



**TWELFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME**  
**21 June 2015**

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



# what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

## june

### 21 SUNDAY, TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • FATHERS' DAY

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (American Heritage Girls).

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

*Please remember in your prayers Diocesan WorkCamp this week.*

### 22 Monday, Weekday (Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs)

9am-noon, Vacation Bible School begins this week, Parish Life Center.

### 23 Tuesday, Weekday

9am-noon, Vacation Bible School, Parish Life Center.

6pm, Sports Tuesday for Middle and High School students, Old Mill Park.

*Please remember in your prayers the Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue that begins today in Rome (Fr. Don).*

### 24 Wednesday, The Nativity of John the Baptist

9am-noon, Vacation Bible School, Parish Life Center.

9:45, "James: Pearls for Wise Living" Adult Religious Education class starts and runs for 10 weeks, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 25 Thursday, Weekday

9am-noon, Vacation Bible School, Parish Life Center.

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

### 26 Friday, Weekday

9am-noon, Vacation Bible School, Parish Life Center.

### 27 Saturday, Weekday (Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

### 28 SUNDAY, THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Columbian Roses).

11:30am, **New Family Welcome Meeting**, Church.

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

### 29 Monday, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

### 30 Tuesday, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

6pm, Sports Tuesday for Middle and High School students, Old Mill Park.

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

## july

### 1 Wednesday, Weekday (Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest)

5pm, Youth Ministry's Movie Night, John Paul II House.

### 2 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

7pm, Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center, Room 202.

### 3 Friday, Saint Thomas, Apostle

Parish Office closed; Independence Day holiday.

6:30pm, Prayers and Squares Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 204.

### 4 Saturday, Weekday • INDEPENDENCE DAY

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

### 5 SUNDAY, FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

No Coffee Shop.

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

*nota bene (note well, please):*

✠ **Beginning this Sunday, Fathers' Day, a Novena of Masses** will be offered for all the intentions placed in front of the altar. These intentions will remain before the altar throughout the Novena. Fathers' Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Parish Office.

✠ **Join us to build up a robust ministry of ushers and greeters.** Consider serving the Church in this manner. See p. 8 for information, and call the office and add your name to the list for the meeting August 29.

✠ **If you are new to Saint Mary, welcome!** Our next new parishioner welcome meeting is Sunday, June 28 following the 10:30am Mass in the church.

✠ Be sure to keep up on all that is happening at St. Mary by **subscribing with your email address** at our home page, lower right corner, at [www.stmaryfred.org](http://www.stmaryfred.org)!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.  
Send articles to [bulletin@stmaryfred.org](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

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## from our pastor



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Summer is certainly here! Do you remember the last time 90+ temperatures arrived early in mid-June? It was five years ago, when we gutted the church for renovations and the schedule said we would have the air conditioning back on by the 4th of July. We were suddenly in the 90s in June preparing for one of the hottest summers on record...we were in the 100s in July...the air conditioning didn't come back on until September. All we had were the little portable air conditioners that put out more noise than cool...

This past weekend I was remembering this as it seemed pretty hot in church. They haven't invented yet a system that can figure out how to go from empty to 650 people in 10 minutes on a hot day. But we are constantly fine-tuning! Please be patient with us. We didn't have air conditioning as children, and my dad had prophetic words for this: "*a family that sweats together, sticks together.*"

Speaking of sticking together, I've been thinking a lot about the things that can quickly threaten

our families. Families aren't unlike church communities: the first thing that breaks up families is when we value our individualism above our relationship with the people that God has placed in our lives. When the family or parish becomes the place to do for me what I want, then the whole idea of community is turned upside down. We are placed here for those around us, those around us aren't placed here for us.

It has huge impact on the spiritual life, too, because God can become just another one of those things that exists to serve the individual. Then we don't get what we want, God seems "distant," either we get frustrated or bored or even angry. Many Christian churches have turned to the Gospel of prosperity or drum kits and entertainment or have become communities requiring no obligation whatsoever to try to coexist with this destructive individualism rather than trying to change it. The reality is, no matter how much modern churches are trying to become "relevant" to the individual, that is not really the job of the Church. The question is: How relevant is the individual to the life of the Church?

