

**EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
2 August 2015



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



# what's coming



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

## august

### 2 SUNDAY, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Troop 1410)  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

### 3 Monday, Weekday

### 4 Tuesday, Saint John Vianney, Priest

10am, CCW Board Meeting, Parish Life Center, Rm. 100.  
6pm, Sports Tuesday for Middle and High School students, Old Mill Park.

### 5 Wednesday, Weekday (The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major)

1-6pm, Knights of Columbus sponsor the Red Cross Blood Mobile, Saint Mary Parking lot.  
6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

### 6 Thursday, THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.  
2pm, New Altar Server training, Church. Contact Chris Lanzarone ahead of time at 540-373-6491.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.  
7pm, Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center, Room 202.

### 7 Friday, Weekday (Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest)

2pm, New Altar Server training, Church. Contact Chris Lanzarone ahead of time at 540-373-6491.  
6pm, AED and CPR training for ushers and ministry leaders, Parish Life Center.  
6:30pm, Prayers and Squares meeting, Parish Life Center, Rm. 204.  
8pm, First Friday Mass followed by All-night Adoration, Church.

### 8 Saturday, Saint Dominic, Priest

9:45am, AED and CPR training for ushers and ministry leaders, Parish Life Center.  
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

### 9 SUNDAY, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (American Heritage Girls)  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

### 10 Monday, Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

8:15pm, TAIZE Prayer Service, Church.

### 11 Tuesday, Saint Clare, Virgin

6pm, Sports Tuesday for Middle and High School students, Old Mill Park.  
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 12 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious)

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

### 13 Thursday, Weekday (Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

### 14 Friday, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

6pm, Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption, Church (*this year not a holy day of obligation*).

### 15 Saturday, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*This year, not a holy day of obligation: regular Saturday Mass at 9am.*  
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

### 16 SUNDAY, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Squire Roses)  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.  
3:30pm, Health Ministry Team meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

*nota bene (note well, please):*

✚ The **special collection this weekend** is for the **Children's Programs of the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank**.

Your kindness and generosity in supporting the less fortunate in our community is greatly appreciated. God bless you.

✚ There will be **New Altar Server training on August 6 and 7** from 2-4pm in the church for rising 5th graders and older. If interested, you must contact Chris Lanzarone ahead of time at [clanzarone@stmaryfred.org](mailto:clanzarone@stmaryfred.org) or 540-373-6491.

✚ **Join us to build up a robust ministry of ushers and greeters.** Consider serving the Church in this manner. Call the office and add your name to the list for the meeting August 29.

✚ 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)!

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](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org)  
Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm;  
*students staff office weekdays until 9pm,*  
*Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm*

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Fr. Stephen Holmes  
Fr. Lino Rico Rostro  
Deacon Alberto Bernaola  
Deacon Dick Delio

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** 373-6491  
Director, Aristides Lucas  
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

**YOUTH MINISTRY** 373-6491  
Director, Leo Chavarria

**HEALTH MINISTRY** 845-3031  
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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

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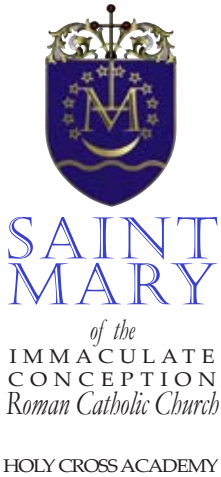
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## from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

First, a great thank you to all of you who responded to the Unbound Ministry priests who visited two weekends ago while I was away. I've heard from several people who had comments about the homilies and presiders; never the less it seems that they did their work and you did yours, too. I had mentioned at the few Masses I had this past weekend that our parish responded with a record 100+ adoptions for any parish they had ever visited. Later I learned that the real number was 205! I am very glad you were so generous. Unbound is one of the few (apparently) charitable "adoption" agencies with an A++ rating, which means that nearly all of the money they receive goes to the charity for which they serve. So, again, thank you!

