday, Weekday

No Religious Education classes this week.
7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program, Church. All invited to class at 7:30pm.

17 Tuesday, Weekday (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

Noon, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

18 Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

Masses at 6:30am, 9am, Noon, 6pm, and 7:30pm.
6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

19 Thursday, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:30pm, Parent Gather Speaker: Art Bennett, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II house.

20 Friday, Friday after Ash Wednesday

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms' Group), John Paul II house.
6pm, Lenten Soup Suppers, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Stations of the Cross, Church.
8pm, Estaciones de la Cruz, Church.

21 Saturday, Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

1pm, CCW Forum, Parish Life Center.
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.
7pm, BUNCO, Parish Life Center.

nota bene (note well, please):

✠ **This weekend** every 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 (Thank You!) or are not able to participate, there will be places to note that on the form. Please prayerfully consider how you might support this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal.

✠ Celebrate Lent with **Friends** and **BETRANSFORMED**. This six-week program begins February 15. For more information and to sign up, visit www.lentenfriends.org.

✠ **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.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i> Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Lino Rico Rostro Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Sacred Music, David Mathers Secretary, Mary Fitch
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
HEALTH MINISTRY	845-3031 Steven Haughton, RN, and Beth Palacios, RN
BAPTISMS	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
MARRIAGE	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
JOIN US	New Family Registration meetings held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

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

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from our pastor



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

What an amazing parish you are! Looking back over January, thinking about all the activities we packed into the month, what with Family Week in Religious Education, Catholic Schools Week, all the preparation for two Called and Gifted Workshops and the great response you have had so far for the Lenten Friends small group Bible study program — well, it is amazing.

As I write this, the big Called and Gifted Workshop still hasn't happened, but attendance looks like it will be well over 300 people. It will be one of the largest efforts in gifts discernment that any parish has ever attempted. Add to that about 180 parish leaders, faculty and staff from three other Workshops and you have quite a significant number who have begun the work of inviting the Holy Spirit into their lives of service in an intentional way.

Do you know what might be the result of all this? Already we are a parish that is far above the national (far, far above the international average) of Mass attendance, just under half, I figure. (Most places count a good attendance as 20-22%.) Based on the figure that we see about half, or 8,000 parishioners on a regular basis every Sunday, that means that one of every 16 active parishioners will have been blessed with the opportunity to stop for a day and consider a deeper calling from God, and more actively seek to understand the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives. That is a pretty high percentage. It will raise the sensitivity that we have of one another in seeking to help each other grow in ways that we are being called to live and serve, and our culture might slowly begin to change. If only we as a Church could do this on a massive scale! The Holy Spirit can only work among those who have an awareness of him, and a welcome.

Then, add to that so many who have signed up for the new Bible study small group program **BETRANSFORMED** this Lent. Already over 100 people have planned to participate — probably several times that by the time you are reading this article. Not only do we Catholics have a lot of work to do to get acquainted with texts of the Bible, but the principal value of this program is getting comfortable with sharing the faith that we have. We tend not to be “wired” for small groups, to speak freely about our feelings or

about our faith. Catholics tend to be introverts in this area. But in the context of friends, we can practice that sharing skill and become more effective evangelizers, and therefore more likely to speak when needed in uncomfortable situations as well. In the process, our friendships grow, and we may even make new friends.

Last week I also had the opportunity to participate in Catholic Advocacy Day at the Virginia General Assembly. We gathered with Bishops Loverde and DiLorenzo in the morning and heard an overview of the Catholic viewpoint on major areas of legislation that are proposed for this session, then caucused according to districts to plan our conversations with our elected officials and practice what we planned to say when our appointments took place later in the morning.

Our group — Sister Susan Louise, Rick Caporali, Jim Carlson, Gregg Carneal, Tess Thome, Maureen Guilfoyle, and Dr. Trish Barber (principal of Saint Francis in Triangle) made our way to meetings with Senators Reeves and Stuart and Delegate Cole to speak on the topics of life protection and taxpayer subsidy, immigration, education, the death penalty, guns after hours in private schools, TANF reform and rapid rehousing initiatives for the homeless, among others. Our conversations were well-received, and we left with a sense that we had spent the day well.

I always wonder, afterward, how this day comes and goes with so little notice. If we truly have the opportunity to speak out and help shape the laws of our society according to our beliefs, then it is a wonder to me that we all don't take the day off and flood the capitol with information and voters. Over the past ten years, we have made a significant difference in the deliberations of our state legislature.

We especially thank Jeff Caruso, our parishioner and Executive Director of the Virginia Catholic Conference, for his constant attention to these matters, and to his staff who do such a nice job making all of us feel organized and valued in the work of advocacy.

Now Lent is less than two weeks away. Don't forget to get in as much chocolate and TV as you can while there is still time. :)

God bless you.

