

**TWENTY-SIXTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
27 Sept 2015



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



# what's coming



SAINT  
MARY

of the  
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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

## september

### 27 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Commitment Sunday weekend. Please prepare Commitment Cards and give them at Offertory.**

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

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

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

12:30pm, ESL Organizational Meeting, Parish Life Center.

CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

### 28 Monday, Weekday (Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz, and companions, Martyrs)

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.

7:30pm, Catholics' Divorce Survival Guide class continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 29 Tuesday, Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Noon, **Senior Luncheon**, Parish Life Center.

### 30 Wednesday, Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

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

## october

### 1 Thursday, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

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

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

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

7:30pm, South Africa Slide / Video Presentation by Sisters and Fr. Don, Church.

### 2 Friday, The Holy Guardian Angels

Grandparents' Day at Holy Cross Academy and Saint Mary Preschool.

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.

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

All Night Adoration following the 8pm Mass, Church.

### 3 Saturday, Weekday

10am Shred Event, Rear Parking Lot.

10am, Blessing of Animals, front Stafford Avenue Parking Lot.

2pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, Room 204.

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

6pm, KofC Monthly Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

### 4 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Respect Life Sunday, National Life Chain, see page 8 for more information**

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Girl Scout Troop 522)

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

3:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

### 5 Monday, Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.

7:30pm, Catholics' Divorce Survival Guide class continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 6 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin)

10am, CCW Board Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 100.

3-8pm, Visitation of image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Church.

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

### 7 Wednesday, Our Lady of the Rosary

4pm, New Altar Server Training, Church.

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

### 8 Thursday, Weekday

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

## nota bene (*note well, please*):

✂ If you didn't have a chance to put **your Commitment Card in the second collection this weekend** you are welcome to bring it next week, or mail it in, or bring it into the office this week. **Everyone make a commitment to living your faith by getting involved in the parish!**

**You've been called!** Registration continues for the **Called and Gifted Workshop**, to be held **October 9-10**. We ask all who have attended, if you can, to recommend this Workshop to two additional people and grow momentum. Please visit the parish website for more information and the registration form.

✂ **Parish Photo Directory** sign-up is now open. Please visit our parish website to schedule your sitting / appointment. Photo sessions **begin September 29**.

✂ **Saturday, October 3 is a busy day!** Have your pets blessed at 10am, Stafford Ave. parking lot. Come shred your confidential documents from **10am-1pm** in the parking lot behind the Parish Life Center. No limit on pets; 5 box limit per vehicle on paper.

✂ **The prayer list for military men and women** in the bulletin is being updated. To have a name added to this new list, please contact the parish office.

✂ October 4 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm is the kick-off for the **Middle School Youth Group**. Please join us in the Parish Life Center!

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

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

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

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

**PARISH OFFICE** 540-373-6491, fax 371-0251  
stmary@stmaryfred.org  
Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm;  
*students staff office weekdays until 9pm,*  
*Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm*

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250 Stafford Lakes Parkway  
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Director, Leo Chavarria

**HEALTH MINISTRY** 845-3031  
Lois Sullivan, RN, FCN  
Beth Palacios, RN, FCN

**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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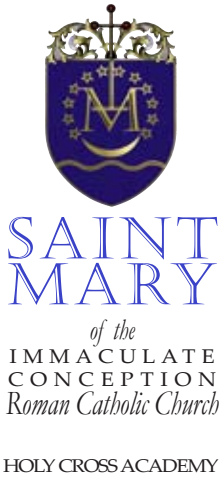
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## from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

I was giving a morning of reflection last Saturday morning near Hagerstown to the pastoral council of Saint Augustine's Church in Washington, D.C. Their pastor, Fr. Pat Smith, asked me to come and give a presentation on *Making Intentional Disciples* and the fruits we have experienced at Saint Mary from the Called and Gifted Workshop.

By the way, did I mention, we have another Called and Gifted Workshop coming to our parish on October 9 and 10?

Anyway, I returned here that day to a flurry of activity. Volunteers were setting up for what became not only the most beautifully-weathered Parish Life Weekend we have ever had, but also the most successful. There was a spirit of real goodness, enthusiasm, and mission among all the people who spent the weekend at tables telling parishioners about their ministries and inviting them to join in service. More parishioners than ever before came over after Mass and visited with parish leaders and learned about different ministries. We have rarely had such a perfect day with regard to call and response. Maybe we are beginning to really take our thankfulness seriously, reflecting on the gifts we have received and doing something about it.

The proof will be this weekend and in the few weeks to come, to see if people follow through with their Commitment Cards.

Please remember, please fill out a new card, even if you are simply continuing to do what you did last year. Without a new card submitted, you will not be counted. Commitments must be renewed!

