

**TWENTIETH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
16 August 2015



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



what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

august

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.

17 Monday, Weekday

18 Tuesday, Weekday

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

19 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint John Eudes, Priest)

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

20 Thursday, Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

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

21 Friday, Saint Pius X, Pope

22 Saturday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

23 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Preschool)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
11:30am, New Family Welcome Meeting, Church.

24 Monday, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

25 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest)

5pm, Parish Leadership Dinner, Parish Life Center.

26 Wednesday, Weekday

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

27 Thursday, Saint Monica

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

28 Friday, Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

29 Saturday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

9:30am, Ushers and Greeters meeting, Parish Life Center Main Hall.
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

30 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (St. Anne's Sisters in Faith)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
Called and Gifted registration opens (see page 8 for more information).

nota bene (note well, please):

✚ 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.

✚ Save the date for these upcoming events:

Parish Leadership Dinner for all ministry leaders, **Tuesday, August 25.**

Parish Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk and Dance, Saint Mary's fall social, come to see everyone, enter the cake decorating contest, put on your dancing shoes, **Sunday, September 13, 4-7pm.**

Parish Life Weekend: get involved in parish life and work, **Saturday and Sunday, September 19-20.**

✚ 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!**

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.

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stmary@stmaryfred.org
Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm;
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Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

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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. Thanks!

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bulletin:

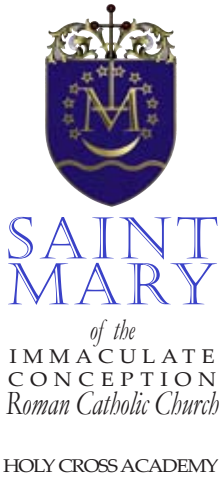
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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Why Catholic? A couple of years back Pope Benedict XVI sparked a great controversy with something he said, and it put a magnifying glass on an important topic, even if just for a moment. He was speaking about the Jewish people, but it applies for all people, really. It is a topic that is not considered politically correct if Catholics talk about it, but it seems to be acceptable for most other religions. It has to do with the difference between proselytizing and proclaiming.

Pope Benedict's discussion considered the tension between the Church's teaching that Jews will ultimately be saved because they were asked by God, through the law and prophets, to join him in the initial covenant, and what God does he does not revoke, nor does he make mistakes. What he formed with the Israelites was truly a good and holy relationship and those who stay faithful to God can be saved. But, Pope Benedict said, this cannot rob us of our obligation to proclaim Jesus Christ and his gift of saving love for all peoples, and to spread the Gospel to all who have not heard it.

The problem is, that for so many centuries this was done with coercion. Terrible scenes unfolded over the centuries with regard to the Jewish people, how they were forced to convert or die. We see these terrible images alive in our modern world and wonder how people could do such terrible things to other people, particularly where the cause of their suffering is faithfulness?

What Pope Benedict said didn't make anyone happy. I had a teacher in seminary who told me once that you aren't doing your job if someone isn't upset with you, because what we do is supposed to reveal the truth; sometimes it reveals the falseness of some. The Jewish people were angry because Benedict said we should still proclaim the Gospel to all people, the Catholics were angry because they wanted to hear that only Catholics were saved.

We look around the world today into cultures that we might refer to as "third world" and see that many Catholics are being "stolen" by other Christian churches who claim that the Catholic Church isn't true Christianity and that to be saved you must convert to their religion. We become upset when we see so many people go elsewhere after being told a lie.

You see, although we believe that baptism administered validly is valid for all people in all Christian churches, we still hold that the fullness of the faith is found in the Catholic Church. At one time—including the eastern churches, up until the 12th century, ultimate in the Reformation of 1517—all churches were "Catholic." Generally, there wasn't question about divisions that would exclude someone from one or another church. But as churches broke away, in the splintering process, important things also were left behind. Take marriage, which is such an issue today, for example. As Protestant churches split away, marriage was no longer held as a sacrament, and civil marriage was accepted as valid. What results is confusion. We see these issues with regard to sacraments, governance, authority, holy orders (ordination) and other significant articles of belief. Once something was rejected, opinion began to replace truth. I am a priest in the Catholic Church today because I value truth over opinion. And things like doctrine and rules are not only important to me, they are the only way to preserve an order that will defend doctrine.