Down deep, I believe everyone is seeking to be relevant, but we have bought the whole selfish social ideal that it becomes a struggle too complicated to solve. Both can't exist at the same time—it is like matter and antimatter. It is easier to be served than to serve, but Jesus came to serve and to be the example for all those who follow as his disciples. It is service that we find our relevance; it is in love that we find our purpose, both in his love for us and in our love for one another. Ultimately it is all about love, and love can't exist in an individual alone, because at some we realize that loving myself just doesn't go anywhere.

The key is when we realize that we did nothing to deserve anything that we have received. Life, gifts, hopes, relationships, grace, salvation, perseverance, courage, reconciliation, God. Nor is there anything that we can do to earn or merit any of it. It is not false humility to say that I am not worthy of any of this. None of us are worthy, yet God chooses to love us anyway. Only when we get to the point that we truly realize that God freely gives all these things to us who *don't* deserve it will we understand the sentence, "God is love." And "God loves me." And in this fact I find my identity. And that identity is everything.

God bless you.

Fr. Don

*Saint Mary under construction five years ago this summer. The altar was on a platform outside the cry room and folding chairs were set up in the area of the pews facing back. The sanctuary (right) was closed off as the wall behind the altar was removed to add steel, and build the chambers for the organ pipes.*



# holy cross academy

## Celebrating the end of the school year!

At the end of the school year, our HCA students participate in field day activities. Students in kindergarten through 5th grade rotate through the stations and participate in relays and team activities. They learn that by pulling together, everyone wins!

Middle School students take on leadership roles as their multi-grade teams compete for the team prizes. The teams with the highest total scores and the most team spirit are declared the winner for the day. Ending the day with a visit from the ice cream truck makes the day perfect.



Our 4th & 5th graders presented us with the Exodus story in their Spring musical, "Are We There Yet?" Their beautiful voices remind all of us of God's love and care for us.



If you would like to learn about our school and what we can do for your child, please call our office at 540-286-1600. We are currently registering all grades for the 2015-2016 school year. We extend a special invitation to families who want to learn about our kindergarten program here at HCA.

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. You can learn a lot about us by visiting our website, [www.holycrossweb.com](http://www.holycrossweb.com).



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Blue Ribbon  
School of  
Excellence,  
2012*

# religious education

## Vacation Bible School


**Registrations for Religious Education Classes continues** during office hours. **Classes resume the September 14-17, 2015.**

Our annual VBS will be from Monday to Friday of this week. About 30 adult and 30 teen volunteers are ready for the 150 children. The theme this year is "Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus."

## New Religious Education texts for grades 1-8

We will be using *Christ Our Life* from Loyola Press for our religious education classes next year. This series has been enthusiastically received by children and adults in response to the Church's call for a New Evangelization.

Love your neighbor. Walk with those who are struggling. Pope Francis's words could have come straight from the Gospels to "love the Lord with all our heart, with all our soul, with all



*"To live as true children of God means to love our neighbor and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty."*  
—Pope Francis

### 10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know about Evangelization

1. Anyone Can Evangelize!
2. Want Authentic Personal Fulfillment? Evangelize!
3. Evangelization Starts with Our Own Relationship with Jesus
4. Live By Faith-Filled Example
5. An Evangelizer is Joyful and Others Can Tell
6. Hello. My name is...Evangelizers Meet People!
7. Proclaim the Basics: Jesus Loves All!
8. Get Out of Our Comfort Zone
9. Mix and Mingle with All People
10. Evangelization is for Everyone!

our strength and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves." (Luke 10:27)

Pope Francis's simple message of mercy, service, and renewal has spread to every corner of

the world. Through his calm demeanor, selfless actions, and welcoming invitation to others, Pope Francis models the new evangelization. Discover his tips on how anyone can evangelize.