I hope you got a chance to see the photos which were printed in the bulletin last week of our visits to the Oblate Sisters' missions in South Africa and Namibia. If not, you can always go to our website—and see the photos as they really are!—in the bulletin archives. At the Masses for which I presided here last weekend I spoke a bit more about how our parish is going to make sure every child has a pillow and a pillowcase as a starter for our relationship with the Mission of Saint Joseph School in Gabis (Karasburg), Namibia. Many of you have already responded hoping to participate in this project, as well as another project I hope to start, that of constructing bathrooms for the children. The boys' bathroom (for 85 boys) has two commodes and they are not functioning well. I hope to investigate the possibility of building sustainable, waterless (as much as possible, as water is precious in the desert) bathrooms which will accommodate more children, larger bathrooms for both the girls and the boys. We will be sensitive to make sure that local people are employed and local businesses get the contracts as much as possible, and that we don't upset the balance of these girls and boys in staying true to the simplicity of their lives, introducing a dissatisfaction for what they have. They have so little, and are so joyful because they don't have the complications of our lives, and we don't intend to introduce anything unnecessary for their well-being.

Already it is August, and we leave on our annual parish trip to Ireland tonight (Sunday). It seems like there has been too much travel this

summer. We originally were going to have our Buddhist - Catholic Dialogue here in the States, but the Holy Father asked that we have our first meeting in Rome, so that was unexpected. Then the dedication in Pella was originally thought to be the week following Easter Sunday when the Sisters could be away without missing too much school, but it moved to this summer in getting the convent finished. So the one trip to Ireland, which has been planned for a year, is starting this week. We will pray for (and toast) all of you while we are visiting the other Holy Land.

As we have nearly completed all the materials for our Stewardship / Discipleship plan for the coming year, I thought I would include some excerpts from Pope Francis' *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction announcing the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, in this week's bulletin.

Our theme for the coming year is "**People of Thankfulness Sowing Seeds of Mercy**," and we have chosen this theme because it is for God's mercy that we are most thankful. The life of faith can only grow in the soil of gratitude, when we realize what we have received from God and are filled with gratitude for his goodness. Then, and only then, are we able to be merciful to others as God is merciful to us, to be forgiven as we forgive, to love with the love that is familiar to us because God has loved us first.

I hope you enjoy this text. We will be studying and praying about growing in gratitude throughout the coming year as our parish fine tunes our ability to respond to Jesus' call as good disciples. Some major dates to keep in mind are:

- 13 September**—Parish Ice Cream Social, cakewalk and Dance;
- 19-20 September**—Parish Life Weekend with tents and ministry reps available after all Masses;
- 26-27 September**—Commitment Sunday;
- 9-10 October**—Called and Gifted Workshop: Join the 500+ parishioners who have dug deeper in the spiritual life discovering gifts received in Baptism and how to unlock them serving God. I ask all who have completed the Workshop to encourage several people to consider taking it and reserving the time in their calendars;

Before we know it, it will be Christmas!

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

# from pope francis a year of mercy

## Misericordiae Vultus: excerpts of the bull of indiction of the jubilee year of mercy

*Francis, Bishop of Rome, Servant of the Servants of God*

To all who read this letter grace, mercy and peace:

1. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time" (Gal 4:4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born

of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

2. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate

and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

3. At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.

The Holy Year will open on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This liturgical feast day recalls God's action from the very beginning of the history of mankind.

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## Why Marriage (Still) Matters

*An Intensive Workshop on Communicating the Truth of Marriage*

**Including a talk by our Bishop, Paul Loverde  
Saturday, August 8, 2015**

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, PARISH HALL  
750 PEACHTREE STREET | HERNDON, VA**



Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington. Space is limited.

Please RSVP to [heartsonfire@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:heartsonfire@arlingtondiocese.org) or  
contact Trish Diewald (703-841-2500) by Wed. Aug. 5.

education

# religious education

## Special training session for Catechists on September 1

On Tuesday, **September 1 from 6 to 9pm** all catechists are urged to attend a special training session. **Mr. Paul Gallagher, Educational Consultant at Loyola Press** will make a presentation on the New Evangelization edition of Christ Our Life 2016.

He will discuss this new edition so that we can help our children better express their faith, be a witness of Christ and live out their baptismal call to serve others.