So, as it is possible that people of good will who are faithful to what they believe have, in the mercy of God, a chance for salvation, it *does matter* what you believe. One of the saddest things I can hear someone say is, "It doesn't matter which church, they're all the same." If only that were true, but it isn't. A minimalist might say that it doesn't matter what you believe: "as long as I get my foot in the door..." But is that why God put us here? Or did he give us life so that we might truly know him, and through the sacraments seek the deepest life and love with him that is available to us here on earth? For this to happen there must be a moral compass that all of us follow, as a rule, or else the needle goes in all directions, and we forget there is an east and a west. There really is a need for some one person to speak on behalf of all the Church, someone that speaks with an inspired voice that brings us all back together. There are as many churches today as there are preachers. And last I checked, it was Jesus that established the Church.

That is why we have RCIA, because it does matter. We are not out to steal anyone, but to offer the same welcome Jesus first gave to his disciples when he said, "Come and see."

God bless you.

Fr. Don

religious education

First Catechist training session

Our first Catechist Training Session will be held on **Tuesday,**



September 1 beginning at 6pm in the Parish Life Center. The guest speaker will be **Paul Gallagher.** He will make a

presentation on our new Grade 1 to 8 textbooks, *Christ Our Life 2016*. Dinner will be served.

Paul Gallagher is the Educational Consultant at Loyola Press for the Diocese of Arlington VA. Previously, he was the DRE

at St. John Catholic Church in Westminster, MD, for over 10 years. He is deeply rooted in Ignatian spirituality. Paul blogs about transformation and taking care of ourselves, body, mind, and spirit at makingallthingsnew.com.

Catechetical Sunday, September 6

This year our parish will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on **September 6, 2015**. The theme for this year is "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each

Religious Education volunteers needed

We still need Religious Education volunteers, especially Catechists.

Please check the bulletin board in the church vestibule and call the Parish Office to volunteer.

person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Religious Education classes resume the week of **September 14-17**. Parents are asked to accompany their children to the first class.

" C O M E A N D S E E "

RCIA

You are welcome.
Begins **9/14**

We invite **all who seek** a deeper life in **Jesus Christ** to consider becoming members of this Body of Christ through the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please call the parish office to register.

education youth ministry



Q: What was the most rewarding part of WorkCamp? Why?

A: Seeing how happy the resident was when she saw the deck we built.

—Catherine Johnson

Adoration. God spoke to me in lots of different ways that I never thought possible.

—Jackson Jones

Being able to become a better person, growing closer to God, and helping others. Another rewarding part is you feel better and feel on fire burning for the love of Jesus.

—Thomas Lyons



I was sitting outside on the bleachers during a break looking over the sea of people in the field playing around and thinking, 'these people are the Church and they will do great things.'

—Greg Conneen

It was nice to grow closer to God through my team and the residents we helped. It brought me joy to spread God's love.

—Patrick Smith

Seeing the look on my residents face when we completed our job. I really grew in my faith as well.

—Aidan McCleary

education youth ministry



Q: Do you feel that this week of WorkCamp will have a lasting impact on your life? Why or why not?

A: Definitely! It helps me realize that a small group of people can change a community.

I will also not take what I have for granted. Going to camp was one of the best decisions in my life. One week working is all it takes to change a person's life forever.

—Catherine Johnson

Yes, because I have a new perspective of the way I

should live my life and I think that incorporating all of the lessons learned during this week will stay with me. This week was one of the best weeks of my life and I was able to connect with such a great community of Catholics which really helped me grow closer to God.

—Ana Doyle

The few hours of Adoration and the great talks really inspired me to focus on a deep relationship with God.

—Greg Conneen

Yes. Camp showed me that the happiest you'll ever be is when you are serving God and helping others. I think

everyone should go on a trip like this at least once in their lives.

—Chloe Becker

I feel like I really experienced Joy for real, without any distractions. I feel everyone's openness and love showed me how great we can make the world.

—Patrick Smith

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made WorkCamp 2015 a reality. This amazing week would not be possible without you!

education

adult education

Called and Gifted

Called and Gifted Workshop will be offered **Friday evening, October 9, and all day Saturday, October 10.** Join Saint Mary in taking an inventory of your gifts and see where you fit in God's plan of salvation. **Call the Office to Register for the Workshop.**

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

The format for **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**, a 20-week study, will be a DVD led by Jeff Cavins and discussions led by the facilitators in each class and will show how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world.