# youth



## Sports Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, starting **June 23 through August 11, from 6pm-8pm**, come out to Old Mill Park (2401 Caroline St) to play sports: Soccer, flag football or Ultimate Frisbee. All middle school and high school age teens are invited. Bring friends and a water bottle!

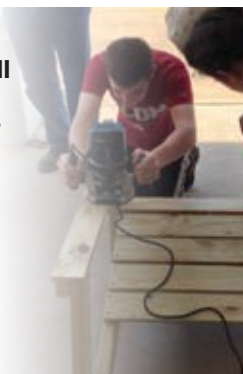


**Last Weekend!**



## Annual WorkCamp Raffle

Our weekly **WorkCamp Raffle** will **continue through June 21**. Each weekend, we will raffle off a pair of beautiful Adirondack chairs that our teens have made. Please see our WorkCamp teens after every Mass on these weekends to purchase tickets. All tickets are included in each raffle, so purchase your tickets early and get three chances to win!



## Youth Ministry Summer Calendar

Our summer calendar is available on the Youth Ministry calendar page. Please join us for some or all of the great activities scheduled.

# education graduations



*Students enjoy  
their Kindergarten  
celebration.*



*Congratulations  
to Holy Cross  
Academy's 8th grade  
graduates.*

# parish life given in love

## Called to serve as an usher or greeter at Mass?

**Please answer our open invitation to serve as an Usher or a Greeter at Mass.** Do you feel called to help people feel welcome and experience good order at our liturgies? We are currently seeking to fill our Ushers' roster with adults who can help people as they arrive at Mass and get seated, facilitate the offertory and help with good order at Communion. We also invite teens and adults to welcome people as Greeters, help people from their cars into the church, give them a liturgy sheet and feel welcome.

General training for Ushers and Greeters for the coming year will take place Saturday, August 29, at 9:30am in the church. If God is calling you to get involved with

community in this capacity, please contact Mr. Joe Cralle at [jacralle@gmail.com](mailto:jacralle@gmail.com) and let him know your contact information and the Mass at which you would be interested in serving.

## Children's Choir: new members sought

This coming fall, we will be updating the format of the Saint Mary Children's Choir. The Cherubs and Seraphs will be combined back into one Choir that will rehearse every Thursday 4:45-5:45 and sing every other Sunday at the 8:30 Mass as well as for Christmas and Easter. The Children's Choir will be for children in 2nd through 6th Grade. 7th Graders will be welcome to join the Saint Mary Youth Choir. **The first**

**Children's Choir rehearsal in the fall will be September 10, and our first Sunday Mass will be September 20.**

We are launching a major recruiting drive for the Children's Choir, with the goal of having 35 committed full members by September 1. Families with rising 2nd through 6th grade, watch your mail for more information on the Saint Mary Children's Choir and how to register for the fall.

Questions? Contact Director of Music, David Mathers at [dmathers@stmaryfred.org](mailto:dmathers@stmaryfred.org) or call the Parish Office.

## Adult Continuing Education summer class

**"James: Pearls for Wise Living" class:** (DVD by Jeff Cavins) Starting **June 22**, this class will meet in the Courtyard Meeting Room on **Wednesday mornings at 9:45 for 10 weeks** and be led by JoAnne Baker. Register for books at the church office by June 8. Book fee will be \$15.

## Wellness walking

The Health Ministry Wellness walking group is well on its way. Join us on the trail at the Rappahannock River/Canal **every Saturday at 7am until June 27**. The easiest place to park is at Old Mill Park, 2200 Caroline Street. Learn more about this trail at [spotsylvaniagreenways.org](http://spotsylvaniagreenways.org).

## Teacher position at HCA

Holy Cross Academy is currently interviewing for a teacher for Middle School Spanish classes. If interested, please forward a letter of interest and your resume to

Please Mark your Calendars for this Happy Celebration! August 1, 2015

Mary's  Shelter

6th Annual Summer Soirée



**Fredericksburg EXPO Center**  
Doors open at 5:30pm

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**8-1-2015**

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Sr. Susan Louise at [principal@holycrossweb.com](mailto:principal@holycrossweb.com). Call the school office, 540-286-1600, for more information.