The Catechists guides are ready and **catechists are encouraged to pick up their copy before September 1** so as to be prepared for Mr. Paul Gallagher's presentation.

## get involved

### Religious Education volunteers needed

We are still in need of Religious Education volunteers, especially Catechists. Call the Parish Office and volunteer or email [ksturtevant@stmaryfred.org](mailto:ksturtevant@stmaryfred.org).

# youth ministry



## High School Registration

Please register your high school teens for the **2015-16 school year**. You can download a copy of the registration from the high school section of our Youth Ministry page: [stmaryfred.org/high-school-program/](http://stmaryfred.org/high-school-program/) or come to the main office and fill it out. Registration fee is \$25 for the year which includes our

Sunday night group as well as our Wednesday night YOUCAT program. You can come to both or choose one.

## Sports Tuesdays continue

**Every Tuesday through August 11, from 6pm-8pm**, come out to Old Mill Park (2401 Caroline St) to play sports. All middle school and high school-aged

teens are invited. Bring friends and a water bottle!

## YOUCAT

Our Wednesday night YOUCAT program begins **Wednesday, August 5 from 6:30pm-8pm** in the John Paul II house. High school teens are invited to join us for prayer, scripture, fun and intense talks on the faith.

## Follow Saint Mary's Youth Ministry



- [facebook.com/stmarycym](https://facebook.com/stmarycym)
- [instagram.com/stmarycym](https://instagram.com/stmarycym)
- [twitter.com/StMaryCYM](https://twitter.com/StMaryCYM)



TOO BUSY TO PRAY?

# 2minutes2virtue

Get the most out of Sunday readings with inspiring two minute weekly video challenges

## Sign up!

[arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue](http://arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue)

### August:

Father James Hudgins

### September:

Father James Searby



# parish life happening here

## 'Tis a fine chance!

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be selling "chances" **after Masses on August 1-2**. The prize the choice of a **Trip for Two to Ireland** (includes airfare, lodging and rental car) or a cash prize of \$2,500. The departure date is up to you. Only 1,000 tickets are for sale. **Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$25.**

## Give The Gift of Life

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a **blood drive on Wednesday, August 5, 2015**. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be parked in Saint Mary's parking lot from **1-6 pm**. To schedule, call **1-800-RED CROSS** or go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Walk-ins are welcome. Bring a photo ID. Blood is especially needed this time of year. Your donation can help to save a life.

**Any questions please call Rick Reschick at 540-850-5587** with the Knights Of Columbus.

## First Friday with Saint Mary Young Adults

Please join us **August 7 for First Friday Mass at 8 pm**, with Adoration following. We will be having our monthly social afterwards. Please contact Allison Gatrone at [StMaryYA@gmail.com](mailto:StMaryYA@gmail.com) to join our email list and receive updates on our events and activities.

## CPR and AED classes

The CPR provider class and AED training for ushers and volunteers will be **August 7 from 6pm-10pm** or **August 8 starting at 9:45am** (30 registrants per class). To register, please call the Parish office at **540-373-6491**. Indicate your class choice. For additional information, contact the parish Nurse at **540-845-3031** or [epalacios@stmaryfred.org](mailto:epalacios@stmaryfred.org).

## Fredericksburg area Cursillo summer picnic

Please join us for a **Cursillo summer picnic** at Alum Spring Park in Fredericksburg on **Sunday, August 9 from 2-6**. Spouses and children are welcome! For questions, contact Joyce Bodoh at **540-521-0588**.

## Whitehouse Witness

You are invited to stand for the truth about marriage and the right of every child to have a mom and dad. Witness to the nation the glory of God's plan for marriage through prayer, fasting and sacrifice on **Saturday, August 15 in Washington, D.C. from 10am to noon**. The King's Men, an Apostolate of the Catholic Church, will be praying the rosary in front of the White House on this Feast day of the Assumption of Mary, and they are extending an invitation to all Christians to join them. Please plan on joining the Kings Men to hear some inspirational talks in the public square, to pray the rosary and witness to the beauty of marriage and family. **The King's Men** are fully committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church on the sanctity of life, from womb to tomb, and to the institute of marriage as being between one man and one woman. Please confirm your attendance at this event by emailing **Mark Houck** at: [markhouck@gmail.com](mailto:markhouck@gmail.com). For more information, visit [whitehousewitness.com](http://whitehousewitness.com) or [thekingsmen.org](http://thekingsmen.org).