The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth.

The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative.

Two Sessions:

- **Thursdays from 9:45-11:45am** in the Courtyard Meeting Room starting September 24 and facilitated by Suzette Young
- **Tuesdays from 7-9pm** in the Library at HCA starting September 22 and facilitated by JoAnne Baker.

Book fee is \$15 and registration for classes is requested by September 14.

Please call the Parish Office to sign up for either Tuesday evening or Thursday morning class.

Upcoming Adult Education opportunities

Walking with Purpose

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic women's Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. There are several courses offered by WWP:

Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point is a 22-week foundational course, designed for women who are new to *Walking with Purpose* as well as those with more experience in Bible Study.

Join us as we dive deeper into the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us. Some of the questions we'll explore:

- How can I conquer my fears?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my life?
- What does the Eucharist have to do with my friendship with Christ?

- What are the limits of Christ's forgiveness?
- Why and how should I pray?
- What is the role of suffering in my life?
- What challenges will I face in my efforts to follow Jesus more closely?

Classes are held **Thursday evenings beginning September 24 from 7:15-8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. Register when you come to the class. Contact Lori Mattson (lori@acumen-ea.com) for registration information.

Keeping in Balance is a 22-session course focused on creating balance within.

- Do you feel pulled in many directions?
- Do you find it hard to balance the demands placed on your time?
- Is it difficult to manage all the details thrown your way?

Keeping in Balance will take us on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. Join us as we explore biblical ways to manage life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. A lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

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Touching the Divine draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on Christ's personality revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His personality. Knowing Him more intimately will increase our love for Him. St. John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." As we study, John will teach us how much Christ loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls.

Classes are held **Wednesday evenings beginning September 23 from 7:15-8:30pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room.** Space is limited. Contact Lori Mattson (lori@acumen-ea.com) for registration information.

Note: The registration fees for these Saint Mary classes are about half of the actual cost of the book with Saint Mary paying the other half. If your finances permit, you can pay the whole cost and that will supplement those who wouldn't be able to participate without Saint Mary's financial support.

Catholic's Divorce Healing Program

Saint Mary is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: ***The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide.***

The 12-week program features 30-minute DVD presentations each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the e-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.

This Christian program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel, and clarity after a divorce. Sorry, no childcare available.

The series starts **Monday, September 21 from 7:30pm-9pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room.**

For more information, contact Sue Mersch at [708-638-8383](tel:708-638-8383) or register at suemersch@gmail.com, or contact the Parish office.

Registration suggested by September 14.

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.

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Teacher position at HCA

Holy Cross Academy is currently interviewing for an elementary teacher. Candidates must hold a teaching certificate. Interested candidates should send a resume and references to Sr. Susan Louise at principal@holycrossweb.com by **Monday, August 17.**

Kickball and tubing with Young Adults

Due to the success of kickball at our Annual Day in the Park, we invite all young adults ages 21 to 39 and their families to play on **Sunday, August 16, from 6 to 8pm** at Saint Clair Brooks Memorial Park. Children are welcome!

Saint Mary Young Adults is going tubing on the Rappahannock on **Sunday, August 23.** We will meet at 12:30pm at the Virginia Outdoor Center. The price will be approximately \$20. **Please RSVP** to Courtney Sanner at csanner@mix.wvu.edu by Monday, August 17.

Book Club resumes

The parish book club will resume after summer vacation on Tuesday, **September 8, at 10am** in the John Paul II House. The group will discuss *Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial?* by Brother Guy Consolmagno and Father Paul Mueller of the Vatican Observatory, the official astronomical research institute of the Catholic Church. The book uses a dialogue format between these two brilliant Jesuit theologians and scientists as they discuss questions of faith and science. More information? Kathleen Mahoney, bmah761569@aol.com or 540-371-2073.

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, 540-371-9235) or Bill Halpin (540-972-5903).

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.**

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.

Follow-up to Teen/Parent Summit

A Parent(s) of Teens discussion group—facilitated by Dian Epp, LCSW, a member of the Saint Mary Heath Ministry Team—will begin **Monday, September 21 from 7-8:30pm** and continue for 4-6 sessions depending on interest. Attendance is limited to 12 for discussion purposes and priority will be given to parents who attended the Summit. To register, please call the Parish Office at 540/373-6491.