## CCW Scholarship reminder

Attention female student parishioners of St. Mary who have been accepted or are attending St. John Paul the Great High School. **The deadline for submitting your scholarship application is June 30.** If you need an application, you can obtain one from SJPTGHS office or from Maria Duquitan or from Rebecca Darling at Holy Cross Academy.

## Virtus training

The Office of Child Protection has agreed to come to St. Patrick Church (9151 Elys Ford Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407) on **Wednesday, June 24**, to present, "Protecting God's Children for Adults." This is the "Virtus Seminar" that is required as one of the compliance components for all adults volunteering with churches in the diocese. There is no fee to attend and all adults ages 18 and above are welcomed. However, **registration is required and space is limited.** Please visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to register for the June 24 session.

We are now  
accepting K-8  
registrations for the  
2015-16 school year!



## School Dressing Day

The Interfaith Community Council is holding their **Annual School Dressing Day event on August 14 and 15.** This event provides a new pair of jeans, a shirt, socks, underwear, a backpack, school supplies and toiletries to area needy children. **Donations of new jeans, shirts, underwear, socks, backpacks, and toiletries and gently used outerwear** (hoodies, jackets, coats and shoes) will be accepted in the bins in the office at Saint Mary or in the Parish Life Center through the first week of August.

- **If you have need**, register at [interfaithcommunitycouncil.org](http://interfaithcommunitycouncil.org).
- **To volunteer**, register at [SignUpGenius.com/go/9040C45AFA922A31-volunteer/2923451](http://SignUpGenius.com/go/9040C45AFA922A31-volunteer/2923451)
- **Questions:** call Tess Thome at 757-870-8176 or email [tessnmike@cox.net](mailto:tessnmike@cox.net). Thank you for your generosity!

## Días de Vestir Escuelas

Provee vestimenta y materiales escolares para niños grados K-12, **Agosto 14-15, 2015.** Pre-Registración en una de estas fechas:

**Fredericksburg United Methodist Church**, 308 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg, VA (Entre por la entrada de la calle Charlotte)

- Miércoles Junio 17 (10am-1pm)
- Miércoles Agosto 5 (10am-1pm)
- Sábado Agosto 8 (9am-1pm)

**Latter-Day Saints (LDS) Church**, 1710 Bragg Rd., Fredericksburg, VA

- Sábado Junio 20 (10am-1pm)
- Miércoles Julio 15 (10am-1pm)
- Sábado Agosto 1 (10am-1pm)

Personas NO pre-registradas pueden venir de 1:30-2pm el Sabado 15 de Agosto. Registración, verificación, identificación son todavía requeridas. Para más información enviar email a [schooldressingdays@gmail.com](mailto:schooldressingdays@gmail.com).

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# community religious liberty

## **Pope Francis: Religious liberty is a fundamental human right**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Real religious liberty includes the freedom to live according to the values taught by one's faith, Pope Francis said. "Religious freedom is not just a matter of thought or private devotion," the Pope said June 20, 2014. "It is the freedom to live -- both privately and publicly -- according to the ethical principles that are a consequence of the truth found."

The Pope addressed organizers, speakers and participants in a Rome conference, "International Religious Liberty and the Global Clash of Values." The conference was organized by the centers for Law and Religion and for International and Comparative Law at St. John's University in New York and the Department of Law at Rome's LUMSA University.

Pope Francis said ensuring people's right to live their religious values is

increasingly difficult in the modern world "where weak thinking -- this is a sickness -- lowers the level of ethics in general and, in the name of a false understanding of tolerance, ends up persecuting those who defend the truth about the human person and its ethical consequences."

A natural part of being human, he said, is seeking the truth about the origin and ultimate destiny of one's life, one's connection to the cosmos and one's place in history. "In the human mind and heart there arise questions and thoughts that cannot be repressed or suffocated" because they emerge naturally, he said.