Fr. Dom

holy cross academy



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2012*

The gift of Catholic education

We had another spectacular Catholic Schools Week at Holy Cross Academy. Our Charity Jump-a-thon had to be rescheduled but all other activities took place right on time. Together we celebrated the gift of Catholic Education here in our parish. We are blessed by the support and encouragement of each of you and want you to know how grateful we are.

Our week's celebrations center on our Academic Fair and Family Dinner. Last Thursday, our families were invited to join together for a delicious chicken and pasta dinner catered by Carrabba's with many tasty desserts from our own Bakers-on-Call.

Families then toured the classrooms to see the

work the children had been doing during the first semester. Parents delight in viewing their children's art work and academic achievements. Going from grade to grade, it is easy to see the progression that our students make during their time here at HCA.

If you want to learn about our school and what we can do for your child, make an appointment to come see our school by calling us at 540-286-1600. You can also visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. For St. Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. Our school is a place where each child can flourish, grow and learn. We would love to hear from you and will gladly give you a tour of our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and tell you all about the wonderful opportunities we provide for our students.

religious education



Deacon Alberto with Spanish-speaking parents

On Monday, January 26, Deacon Alberto hosted a discussion with about thirty Spanish-speaking parents. They discussed the Spanish version of Bishop Loverde's Pastoral Letter on the New Evangelization,

The "Four 'R's' Method" of prayer

- **Read** a Scripture passage, preferably the coming Sunday's Gospel passage.
- **Reflect**: meditate on the passage.
- **Relate**: consider what God is trying to tell you.
- **Resolute**: make a concrete resolution for the particular day.

"Go Forth with Hearts on Fire."
The parents were attentive and the discussion was lively with Deacon Alberto always emphasizing the teachings of the Church. Deacon Alberto, spoke to the parents about how to properly pray in order to be in union with God. He provided a practical method of prayer in order to pursue

this goal. First, he reminded the parents that one must seek to be in the presence of God. Find a quiet place in the house, early in the morning, before everyone is awake. **Dedicate 15-30 minutes to the four "R's" method of prayer.** He explained that following these simple steps, one can be transformed and grow closer to God.

youth ministry



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 Bennett 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 Retreat

All high school teens are invited to join us the weekend of **February 20-22** for our annual Winter 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/. Spots fill up fast so don't delay!

community happening here

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



Saint Mary's 7th 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.



Catholic Advocacy Day 2015

Representatives of parishes belonging to the Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond gathered in the Virginia Catholic Conference offices in Richmond last week to discuss the Catholic Agenda for the 2015 General Assembly session and prepared conversations to teach legislators about the values of their Catholic constituency. They then went to appointments with their respective state senators and delegates to offer support and ask for faithful representation in the process of making laws.

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2015
lenten small christian communities

SIX-WEEK SESSION
FEBRUARY 15 TO MARCH 29, 2015

Celebrate Lent with **FRIENDS**



BE
TRANSFORMED

**It's not too late to sign up
to be a host or participant!**

We want everyone to participate in the building of our faith-based relationships, "Lenten friends".

BETRANSFORMED, a six-week series featuring readings, teachings by area pastors, and testimonials by parishioners. This program provides time to build trust within existing friendships, and at the same time develop new ones. It's a way to help one another move forward on a path of spiritual growth. **All are welcome.**

Sign up today!

There is a \$10 participant fee.



www.lentenfriends.org

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1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, Virginia
www.stmaryfred.org

CONCERTS at SAINT MARY
2014-2015

Organ Concert

Friday, February 13, 2015
at 8:00pm

Weston Jennings



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

American organist 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, DC, Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue (New York), Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral (Los Angeles), Immaculate Conception Cathedral Basilica (Denver) and Berliner Dom (Germany). Following a year as Organ Scholar of Canterbury Cathedral (UK), he recently began his new role as Organ Scholar of Chelmsford Cathedral. Forthcoming engagements include Westminster Abbey, Princeton University Chapel, Westminster Central Hall, Truro Cathedral, and London's Royal Festival Hall.

The concert is free.

A free-will offering will be accepted.

Meet the artist at dessert-reception following.

For more information:

dmathers@stmaryfred.org or 540-373-6491 x 217.

COMING to SAINT MARY

Friday, May 22, 2015 at 8:00pm
Jeffrey Palmer, countertenor, and friends

Saint Mary's is 5 minutes from I-95, exit 130A. Old Town Fredericksburg is a delightful historic city filled with many fine eateries, shops and attractions.



community happening here

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?"



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.

Senior luncheon, February 17

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday, February 17**. Doors open at noon and lunch is served at 12:15pm. All Seniors in the parish are invited. For additional information, call

Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580. Entertainment will be provided till 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish.

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.

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 for more information.

liturgy called in love

Seeking Part Time Accompanist

St. Mary of the Annunciation, Ladysmith Road in Caroline County, seeks an **accompanist** for three weekend Masses (Saturday evening, Sunday morning). Candidate will be comfortable on piano and organ, and will be versed in diverse musical repertory, from classical hymnody to contemporary. Familiarity with Catholic liturgy is a plus, as is the ability to work with cantors and to start, develop, and lead a choir. Contact the pastor at biberj@saintmarycc.org.