KoC yard sale donations

The Knights of Columbus continues to seek donated items and monetary donations for our annual Yard Sale Fundraiser on **Saturday, September 26.**

Consider donating your tax deductible unneeded items such as appliances, furniture, kitchen items, hobby and craft items, baby items, coats and jackets, TVs and electronic items, books, movies, children's items, tools, mowers, barbecue grills, and anything else in good shape you no longer need that is taking up space. **Drop off items** on Saturday mornings at the KoC 4034 Council home on Harrison Road or we can pick up your items up Saturday mornings at your location. **Point of Contact for pick-ups:** Fred or Debbie Nunez at (540) 371-3125 and Mario or Patria Figueroa at (540) 898-0957. **Questions about the Yard Sale** can be directed to the Tim Fleming, yardsale@kofc4034.org. All proceeds from the yard sale go to charity. Thanks and God bless you.

parish life happening here

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 and let him know your contact information and the Mass at which you would be interested in serving. **Sign up today!**

Join the Choir!

Saint Mary has five choirs, and all are eager to welcome new members for the 2015-2016 choir year. The Children's Choir is for grades 2-6 and the Youth Choir is for grades 7-12. The Adult Choir, Folk Choir and Coro Hispano are our three choirs for adults. Find out more about when the choirs rehearse and sing by visiting stmaryfred.org/ministries-liturgy/. Or you are welcome to call the Music Office at 540 373-6491, ext. 217.

Thank You from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!

Thanks to your generous support, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's mission to provide financial and resource aid to those in our community has been very successful. **During the period from**

October 2014 through June 2015, we have interviewed 966 families and disbursed funds in the amount of \$96,796.77 for 918 families. **Saint Mary donations received during this period were \$10,746.51.** St. Jude donations for the same period were \$15,955.96. The thrift store sales for the same period totaled \$111,268.10. We are grateful for all donations received. **We are always in need of volunteers.** We are particularly in need of people willing to help with furniture pick-up. Please call **540-898-9066** and see how you can help.

Thank You from Birthright

Director Lily Alarcon and the volunteers of Birthright of Fredericksburg, Inc., want to **thank the priests and the people of Saint Mary Church** for their prayers and support over the past 39 years of our pro-life pregnancy center located at 2006 Lafayette Boulevard in Fredericksburg. The Summer 2015 edition of our newsletter has been delivered to your literature rack, and we hope you find it informative about our mission which states: "It is the right of every mother to

give birth, and the right of every baby to be born." **To receive the newsletter electronically**, please contact us at birthrightfred@gmail.com or just go to our website: www.birthrightoffredericksburg.com.

New UMW student?

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) at the University of Mary Washington invites all UMW students to a **Special Welcome Mass on Sunday, August 23.** Drop by the Catholic Student Center when you arrive which is 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. Like us on Facebook! **Sunday Mass time is 5:30pm.**

Save The Date!

2015 Community Health & Wellness Fair
Here for You.



**Saturday
August 29, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
John F. Fick, III Conference Center
1301 Sam Perry Boulevard
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401
Screenings and Education
FREE To The Public.

Sponsorships Available
If you have any questions, please call 540.741.9043 or email marytsch@umwccm.org

 **Mary Washington Healthcare**

**There will be Cholesterol & Blood Sugar Screening on this day.
Your Parish Nurse will be present at this event for you.**

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

9 August Offertory	30,011.
Parish Building Fund	7,311.
Children's Programs of Fredericksburg Food Bank (add'l)	28.

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 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.

Pro Life reflection for August 16

"He said to His mother, "Woman behold your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." (John 19:26-27) On August 22 we observe the Queenship of Mary, acknowledging that the highest place that any creature holds in Heaven is occupied by a woman and a mother. To be pro-life is to be pro-woman, and Mary the Mother of God is an inspiration for all women about how to embrace the vocation of motherhood, facing the unexpected with faith, courage, and joy. "Queen of Heaven, grant all your people a deep appreciation of the dignity of women, of motherhood and of life."

