

**TWENTY-FIRST  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
23 August 2015



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St. Augustine by  
Fra Angelico.*

# what's coming



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MARY

*of the*  
IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
*Roman Catholic Church*

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

## august

### 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

Parish Offices closed for a staff retreat.

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

7pm, 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.  
**Called and Gifted registration opens (see page 8 for more information).**

### 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.

### 31 Monday, Weekday

10am, First Day of School Mass, Holy Cross Academy.  
7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program, Church. All invited to class at 7:30pm.

## september

### 1 Tuesday, Weekday

6pm, Catechist training, Parish Life Center Main Hall.

### 2 Wednesday, Weekday

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

### 3 Thursday, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

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.

### 4 Friday, Weekday

6:30pm, Prayers and Squares meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 204.  
8pm, First Friday Mass followed by All Night Adoration, Church.

### 5 Saturday, Weekday

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

### 6 SUNDAY, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Catechetical Sunday—We welcome our new catechists for the religious education year.**  
No Coffee Shop this weekend.  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

*nota bene (note well, please):*

- ✂ **Parish offices will be closed August 24** while staff members attend a staff retreat.
- ✂ **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.
- ✂ **Parish Leadership Dinner** for all ministry leaders, **Tuesday, August 25, 5pm.**
- ✂ Next weekend, **we welcome Fr. Gary Wiesmann** for our annual mission appeal—this year, on behalf of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.
- ✂ Save the date for these upcoming events:

**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.**

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm All Night Adoration, First Friday Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm,</i> <i>Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i>  Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Lino Rico Rostro Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio  Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Sacred Music, David Mathers Secretary, Mary Fitch
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<b>ST. MARY PRESCHOOL</b>	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE</b>	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
<b>HEALTH MINISTRY</b>	845-3031 Beth Palacios, RN
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
<b>MARRIAGE</b>	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
<b>JOIN US</b>	New Family Registration meetings held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

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

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## from our pastor



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

*Last week  
at the Cliffs  
of Moher in  
Ireland.*



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Beginning this week we will start again with registrations for the Called and Gifted Program at Saint Mary.

If someone told you that there was a way to make sense of the questions you may have about how God is calling you to serve him and the Church as a lay person—if there was a program where you could logically reflect on your life and discover a particular direction based on the gifts that you have received, perhaps even gifts you've been ignoring all these years—wouldn't you be interested?

Here's how it works. You attend the Workshop on Friday evening and Saturday until 3pm, October 9 and 10. After a preliminary inventory and consideration of the different gifts with which God blesses his people, you decide which gifts you would like to "experiment" with, to see if this is really the way God is leading you. You schedule a meeting with one of our trained peer-to-peer consultants (people like me who are trained in the Program to help you in the discernment process) and decide which gifts you would like to focus on for now. Then, we schedule a six-week series of small group study and discussion, based on seeking the fullest expression of these gifts in your life.

We have had over 500 people in the parish complete the Workshop, half of those have followed through with the consultation and small group meetings. Not a one of them that I have spoken with has ever said that they felt it was

a waste of time or something they would have ever discovered on their own. It opens doorways which maybe you thought were closed, it gives a fresh outlook on life and the way that God interacts in a living, intimate way with you.

It is important that you register soon. Last year the large Workshop we hosted included a few people from each of 14 different parishes, some local, some from far away. As the word gets out, this gets more and more popular. I don't want precious spaces to be gone when Saint Mary people start to inquire about registration. We have 350 spaces—space is limited—because that is about all we can accommodate in the gym out at Holy Cross around tables for the Workshop and for lunch. Please don't wait and discover that seats are filled.

I hope you've had a chance to look at the line-up of adult education that we are offering this year, too. It is extensive, thanks to the education committee of our parish council who continues to add more classes for adults. This year I am glad that we include such a diversity of topics. In addition to these, we intend to add also an introductory class on forming healthy attachments in dating and marriage which will be good for singles and married couples, and a class on *Lectio divina* prayer which I will teach. And we are developing the calendar more each week.