## Halfway to St. Patrick Day celebration

The 4th **Annual Halfway To St. Patrick Day Celebration**, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is **September 12, 2015 from 6:30 to 11:30pm** at the University of Mary Washington Seacobeck Hall. Enjoy an Irish dinner (choice of salmon or corned beef), cash

bar, commemorate pint beverage glass, and door prizes. Music by Fredericksburg's Irish band, Dragon Fyre. Irish dance performances and Ceili lessons by Muggivan School of Irish Dance. **To order tickets** contact Harry Crisp ([Crisphe@aol.com](mailto:Crisphe@aol.com), 540-785-8371) or Bill Halpin (540-972-5903).

## Health Ministry volunteer classes

Interested in volunteering? Find out more at one of our Health Ministry Volunteer classes on **September 17 from 1pm-3pm**. To register please call **540-373-6491**. For additional information, contact the parish Nurse at **540-845-3031** or [epalacios@stmaryfred.org](mailto:epalacios@stmaryfred.org).

## KoC Annual Yard Sale

**Save the date—Saturday, September 26**. The Knights of Columbus is kicking off our donation collection for our Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser. We are asking for **gently-used items that are in good and working condition** including: Major appliances, furniture, kitchen items, clothes, coats, shoes, TV's, computers/ electronics, books, toys, lawn mowers, tillers, snow blowers, and anything else you may want to donate. We also will accept monetary donations. **Drop off items at the KoC 4034 Council home on Harrison Road** or we can arrange for a pick up at **your location on Saturday mornings starting August 1**. **Point of Contact for drop off or pick-ups:** Fred or Debbie Nunez (540-371-3125), and Mario or Patria Figueroa (540-898-0957). **Questions about the Yard Sale** can be directed to Tim Fleming by e-mail at [yardsale@kofc4034.org](mailto:yardsale@kofc4034.org). Thank you for supporting the church and the community by helping the Knights of Columbus with your generous donations.

# parish life happening here

## Global Prayer Ministry



**Please join and pray with us.** With firm faith in the power of prayer and through the convenience of social media, we are announcing a new ministry this weekend, which we are calling **"Global Prayer Ministry."**

Once a week, we will send out a specific intention to all who are registered by your choice of email or text. Our hope is that we all will pray **at the same time at Noon on Fridays** for five or ten minutes for the intention that was sent.

**Simply text "Prayer" to 845-76.** You will receive a confirmation message AND another message asking you to **CLICK** a link to give your name and email address to join our group.

For those that do not have a cell phone but wish to join, you can do so via the internet. Please visit [new.flocknote.com/StMaryCatholicChurchFre1/GlobalPrayerMin](http://new.flocknote.com/StMaryCatholicChurchFre1/GlobalPrayerMin).

## Join the Children's Choir!

The Saint Mary Children's Choir sings every other Sunday at the 8:30am Mass from September to June and for Christmas and Easter; **they rehearse every Thursday 4:45pm-6pm.** The Children's Choir is for children who love to sing, or who would like to learn to sing, and are in **2nd through 6th Grade**. To join, call the Saint Mary Music Office at (540) 373-6491 ext. 217 to schedule an interview with director David Mathers and receive a free vocal check-up. 2nd graders must be seven years old by September 30, 2015. **Rising 7th graders** are invited to join the Saint Mary Youth Choir. Call the Music Office for more information.