Religious freedom is a "fundamental right of the human person" and a recognition of the dignity of the human capability "to seek the truth and adhere to it," the Pope said.

National and international laws and organizations must "recognize, guarantee and protect religious liberty," the Pope said. Religious freedom is "an indicator of a healthy democracy and one of the principal

sources of a nation's legitimacy."

As he has said repeatedly, Pope Francis told the conference participants it is "incomprehensible and worrying" that even as worldwide appeals to human rights grow, "discrimination and restriction of rights persist based only on belonging to and publicly professing a certain faith."

"It is unacceptable that real persecution -- and even wars -- continue based on religious belonging," he said. Pope Francis said he is "greatly pained to note that Christians around the world are suffering the greatest part of this discrimination. The persecution of Christians today is even greater than in the first centuries of the Church, and there are more Christian martyrs today than in that era."

*By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service*

- See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/content/pope-francis-religious-liberty-fundamental-human-right#sthash.xKtoTPJZ.dpuf>

## **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

### **...FOR HOW LONG?**

**HOW TO PREPARE SPIRITUALLY  
FOR THE COMING PERSECUTION**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015**

**ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA



### **Mass at 9:00am**

Bishop Loverde, Principal Celebrant



### **Keynote at 10:00am**

Rev. David Pignato, S.T.D., J.D.  
Professor, St. John's Seminary, Boston

**Join us for a morning of prayer and a powerful  
address about our freedom to bear witness.**



For more information contact the diocesan Respect Life Office  
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# did you know?

## A Catholic History Lesson on America's Independence Day

**Q** What century and what location was this statute the law of the land?

...all and every Jesuit, seminary priest, missionary or other spiritual or ecclesiastical person made or ordained by any authority, power or jurisdiction, derived, challenged or pretended, from the pope or see of Rome... shall be deemed and accounted an incendiary and disturber of the publick peace and safety, and an enemy to the true Christian religion, and shall be adjudged to suffer perpetual imprisonment, and if any person, being so sentenced and actually imprisoned, shall break prison and make his escape, and be afterwards re-taken, he shall be punished with death.

Other similar laws were enacted throughout the colonies. However, according to *American Catholics: A History of the Roman Catholic Community in the United States* by John Hennessey, S.J., such a small number of Catholics actually set foot in Massachusetts and other colonies hostile to the faith during this period, that very few met with this type of punishment (though Quakers often did). These types of laws, however, writes Hennessey, ensured that "Catholic settlement was effectively prevented and foundations laid for the anti-Catholicism which observers have noted as endemic to the American scene."

A relatively small number of Catholics did successfully settle in what would later become the eastern United States, most notably in Maryland, which was established by the efforts of the Catholic Calvert family (by the 1st and 2nd Lords Baltimore) under King Charles I in 1633. Among instructions to the colonists (of which Protestants were the majority), the governor and commissioners were required to:

...cause all Acts of Romane Catholiques to be done as privately as may be, and... instruct all Romane Catholiques to be silent upon all occasions of discourse concerning matters of Religion; and... treat the Protestants with as much mildness and favor as Justice will permit.\*

Religious liberty has come a long way in the United States of America. Though established and governed by Catholics initially, Maryland's history, like that of the rest of what would become the United States of America, would be fraught with growing pains regarding the establishment of religious freedom. By 1708, there were 3,000 Catholics in Maryland – a small one-tenth of the population – and they had seen major setbacks. Anglicanism had been established in the colony in 1702, requiring taxes and compulsory attendance, while Catholics could not

vote or hold public office. Ten years later their right to worship privately was reinstated, but it would be a long road to religious liberty for the Catholics of Maryland and the American colonies.



Maryland, however, had planted a seed for the future. In the words of Robert Baird, a 19th-century historian who was often critical of the Catholic Church:

*Think what we may of their creed, and very different as was this policy from what Romanism elsewhere might have led us to expect, we can not refuse to Lord Baltimore's colony the praise of having established the first government in modern times in which entire toleration was granted to all denominations of Christians.*

*"The Founding of the Colony of Maryland" by Tompkins Harrison Matteson, painted in 1853 (Maryland State Art Collection)*

As we Americans (many of us American Catholics) celebrate the independence of our country, we have a lot to be thankful for. A look back at the history of our nation cannot help but give us a better appreciation for the freedoms that we may take for granted each year as we put out our American flags and deck out our homes in red, white and blue for the 4th of July.