CCW announcements

Attention Saint Mary Crafters: **We need your home made crafts!** If you have items you have made and wish to donate to this year's Annual Craft Bazaar, please bring them to the Parish Life Center, room 100, **any Thursday morning until October 15** or to the church office with Wanda Cushing's name on them.

Volunteers needed:

- For the Ice Cream Social on September 13. Call Eileen Geary at 371-1844 to sign up.
- For the CCW booth at the Parish Life Weekend, September 19-20.

The next board meeting will be **September 8.**

The **first CCW meeting of the 2015-16 season will be Tuesday, September 15, at 10am.** We meet in the Courtyard Meeting Room. Father Don Rooney will be our guest speaker.

The first Bunco game will be Friday, **September 18, from 7-9pm** in the Parish Life Center.

HCA: Registering for all grades

Holy Cross Academy and St. Mary Preschool are gearing up to begin a new school year and invite you to be part of our community. We are currently registering all grades for the 2015-2016 school year and we extend a special invitation to families who want to learn about

our kindergarten program. If you would like to see what we can do for your child, please call our **HCA office at 540-286-1600** or **St. Mary Preschool at 540-373-7553**. Holy Cross Academy serves Saint Mary Parish by offering an excellent academic program grounded in our Catholic faith. Our students strive to become the best that they can be spiritually and academically. Our school program develops the whole child and challenges each student to pursue excellence in all areas.

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. We look forward to telling you all about the wonderful opportunities we provide for our students. Learn about our parish school by visiting our website, www.holycrossweb.com.



liturgy called in love

Living Stones: A legacy of family names

We continue to take orders for the "Living Stones" in our new courtyard, each featuring the last name of the family sponsoring it—only 20 left! Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. The investment for each stone is \$500 and helps cover the cost of this landscaping project. You may make installment payments. **Please place your order by September 18** to be included in the next installation.

July unscheduled Masses

Masses were offered in July for the following unscheduled intentions: +Eleanor Mitchell, +John Doherty, +Eddie Rosete, +Evelyn Connor, +Rita Brizzi, +Harry Lawrence, +Clarence Nolan, +Michael Brennan, +Leonard Valko, Jr., +Vincent Wong, Judy Courtney, +Frank Clancy, Jr., +Griffin Treacy, Steve Rynn, Glen Sturtevant, Owen Farmer, Margaret Birkofer, John Birkofer, Anne & Brian Overington, Sara Sturtevant, Glen & Lori Sturtevant, John & Catherine Sturtevant, Nancy Sturtevant, Don McLaughlin, +Teresa Sposato, Sister John Elizabeth, +All Souls, +Dalida Abney, All Carmelites Living & Deceased, The Stanislawski Family, and All Those on the South Africa Pilgrimage.

Masses next weekend

22 August— SATURDAY

5pm Fr. Cummings
7pm Fr. Don

23 August— SUNDAY

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

Deacon Alberto will assist at the 10:30am and 12:30pm Sunday Masses.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Kristy Fairbanks, Peggy Silberman, Florence DesRoches, Sr., Debra Wood, Danny Terrant, 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, 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, Karen Danis, Maureen Flanagan, Gretchen Maia, Mary Ellen Normand, D.J. Smetek, Jim Evans, Megan Ramsey

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

august

17 MONDAY

6:30 +Beatrice Cullinane
9am David Garrison
Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

18 TUESDAY

6:30 Emily Davis
9am William Novitsky
Jgs 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30

19 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Paul A. Scanlon
9am +Sophie Conti
Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

20 THURSDAY

6:30 Carmen Garcia
9am +Barbara Mertens
Jgs 11:29-39; Mt 22:1-14

21 FRIDAY

6:30 +Claire Brunone
9am Mike Woods
Ru 1:1,3-6,14-16,22; Mt 22:34-40

22 SATURDAY

9am Patricia Laughton
5pm +Owen Lea
7pm +Stanley Ziarkowski
Ru 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

23 SUNDAY

7am +Francis Cascio
8:30 For the Parish
10:30 Kathleen and Bernard Mahoney
10:30* Elizabeth Ames
12:30 Our Military Living and Deceased
2pm +Juan Velis Romero
5pm +Francis Joseph McGill
7:01 +Elaine Wheeler
Jos 24:1-2,15-18; Eph 5:21-32;
Jn 6:60-69

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