## Let's go bowling!

Knight of Columbus Council 4034's **non-sanctioned Bowling League will begin Monday, September 14, 2015** at the AMF Fredericksburg Lanes on Route 3. The league is open to all parishioners of the parish, family, and friends. We are still in the process of forming teams. The cost of bowling will be \$17 per person, per week with four bowlers on a team. **The formation meeting will take place at AMF on August 17 at 7pm.** The league starts **September 14, runs through March 2016, and meets every Monday at 7pm.** At the end of the season, there will be an awards party with prize money given. Come join and bring family and friends for a fun filled time! **If you would like more info about the league** or want to join please **contact Rick Reschick at 540-368-9345 or rez55@cox.net** or **Steven Young at 540-841-3630 or Stevenmyoung86@yahoo.com.**

## 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. **Sign up today!**

## Race for Seminarians

Run the Marine Corps Marathon/10K on October 25 to support the future priests of the Arlington Diocese! Runners and walkers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information visit [arlingtonvocations.org](http://arlingtonvocations.org) or call (703) 841-2514.

## Considering a vocation?

"Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness." Have you considered a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: [jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:jjaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).



# parish life happening there

## Why Marriage (Still) Matters – August 8

Many Catholics want to defend and articulate the importance of authentic marriage, but feel unequipped to do so. To help meet this need at a critical moment in our nation's history, the Diocese of Arlington will host **Why Marriage (Still) Matters: an Intensive Workshop on Communicating the Truth of Marriage**, at Saint Joseph Church in Herndon in the parish hall, on **Saturday, August 8**. Continental breakfast will be provided at 8:30 a.m., followed by talks given by nationally renowned scholar W. Bradford Wilcox, Director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, and our own Bishop Loverde, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The workshop is free of charge, but space is limited. **RSVP by August 5** to Trish Diewald at [heartsonfire@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:heartsonfire@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2500.

## Donations for 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.

**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!

## Celebrating a Silver or Golden wedding anniversary this year?

Were you married in 1965 or 1990? Then join Bishop Loverde for the **2015 Marriage Jubilee Mass** to be celebrated on Sunday, **October 25, at 2:30pm** at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Contact the parish office to **register no later than September 25**. For more information, visit [arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

## New UMW student?

**Join us for a Special Welcome Mass on Sunday, August 23.** Drop by the Catholic Student Center when you arrive! We are conveniently located across the street from campus (the red brick building with white columns) at **1614 College Avenue**. Meet new friends, and grow in knowledge and love of your Catholic Faith. Join us for Sunday and weekday Masses. Discover retreat and service opportunities and much more. **Contact us at 540-373-6746** or visit our website for additional information: [www.umwccm.org](http://www.umwccm.org). Like us on Facebook! **Sunday Mass time is 5:30pm.**

## Memorial Mass for Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, September 3

The Memorial Mass for Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, M.M., will take place at **6:30pm on September 3** at the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D.C. The Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the United States Military Services, will be the main celebrant. This annual Mass is celebrated in memory of Fr. Capodanno, killed in

Vietnam on September 4, 1967, as he aided embattled Marines. Fr. Capodanno posthumously received the Medal of Honor, and **in May 2006 the Catholic Church officially proclaimed him a Servant of God, formally initiating his cause for beatification**. The Fr. Vincent Capodanno Guild is the only official organization set up to promote the cause for canonization of Fr. Capodanno. For more information, visit [www.CapodannoGuild.org](http://www.CapodannoGuild.org). All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on the 48th anniversary of his death. Military members are encouraged to wear uniform of the day and civilians, business attire.

## Food donations

The Fredericksburg Area Food Bank's collection of donated fresh produce continues throughout the summer at the **Spotsylvania Farmer's Market on Route 3 East** at the commuter lot. To date we have collected and donated over 500 pounds of produce to those in need. Purchase a little extra local produce from our area farmers and suppliers and **donate it at the Food Bank's "Grow for Your Neighbor" tent between 9am and noon on Saturday mornings**. For more information and opportunities to volunteer, contact the parish office.



# from pope francis a year of mercy

## excerpts of *Misericordiae Vultus*, continued



10. Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers;

nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy". Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

11. Let us not forget the great teaching offered by Saint John Paul II in his second Encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, which at the time came unexpectedly,

its theme catching many by surprise. There are two passages in particular to which I would like to draw attention. First, Saint John Paul II highlighted the fact that we had forgotten the theme of mercy in today's cultural milieu: "The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy. The word and the concept of 'mercy' seem to cause uneasiness in man, who, thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it (cf. Gen 1:28). This dominion over the earth, sometimes understood in a one-sided and superficial way, seems to have no room for mercy... And this is why, in the situation of the Church and the world today, many individuals and groups guided by a lively sense of faith are turning, I would say almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God".