Finally, it is that time of year when I get excited about our fall kick-off social for the parish. Make plans now to bake an award-winning cake and come for our old-fashioned Cakewalk, dancing to a live band, and as much ice cream as you can eat. The DJ stops the music outside on the school patio and everyone stops; a number is called. If you are standing on it, you choose from all the cakes that people have donated. Really, it is like musical chairs, except that everyone eventually wins.

Anyway, it starts at 4pm on Sunday, September 13. Cake judging will happen at 4:15pm. Every year we have late arrivals after the judging has already started—cakes that probably would have won if they had arrived on time!

You will be very pleased with the spirit of good will and fellowship as we spend a beautiful afternoon together and relax as a parish. Please plan to come.

God bless you.

*Fr. Don*

education

# holy cross academy



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2012*

## Let the new school year begin!

Teachers are busy in their classrooms preparing to greet our children who will return on August 31st. Along with creating and designing new learning experiences, faculty members are sorting books, arranging bulletin boards displays and making plans for the new school year.

This year Holy Cross Academy will be conducting its third self-study for reaccreditation. This process allows us to examine all facets of our school to set goals and priorities for the coming years. It promises to be an exciting adventure.

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](http://www.holycrossweb.com).

# religious education

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

## First Catechist training session

Our first Catechist Training Session will be held on **Tuesday, September 1 from 6pm-9pm** 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*. It is important that all catechists attend as we will also discuss the New School Year. Dinner will be served.

## Catechetical Sunday, September 6

**Why do we have a special day set aside to commission catechists?** Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes

clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others. **How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday?** Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we

## 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.**

not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/catechetical-sunday-about.cfm>

# youth ministry



## CYM Dinners: Share your passion for food!

Every Sunday our High School Youth Group meets, we have dinner provided for the teens. **These dinners cannot happen without the help of parents and other volunteers giving of their time, talent and treasure.** Dinner teams consist of 6-7 adult members and serve 4-5 dinners per year. This is a year commitment to prepare, set-up, and serve—not just a food donation or potluck. Many adults love doing this and have been doing this for more than 4 years as a team. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy the CYM kids as they meet in a relaxed atmosphere of fellowship, prayer—and fun. All food is prepared and donated by the teams but the cost is minimal since it is divided up

among team members. If cooking is a gift you have and are interested in getting more info **please contact Jane Stoecker, CYM Dinner Coordinator at jfstoeckerclnc@yahoo.com.**

## CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group: September 20

All high school teens are invited to join us **Sunday, September 20 at 6pm** for an awesome meal as we gather together before our high school youth group begins. There's nothing quite like a meal to bring people together and help get to know one another. After the CYM Dinner, **join us from 7pm-8:30pm for a dynamic, fun and faith filled night as we kick off the year.** All high school teens must be registered to participate so please see the high

school page in the Youth Ministry section of the website. Here is what some of our youth have to say about our Sunday program:

**"I always leave inspired. The adults help me to think about faith and life in a way that really reaches me."**  
—Senior at Stafford.

**"I'm not going to lie, I did not want to go but my mom made me. I literally cried outside the PLC and she still made me go in. It was the best thing my mom could have done. I loved my time at Sunday night Youth Group!"**  
—alumni currently at UVA

**"Leo and the adults make you feel welcome, like it's a big family gathering. I came as a freshman last year and I look forward to it every week."**  
—Sophomore in Colonial Forge



# called & gifted program

## You were Given in Love; you are Called in Love.

### What is the Called and Gifted Workshop?

The *Called and Gifted Workshop* helps lay Catholics discern the unique work of love to which God is calling them and to discover how God has empowered them, already, to carry it out. To date over 90,000 Catholics in over 110 dioceses have attended the Workshop in parishes throughout the world, learning about the crucial role every lay Catholic has in the mission of the Church to bring Christ's love to our neighbors and our culture.