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 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 for more details or to register.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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, Deacon Richard Smith, Anna Castagna, John Paul Baksy, Eva Scelzo, Joanne Sanford, Trevor Wood, Beth Malaby, Rhonda Seidlinger

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, Xavier Alas

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings

february

9 MONDAY

6:30 Father Holmes
9am + John Doherty
Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

10 TUESDAY

6:30 + Pia DiNinno
9am + Ruth Quade
Gn 1:20-2:4; Mk 7:1-13

11 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Amante Marinas Sr.
9am + Jennie Church
Gn 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

12 THURSDAY

6:30 Father Lino
8:15* + Thomas Barden
9am + Addie Comerford
Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

13 FRIDAY

6:30 Barbara Stauble
9am + Roseanne Burke
Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

14 SATURDAY

9am Doug MacMaster
5pm + Gina Marie Lenox
7pm + Thomas Rozzi
Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

15 SUNDAY

7am + For all souls in purgatory
8:30 Tiem Vu family
10:30 Sister Susan Louise
10:30* Eden & Isabel Baroody
12:30 Father Holmes
2pm Josue Bermudez
5pm For the parish
7:01 + Rod Shrader
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1;
Mk 1:40-45

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

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

1 February Offertory 36,918.
Arlington Catholic Herald 3,497.
Church in Latin America (add'l) 2,341
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box 83.
Children's Offertory for January 270.

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.

Choose Life reflection for February 8

"Every Christian is called to work for the common good and against the evils and injustices of their day. We all are called to witness to life in whatever job and setting God places us."
— *Life Matters: Call to Greatness*
2012 USCCB Respect Life Program

St. Mary Catholic Church Loyola Retreats for Lent

Plan ahead to attend a lenten retreat at Loyola on the Potomac.
Loyola retreats are conducted

2015 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2015 Stewards of Christ Sharing Gospel Joy!

Commitment Weekend

This weekend every 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. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Together, we can do so much to help so many!

Fin De Semana Del Compromiso

Este 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. Si ustedes ya han donado por correo o por Internet o no pueden participar, habrá un lugar para señalarlo en el formulario. Después de reflexionar sobre las muchas bendiciones recibidas de Dios, se les ruega que en espíritu de oración consideren la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de contribución a esta importante petición que financia muchos programas y ministerios al servicio de las personas necesitadas y fomenta la Misión de Jesús en nuestra Diócesis. ¡Juntos, podemos hacer tanto para ayudar a tantas personas!

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 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.

operations called in love

A payment plan is available. St. Mary's retreat dates: **Men's Retreat—March 6-8, 2015** (during Lent). **Women's Retreat—March 13-15, 2015** (during Lent). Contact Len or Sylvia Fontenot for more info: 540-663-2261 or email lensyl1966@verizon.net. To register go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com

Busy Couple's 7-Day Online Retreat with Bishop Loverde

In honor of National Marriage Week 2015, Bishop Loverde will lead an online retreat for couples beginning on World Marriage **Sunday, February 8-14**. You can sign up to receive the video reflections from Bishop Loverde who will be offering practical steps for growing closer to Jesus and your spouse. The retreat will conclude at 10am on St. Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14 with a live reflection, exposition and Holy Mass led by Bishop Loverde at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. There is no cost to register. To learn more and to sign up, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/CouplesRetreat.

Cursillo Weekends

Come and discover the Cursillo community! The **Women's Weekend is March 19-22**, and the **Men's Weekend is April 16-19**. The retreat is wonderful opportunity to deeply reflect on your relationship with Christ and to grow as a member of the Christian community. The retreats will be held at the Missionhurst retreat center in Arlington. To register or for more information, please contact Joyce Bodoh at 540-521-0588 or joycebodoh@gmail.com.

Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: 16 February
Food Pick-Up: 28 February

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

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

Shopping for January:

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

- Chicken Drums, Individually frozen, 2 ½ lbs.
- Ham Steak, 1 lb.
- Perch Fillet, ¾ lb.
- Steak Strips, ¾ lb.
- Potatoes, Onions, and 8-12 more lbs. of fresh, healthy seasonal produce!

Lovin' That Seafood
(\$23 + 2 hrs community service)

- 30 oz. popcorn shrimp
- 1.5 lb. salmon
- 1.5 lb. tilapia

SCHWANN'S Pepperoni Pizzas
(\$17 + 2 hrs community service)

- 18 pepperoni pizzas (11.2 oz. each) (reduced fat)

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



SHARE Order Form

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

Salmon (\$23)
_____ x \$23. = \$_____

Pepperoni Pizzas (\$17)
_____ x \$17. = \$_____

TOTAL: \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ zip _____

email _____

cell/phone _____

Community Service Hours:

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

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH, MONEY ORDER, or EBT.
No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed.
Money Orders should be made to: SHARE FOOD NETWORK.