\*Documents of American History, Henry Steele Commager and Milton Cantor, eds. 10th edition, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 1988.

**A** The words above, believe it or not, are from a 1647 statute governing a portion of our fair land (the future United States of America) and can be found in *The Book of the General Lawes and Libertys concerning the Inhabitants of Massachusetts* (1648).

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

14 June Offertory	30,194.
Faith Direct Offertory: June	34,485.
Parish Building Fund	12,447.
(including Faith Direct)	
Diocesan Retired Priests (add'l)	2,816.
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	224.

### 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 June

Our Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of June will be donated to Hope House, which was established in 1987 to serve homeless women and their children from the City of Fredericksburg, and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, and King George. Hope House is a non-profit, 501(c)3, transitional facility where homeless women and their children can stay up to two years. Hope House provides safe housing and the opportunities to transition to successful, independent living. Hope House also provides a childcare program that demonstrates excellence in childcare and ensures academic success. For more information visit their website at [www.hopehouseva.org](http://www.hopehouseva.org).

## Pro Life Reflection for June 21

Saint Joseph is a model for all fathers in his example of faithfulness and protection of his family. Thousands of times a day, children are aborted because of the choice of a father, who fails to show that faithfulness and willingness to protect the child he has helped conceive. However, there are many fathers who desperately wanted their baby

to live. Imagine the helplessness of these fathers unable to save the life of their unborn child – a situation that can lead to long-term mental health issues. *Lord, on this Father's Day, bless all fathers so that they may welcome every child and join the child's mother in saying yes to life. Bless all fathers in need of healing prayers as a result of abortion.*

## Fathers' Day Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your father, living or deceased – or your grandfather, godfather or someone who is like a father to you. Beginning June 21, Fathers' Day, a Novena of Masses will be offered for all the intentions placed in front of the altar. These intentions will remain before the altar throughout the Novena. Fathers' Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Parish Office.

## SCRIP gift cards

Due to changes with the SCRIP gift card company, we can no longer hold American Express gift cards in our inventory. You may still order the cards by going online to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and placing a family order for them. Once your order is placed online you may drop off your payment at the church office or at the Scrip table. We place an inventory replacement order every other week during the summer months. The next order date will be June 2 and orders will be ready to go home by June 5. Ordering online is a great way to order during the summer months too! Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Torie Baldwin at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase. **Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!**

## Prayer To St. Joseph for Priests

St. Joseph, who carried the Infant Jesus in your arms and who, during the space of thirty years, lived in the most intimate familiarity with Him, take under your powerful protection those whom He has clothed with His authority and honored with the dignity of His priesthood, whom He has charged to continue His mission, to preach His Gospel, and to dispense everywhere His graces and blessings. Sustain them in their fatigues and labors; console them in their pains; fortify them in their combats; but above all, keep far from them all the evils of sin.

Obtain for them the humility of St. John the Baptist, the faith of St. Peter, the zeal and charity of St. Paul, the purity of St. John and the spirit of prayer and recollection of which you, our dear saint, are the model, so that, after having been on earth the faithful dispensers of the Mysteries of your foster Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, they may in heaven receive the recompense promised to pastors according to the Heart of God. Amen.

## A Child's Prayer

I thank You, Lord, for my father. Grant me to realize the depth of his love for me so often left unspoken. And to appreciate his great and continuous sacrifices. His fatherly care reflects Your divine care. His strength, Your power. His understanding, Your wisdom. He is Your faithful servant and image. Bless him with peace of soul, health of body, and success in his life. Amen.