### Why should I attend?

Because Christ is calling you. Christ *needs* you, to carry his love to others in a way only you can do. No one else has your particular background, experience, gifts and connections. No one else can take your place.

Over and over again, long-time Catholics have asked after the Workshop, "How come I have never heard of this before?" If you are a cradle Catholic with years of Catholic schooling or have been through the RCIA, chances are that you never fully received Christ's teachings on lay participation in her mission and have never received an opportunity to discover for yourself how Christ is calling *you*, uniquely and personally.

### What will I learn?

What the Church teaches:

- Church teaching on the role of the laity
- The identity of the "Lay Apostle"
- How ordained and laity properly collaborate

*Are you going through, or planning to make, a transition in your life? Perhaps your children have recently left home. Perhaps you want to return to work after an absence, or you are considering a call to the priesthood or religious life. Know what God has given you to offer other people can help you to discern his will for your life—and provide you with direction when you make choices.*

*On Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10 our parish is sponsoring a teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs to offer the introductory Called and Gifted workshop. The discernment process will help you to discover God's will for you.*

*To register or find out more, call Fr. Don at the parish office, or see links to more information and a registration form at our parish website at [www.stmaryfred.org](http://www.stmaryfred.org). You may also contact us by email: [called@stmaryfred.org](mailto:called@stmaryfred.org)*

- Implications for parish life and ministries

### Results of the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory:

- God's working through you for others
- Identify how you are personally and supernaturally empowered

### The nature of spiritual gifts:

- What are they?
- What are they for?
- How can I discern what mine are?

### About Call and Vocation:

- What is a vocation?
- Everyone has a vocation!
- Why discerning my call is essential to happiness
- How can I discover mine and why it is never too late

### Who is it for?

- Long-time Catholics and new Catholics
- Active ministry leaders (to

- clarify call, vocation)
- Pastoral leadership
- Parents and teachers
- People in transition
- People who are searching

Do I know what my particular spiritual gifts are? Which gifts make me particularly effective and where can I most fruitfully focus my efforts? Do I need guidance in my responsibility of caring for or teaching the young or those in my life? How do I help them discover their gifts? Even if I'm aware that God is calling me, do I know where?

### Who is teaching the Workshop?

The Workshop is presented by the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs. Fr. Mike Fones, OP and Sherry Weddell are co-founders. For more information, you are invited to visit their website, [www.siena.org](http://www.siena.org) or call their office.

**Registration opens August 29, 2015.**

**Please see our home page for the registration form.**

# 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. 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. 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.

## 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](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com) or **540-371-2073**.

## Trail Life and American Heritage Girls

Trail Life Troop VA-4034 (TL), chartered through KoC Council 4034, and American Heritage Girls Troop VA0128 (AHG), chartered through St Mary's CCW, are having a parent information meeting at Holy Cross Academy on **Thursday September 10 at 7pm**. TL and AHG are Christian adventure, character, integrity, and leadership programs for young men and women, respectively. The K-12 programs build skills and allow

growth on a personal level and as a role model and leader for peers. For more information visit [traillifeusa.com](http://traillifeusa.com) or [americanheritagegirls.org](http://americanheritagegirls.org). Questions? Email Mark Gardner (TL) at [troopmasterva4034@gmail.com](mailto:troopmasterva4034@gmail.com) and Heidi Adams (AHG) at [ahgva0128@yahoo.com](mailto:ahgva0128@yahoo.com).

## Health Ministry volunteer classes

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).

## Family Dinner news

The Knights of Columbus monthly Family dinners will start up again on **Saturday, September 5**. We want to thank everyone in the Parish for their support last year. As a result of your support **we were able to donate over \$3,500 to local charities**. We look forward to



*Saint Mary  
Council of  
Catholic  
Women*

## Donate to the annual Craft Bazaar

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.

## Upcoming meetings

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.