Furthermore, Saint John Paul II pushed for a more urgent proclamation and witness to mercy in the contemporary world: "It is dictated by love for man, for all that is human and which, according to the intuitions of many of our contemporaries, is threatened by an immense danger. The mystery of Christ... obliges me to proclaim mercy as God's merciful love, revealed in that same mystery of Christ. It likewise obliges me to have recourse to that mercy and to beg for it at this difficult, critical phase of the history of

the Church and of the world". This teaching is more pertinent than ever and deserves to be taken up once again in this Holy Year. Let us listen to his words once more: "The Church lives an authentic life when she professes and proclaims mercy – the most stupendous attribute of the Creator and of the Redeemer – and when she brings people close to the sources of the Savior's mercy, of which she is the trustee and dispenser".

12. The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person. The Spouse of Christ must pattern her behavior after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception. In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new evangelization, the theme of mercy needs to be proposed again and again with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action. It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father.

The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, *wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident*. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are

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Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.

13. We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: *Merciful like the Father*. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). It is a program of life as demanding as it is rich with joy and peace. Jesus's command is directed to anyone willing to listen to his voice (cf. Lk 6:27). In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle.

*Merciful like the Father*, therefore, is the "motto" of this Holy Year. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him. What a beautiful thing that the Church begins her daily prayer with the words, "O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me" (Ps 70:2)! The assistance we ask for is already the first step of God's mercy toward us. He comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.

Find the entire text at [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco\\_bolla\\_20150411\\_misericordiae-vultus.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco_bolla_20150411_misericordiae-vultus.html)

## Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:  
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, Art Gabler, Pat Arvai, Veronica Johnson, William Herr, Naomi Russo, Marie Savage, Deacon Richard Smith, Anna Castagna, John Paul Baksy, 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, Josephine Kreider, Suzi Eggleston, Melvyn Schreckinger, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Marianne Ford, the Carlos Ortiz Family, John Haas, Karen Jones, Jennifer Carlson, Adelyn Wood, Elizabeth Ryan, Dave Kelly, Kevin Murray, Robin Humphries, Catherine Eklund, Jimmy Zollman, Charleen Arnold, Joshua Burgh, Brian Keller, Darlene Guinn, Martin Samsbury-Carter, Linda Kaila, Cynthia McCready, Jesse Madison, Kelly Ann Carpenter, Martha Ferrara, Tom and Prov Moeller, Debbie Lloyd, Shana Callirgos, Cameron Richard North, Paulette Lake

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

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#### 3 MONDAY

6:30 Paulino and Perla Sambat  
9am Michael Langley  
Nm 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21

#### 4 TUESDAY

6:30 All Priests  
9am Steven Haughton  
Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36

#### 5 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Nicholas Lansangan  
9am Valentina Baz  
Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35;  
Mt 15:21-28

#### 6 THURSDAY

6:30 +Jose R. Bernaola  
9am Nanci Scharf  
Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19;  
Mk 9:2-10

#### 7 FRIDAY

6:30 +Tania Kemp  
9am +Augustine Astier  
8pm Al Baciocco and Family  
Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

#### 8 SATURDAY

9am Sr. Mariann Lanh Nguyen  
5pm Paul Glancy  
7pm +Mary Cajohn  
Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

#### 9 SUNDAY

7am For the Parish  
8:30 +Mary Johnson  
10:30 +John Wharton  
10:30\* John Baroody  
12:30 +Reed Koucher  
2pm Andres Correa  
5pm Leo Chavarria  
7:01 +Mary Helen McGee  
1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2;  
Jn 6:41-51

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



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## Weekly Offertory

26 July Offertory 30,009.  
Parish Building Fund (add'l) 2,000.  
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul 406.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**The second collection on August 8-9 is for the parish building fund.**

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 August

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of August will be donated to the **Grace Oughton Cancer Foundation**. Originally established in 2006 to assist the family of nineteen month old Grace who courageously battled a rapidly progressing form of cancer called neuroblastoma, the Foundation has grown, in Grace's memory, and now provides resources and financial support for local families of children battling rare forms of childhood cancer, as well as grants for pediatric cancer research. The Grace Oughton Cancer Foundation thanks you in advance for your contributions in support of their efforts. For more information, visit their website at [www.thegocf.org](http://www.thegocf.org).