# liturgy called in love

## Masses Next Weekend

### Saturday, 27 June

5pm Fr. Lino  
7pm Fr. Holmes

### Sunday, 28 June

7am Fr. Cummings  
8:30 Fr. Lino  
10:30 Fr. Cummings  
HCA10:30 Fr. Holmes  
12:30 Fr. Holmes  
2pm Fr. Lino  
5pm Fr. Lino  
7:01 Fr. Cummings

## Peter's Pence Collection

**2015 Collection for  
the Works of the Holy Father  
"Be a Witness of Charity"  
June 27 & June 28**

"The Peter's Pence Collection is a way for individual Catholics to help Pope Francis as he reaches out to our suffering brothers and sisters around the world," said Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr of Cincinnati, chairman of the Committee on National Collections of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The collection's 2015 theme is **"Be a Witness of Charity"** and focuses on the need to show Christ's love to others. This worldwide collection supports victims of war, oppression, religious persecution and natural disasters as well as seminaries and institutes of Christian formation in developing countries.

"To love God and neighbor is not something abstract," Pope Francis said, "but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely."

Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy See with your generosity.

## Saint Mary prayer list

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

Linda Kaila, Rose Sisco, Jeff Shinrock, Donald Estes, Phyllis Woolverton, Helen Kozyra, Sr., Thomas Schulsky, Amelia McDevitt, Gerald Gardiner, Prov Moeller, the Girth Family, Marie Rooney, Dylan and Brandon Meade, Barbara Stauble, Michael Coughlin, Karen Danis, Marian Wilinski, Mary Ellen Normand, John Castagna, Kristy Fairbanks, Peggy Silberman, Florence DesRoches, Sr., Debra Wood, Danny Terrant, 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, Naomi Russo, Marie Savage, Deacon Richard Smith, Anna Castagna, John Paul Bakso, Eva Scelzo, Joanne Sanford, Trevor Wood, Beth Malaby, Rhonda Seidlinger, Margaret McAleavey, David Arnold, Tracy Biddulph, Carole Page, Christopher Kelly, Richard Romagnoli, Ann Dunsmore, Lisa Herr, Madeline Doyle, Elizabeth Ames, Elise Valez, Mary Ullmer, Virginia Bare, Bobbi Palumbo, Joanne Deangeous, Kenneth Nieves, Carol Eggleston, Patrick Eggleston, Mary Jean Williams, Don Williams, Gladys Bowen, Tom Bowen, Thomas Novotnak, Peter Stafford, Sr. Marie DeChantal, Josephine Kreider, Suzi Eggleston, Melvyn Schreckinger, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Marianne Ford, the Carlos Ortiz Family, John Haas, Jack Titus, Karen Jones, Jennifer Carlson, Adelyn Wood, Elizabeth Ryan, Dave Kelly, Kevin Murray, Robin Humphries, Catherine Eklund

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: 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, Julio A. Alarcon, Lance Schulte, Teri Hocter, Josue Bermudez, Bryan Ruth

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

## Daily Mass intentions and readings

### june

#### 22 MONDAY

6:30 Father's Day Novena  
9am Father's Day Novena  
Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

#### 23 TUESDAY

6:30 Father's Day Novena  
9am Father's Day Novena  
Gn 13:2,5-18; Mt 7:6,12-14

#### 24 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Father's Day Novena  
9am Father's Day Novena  
Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;  
Lk 1:57-66,80

#### 25 THURSDAY

6:30 Father's Day Novena  
9am Father's Day Novena  
Gn 16:1-12,15-16; Mt 7:21-29

#### 26 FRIDAY

6:30 Father's Day Novena  
9am Father's Day Novena  
Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22; Mt 8:1-4

#### 27 SATURDAY

9am Father's Day Novena  
5pm Father's Day Novena  
7pm Father's Day Novena  
Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

#### 28 SUNDAY

7am Father's Day Novena  
8:30 Father's Day Novena  
10:30 Father's Day Novena  
10:30\* Father's Day Novena  
12:30 Father's Day Novena  
2pm For the Parish  
5pm Father's Day Novena  
7:01 Father's Day Novena  
Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24;  
2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43

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