## BUNCO is back!

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



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doing the Family dinners this year and hope that you will support us once again. Our goal has always been to provide quality meals at a reasonable cost that families of any size can afford. There is a max cost per family, drinks and dessert are included, and you never have to leave a tip. Plan to come out this year, and meet and socialize with your fellow parishioners.

## SHRED event: October 3

Do you have any old files and paperwork taking up space at your home or office? Plan to join us on **Saturday, October 3 from 10am until 1pm** for our Shred Event to dispose your confidential documents.

Recycling is an essential part of any commitment to sustainability, we here at St. Mary are responding by offering this community-wide event.

**The event will be open to all in the parish, small businesses, non-profits and area residents.**

Deliver materials to the back parking lot, behind our Parish Life Center where you will be greeted by our Youth from Young Catholics for Change from Holy Cross Academy who will assist with unloading your vehicle. There is a 5 box limit per vehicle and we will continue to accept materials until the truck is full or 1pm whichever occurs first. The Youth will also be providing refreshments and accepting donations to raise funds for their Missions projects at Holy Cross. **Accepted materials:** We will accept office based material, small metal fasteners such as paperclips and staples. Please remove 3

ring binders; hardcover books, newspapers, magazines, plastic or metal objects and electronic media such as CDs and DVDs will not be accepted. **Questions regarding the event** can be directed to Rick Caporali, [rcaporali@stmaryfred.org](mailto:rcaporali@stmaryfred.org) or contact the parish office 540-373-6491.

## We are excited to announce that Saint Mary Parish is creating a NEW parish pictorial directory!

Our last directory was done in 2010. Lifetouch will photograph our parish families at no cost beginning in late September, October, and early part of November. You can take advantage and have your Christmas family portraits completed—right here at St. Mary! All parish members are eligible to make an appointment to have photos taken.

Extended family, friends and neighbors are welcome to schedule appointments as well, although they will not be included in the directory. You may include family pets in your photo session, although these portraits will not be included in the directory.

Each family will receive one free 8" x 10" photo, with the option to purchase others. Professionally-done family portraits are a treasured gift for family and friends. Lifetouch accepts cash, checks and all major credit cards so come prepared to take advantage of this opportunity!

## Can my family submit our own photo?

You may submit your own photo at a cost of \$10. The fee is waived in the following circumstances: special pages are provided free for military

members (simply submit pictures of them in uniform) and homebound parishioners (who have their photo taken by a parish volunteer with a digital camera).

## How do I sign up for a portrait session?

Sign-ups will begin August 24 and you will find the online registration on the Saint Mary home page ([stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org)). No access to the Internet? Stop by or call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 for assistance. Photo sessions begin the last week 29 September at 2pm and go until 8:30pm.

## We need warm and friendly volunteers!

Exercise your charism of hospitality! Time commitments vary. Can you give a few minutes before or after Mass? Or, maybe, you can be available for a few hours weekly—we welcome you. We need volunteers to sign people up at church, make reminder phone calls, take pictures of homebound parishioners, coordinate military photo pages, and greet people and sign them in on the days of the photo sessions. Please call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 or contact **Sandy Keddle** at [photodirectory@stmaryfred.org](mailto:photodirectory@stmaryfred.org).

# smile!

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## 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), 540-371-9235) 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. **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](mailto:rez55@cox.net) or **Steven Young** at 540-841-3630 or [Stevenmyoung86@yahoo.com](mailto:Stevenmyoung86@yahoo.com).

## 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/](http://stmaryfred.org/ministries-liturgy/). Or you are welcome to call the Music Office at 540 373-6491, ext. 217.

## 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 like: appliances, furniture, kitchen items, hobby and craft items, baby items, coats and jackets, T.V.s and electronic items, books, movies, children's items, tools, mowers, barbeque grills, and anything else in good shape you no longer need that is taking up space. You may drop the items off Saturday mornings at the KoC 4034 Council home on 4724 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](mailto:yardsale@kofc4034.org). All proceeds from the yard sale go to charity.