## Pro Life Reflection for August 2

"Suddenly there were two men talking with Him—Moses and Elijah." (Luke 9:30) Jesus was transfigured; the glory of His divinity shone through His

humanity, which reminds us that humanity always expresses the image of God. The Transfiguration was meant to remind the Apostles that death would not have the last word. Jesus, may Your Transfiguration be a powerful reminder that You have brought about a new kingdom of life.

*"The hour of Transfiguration came for Jesus when He was about to enter the night of suffering and death. As members of His Body, we can only receive the grace of transfiguration, which He has won for us, by following the same path — the pathway of humiliation and purification."*

—Text of a Plaque at the Basilica of the Transfiguration in the Holy Land.

*"Only with hearts full of adoration can we ascend Mount Tabor, the Mount of Transfiguration."*  
—Excerpt from *The Holy Land Today* by M. Basilea Schlink.

## First Friday August 7, All Night Adoration

Our First Friday evening **Mass on August 7, at 8pm, will be followed by All Night Adoration until 9am on Saturday, August 2**. Please sign up today to gaze upon the glory of Our Lord in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration.

*They saw His glory.....and a voice came out of the cloud, saying "This is My Son, My Chosen; listen to Him!" ... and they kept silence.*  
—Luke 9:32, 35, 36

*"As the Disciples on Tabor saw Jesus only, so interior souls see Our Lord alone in the Tabor of their heart. They are two friends who never grow tired of each other."*  
—St. John Vianney

*"Only in Heaven will he be able to measure his greatness. If he were to understand it already here on earth, he would die, not of fright, but of love ... After God, the priest is all."*  
—St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests, Feast Day August 4.

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of Your priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them, and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here on earth, and in Heaven, their everlasting crown. Amen.

— St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus & the Holy Face

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, we pray: obtain for us many holy priests & vocations to the priesthood.

## Weekly Diocesan TV Mass brings the Mass to the homebound

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Invite them to join in the Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. **Every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50**, this Mass airs for the members of our Catholic family unable to be physically present for Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

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Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Torie Baldwin at [scripcoordinator@holycross-web.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycross-web.com) for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase. **Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!**

## Electronic Offertory

*Faith Direct* enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. With *Faith Direct*, the parish will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) Our parish code is VA635.

## Masses next weekend

### 8 August – SATURDAY

5pm Fr. Lino  
7pm Fr. Cummings

### 9 August – SUNDAY

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

Deacon Alberto will assist at the 5pm and 7pm Saturday Masses.

## Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

**Order Deadline: 10 August**  
**Food Pick-Up: 22 August**

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](mailto:rcaporali@stmaryfred.org).

## Shopping for August:

### Value Package

(\$22 + 2 hrs community service)

- Potatoes, onions, and all the beautiful summer produce we can find
- Chicken Thighs – 1.5lb
- Tilapia – 1lb
- Hardwood Smoked Bacon – 1lb
- Ham Steak – 1lb

### Chicken Leg Quarters

(\$13 + 2 hrs community service)

- 10 lbs. total weight

### Bacon Cheddar Burgers

(\$28 + 2 hrs Community Service)

- 10 lbs. total weight

### Labor Day Griller

(\$26 + 2 hrs Community Service)

- 8 – 4oz Hamburgers
- 4 – 4oz Chicken Breast
- 4 – 4oz Pork Chops
- 2 – 8oz Rib-Eye Steaks
- All items frozen, vacuum packed, and ready for the grill

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



## SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$22)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$22. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Leg Quarters (\$13)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$13. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bacon Cheddar Burgers (\$28)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$28. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Labor Day Griller (\$26)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$26. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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.