## An evening of praise, worship, & adoration

On the first Saturday of Every Month, from 7pm-8:30pm, there is an evening of praise, worship, and adoration at St. Leo the Great Church in Fairfax, VA (3700 Old Lee Highway). **Praise music provided by the band VISION**. Upcoming evenings include Saturdays September 5 and October 3.

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. Rick, III Conference Center  
 1301 Sam Perry Boulevard  
 Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

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Hosted by  
**Mary Washington Healthcare**

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

# knights in action



## Knights respond to Mary's Shelter

Over the past several years, volunteers at Mary's Shelter in Fredericksburg have called upon our Council to assist with projects at the Hawke Street shelter. In July, Grand Knight Bob Jankovits, with the help of Brothers Kevin Doyle and Rich LaRoche, responded to a request for assistance to cut down weeds, dig out roots, and remove debris from the area around a previously donated shed.

## Trail Life

Brother Knight Mark Gardner has spent most of the past year planning, organizing and setting up a program for Catholic boys of our community. His persistent efforts culminated in the successful formation of Trail Life USA Troop VA-4034. The Troop is one of six Catholic troops within the Arlington Diocese. Currently, eight boys are enrolled in the Troop,

and four troop leaders have been through all required Trail Life training. Mark is serving as Troop Master and his wife, Heather, is the Troop Committee Chairman. Knights of Columbus Council #4034 is a Charter Organization of Trail Life USA and has been recognized for its commitment to promote and support Trail Life USA's program of Christian adventure, character and leadership. The program is centered on outdoor experiences that builds skills and assists youth in growing on a personal level. **For more information regarding Troop VA-4034, please contact Mark Gardner at [troopmasterva4034@gmail.com](mailto:troopmasterva4034@gmail.com).**

## Religious Education Assistance Program (REAP) scholarship grants

The Religious Education Assistance Program (REAP) is a scholarship grant program developed and administered by Fredericksburg Council #4034 of the Knights of Columbus. The purpose of the program is to provide grants for families who, because of financial difficulties, are unable to fully pay the cost of tuition at Holy Cross Academy, Saint John Paul the Great High School, or St. Michael High School.

**Individual grants for up to \$2,000 will be awarded for the 2015-2016 Academic Year and will be paid directly to the student's school.**

For information about eligibility, information required, and how to start the process, registered Saint Mary families should **contact Kevin Doyle**, Council 4034 Church Activities Director, at [reap@kofc4034.org](mailto:reap@kofc4034.org). Applications must be postmarked by Thursday, September 17, 2015. More information is available at [kofc4034.org](http://kofc4034.org).

## Upcoming Council Events

- **August 30**—Family Corporate Communion Mass, 8:30am. *Saint Mary families are cordially invited to join the Knights and their families for our Corporate Communion breakfast following Mass at the Golden Corral restaurant.*
- **September 5**—Family Dinner at the Parish Life Center.
- **September 12**—Past Grand Knight's Dinner.
- **September 14**—Bowling League every Monday.
- **September 30**—Blood Drive.

## New members and recognitions

- **We welcome** to our Council Anthony B. Hall, Michael Patton and Ronald E. Saunders.
- **July Family of the Month**—Mark and Heather Gardner.
- **July Knight of the Month**—Mario Figueroa.

## Council awards

Fredericksburg Council 4034 was recently honored with the receipt of the State Deputy Award for successful completion of all state action program requirements for Fraternal Year 2014-2015.

## Always time to be a Knight

The standard catch-all answer from prospective members is "I don't have enough time." We are all in different stages of our lives and everyone has their own niche. If you can set aside time to do one thing a year, that is no less important than the person who has the availability to be involved on a daily basis. In the Knights, you give what you can. Email [councilrecruiter@kofc4034.org](mailto:councilrecruiter@kofc4034.org) for more information. **As Knights, we not only act on Faith, we act because of it.**



*The Knights of Columbus Council #4034 is comprised of Catholic men and their families, united in service with our Church, schools and neighborhoods. Along with our community non-profit organizations, we have a common core objective to help and serve those in need.*

*We are part of the Parish Life Ministry at Saint Mary and this is our 60th year of support.*



# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

16 August Offertory	30,359.
Assumption Collection	3,991.
Parish Bldg. Fund (add'l not including Faith Direct)	2,662.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul	646.
Children's Charities	34.

## August Faith Direct Deposit

Offertory	36,231
Assumption	1,065
Food Bank Children's Programs	1,415
Parish Building Fund	2,801

## Thank you for your generosity!

## The second collection on August 29-30 is for the Diocesan Missionary Appeal.

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 23

*"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." (Saint Augustine)* These famous words of Saint Augustine remind us what the Church means by saying human life is "sacred." As human persons, we are uniquely capable of having a relationship with God. Our lives are oriented to Him as our final goal and fulfillment; hence we cannot be owned by others, manipulated, or discarded. *"Lord, I rejoice in my ability to relate to You, and I honor every human being as Your own special possession."*

## 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.

## First Friday, All Night Adoration

**On September 4, our First Friday 8pm Mass will be followed by All Night Adoration.** *"To be alone with Jesus in Adoration and intimate union with Him is the greatest gift of love – the tender love of our Father in Heaven. Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."* (Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta). **Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church.**

## Annual Mission Cooperative Mission Appeal

### Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica

When we think of Jamaica, we think of Ocho Rios, beautiful beaches, vacations and wonderful scenery. But, Jamaica is among the poorest countries in our hemisphere and the Diocese of Mandeville is the poorest of the three dioceses in Jamaica where 68% of the people have no running water. 25% of youth are "functionally illiterate;" there is an alarming number of destitute elderly and abandoned children; and, the average Sunday collection is 10% of the operating cost. **The Diocese of Mandeville is VERY POOR!**

**Next weekend, we welcome Fr. Gary Wiesmann for our annual mission appeal—this year, on behalf of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.**

Please consider supporting the evangelization programs and outreach to the extremely poor people of this diocese in our second collection next weekend.

# liturgy called in love

"COME AND SEE"

# RCIA

We invite  
all who seek a  
deeper life in  
Jesus Christ to  
consider be-  
coming mem-  
bers of this  
Body of Christ  
through the  
Sacraments of  
Initiation.

Please call the  
parish office to  
register.

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

## Masses next weekend

### 29 August— SATURDAY

5pm Fr. Don  
7pm Fr. Lino

### 30 August— SUNDAY

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

## Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

**especially:** 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, Robert and Tenya Mosier, Cesar Corretjer

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

#### 24 MONDAY

6:30 +Domenic DiLoreto  
9am +Eleanor Birkenmeier  
Rv 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

#### 25 TUESDAY

6:30 Katherine Pereira  
9am MacKenzie Hudson  
1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

#### 26 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Carolyn Farrell  
9am +Vince Himelright  
1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

#### 27 THURSDAY

6:30 +Vu Ngat and Trung Trinh  
9am Joe Sampson  
1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

#### 28 FRIDAY

6:30 Arthur Canizares  
9am Ben Marsh  
1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

#### 29 SATURDAY

9am +Joan Doherty  
5pm +Mary Weir  
7pm +Barbara McKnight Family  
1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29

#### 30 SUNDAY

7am Tom and Providence Moeller  
8:30 +Theresa Boehringer  
10:30 +Beatrice Cullinare  
10:30\*For the Parish  
12:30 +Theodore Zbrzezny  
2pm +Michael Chase  
5pm Mickie Galik  
7:01 Ernest Gregory  
Dt 4:1-2,6-8; Jas 1:17-18,21-22,27;  
Mk 7:1-8,14-15

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