The experience at Parish Life Weekend was so amazing. One of the texts from Sherry Weddell's book kept going through my mind and I thought I'd reprint it here for your reflection. It is about one woman's experience, Ellen Piper, who changed the lives of many. She is a licensed social worker who leads Boise's Catholic Worker community. She helped found the first day shelter for the homeless in the state and also started two transitional houses for homeless men and women while getting her M.A. in social work. She began twelve years before as a restless parishioner:

"I had a nagging sense of a call to do something. I was praying and saying, 'Lord, what do you want me to do?' I had a dream in which I heard the words, 'Do the works of mercy.' I asked a priest what the 'works of mercy' were. Then I went on the Evangelization Retreat, and something set me on fire. I decided to go work with our St. Vincent de Paul Society. It seemed safe. The I went to the Called & Gifted workshop. I scored high on mercy on the gifts inventory and thought, 'This is supposed to be what you are doing. Without the Called & Gifted workshop this wouldn't have happened. Seeing the gift of mercy on that inventory sheet really empowered me.'"

Sherry continues: "We have seen it happen over and over. *The presence of a significant number of disciples changes everything*: a parish's spiritual tone, energy level, attendance, bottom line, and what parishioners ask of their leaders. Disciples pray with passion. Disciples worship. Disciples love the Church and serve her with energy and joy. Disciples give lavishly. Disciples hunger to learn more about their faith. Disciples fill every formation class in a parish or diocese. Disciples manifest gifts and discern vocations. They clamor to discern God's call because they have really good news to share. Disciples share their faith with their children. Disciples care about the poor and issues of justice. Disciples take risks for the Kingdom of God.

"The Holy Spirit is planting charisms and vocations of amazing diversity in the hearts of all his people. Like the graces of the sacraments, they are real, but they are not magic. Just as the gifts of children must be fostered deliberately by parents to reach their full potential, so vocations must be fostered by the Church.

"In this area, we are not asking for too much; we are settling for too little. God is not asking us to call forth the gifts and vocations of a few people; he is asking us to call forth the gifts and vocations of millions. Our problem is not that there is a shortage of vocations but that we do not have the support systems and leadership in place to foster the vast majority of the vocations that God has given us."

For us, at this moment in history, on the corner of William and Stafford, it begins with your Commitment Card. God bless you.

Fr. Don



# TREASURE

**I will support my parish financially.**

Lord, I am thankful for your goodness. We find fulfillment in faith when we share with others what we have. Each household at St. Mary is asked to work toward making a certain giving goal each year in order to provide a stable parish budget allowing for growth, perhaps based on the 10% Biblical tithe.

Prayerfully consider this possibility:

*5% for our Parish of Saint Mary  
1% for the work of the Diocese  
4% to other charities.*

Examples: Annual Income	Weekly Gift
\$30,000	\$29
\$50,000	\$48
\$70,000	\$67
\$100,000	\$96

My Gift to my church, Saint Mary, is:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annually

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The option of electronic giving is offered through *Faith Direct*. If you wish to enroll, visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) online. Our parish code is VA635.



**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception**

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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540-373-6491 [www.stmaryfred.org](http://www.stmaryfred.org)

Please tear out and return this Commitment Card.

## PEOPLE of THANKFULNESS SOWING SEEDS of MERCY.

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church  
Ministry Catalog and Annual Report

### 2015-2016 Commitment Card

First and Last Name (please, one card per family)

Street Address

Telephone (important)

City ST Zip

email address (please print)

#### Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

Please prayerfully consider your response to God's call this year to renewal and service. For each member of the family, consider one activity (or more) and indicate their name in the blanks before each ministry in the list.

All are asked to fill out this card – if you are already involved in a ministry we ask that you renew your commitment by marking the box "NOW." If it is a new ministry you are going to try, please mark the box "NEW."

**Bring this card to Masses on September 26-27**, Parish Commitment Sunday, or mail it to us using the envelope provided. Thanks, and God bless you for your involvement in our parish community!

## TIME

**My commitment: time with God in prayer.**

Lord, I want to know you more. We are only alive in God as much as we are willing to be involved in prayer. Only then are we prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

For the coming year, I intend to:

- ☐ Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
- ☐ Attend weekday Mass at least once a week.
- ☐ Spend 15 minutes a day in private prayer.
- ☐ Invite a friend or acquaintance to Mass.
- ☐ Pray together with my family before meals.
- ☐ Pray a daily ☐ weekly rosary with my family.
- ☐ Discuss our Catholic Faith with my children.
- ☐ Teach my children our prayers.
- ☐ Read Sacred Scripture for one hour a week.
- ☐ Spend an hour in Adoration each week.
- ☐ Bring my family for Adoration once a month.
- ☐ Read Scripture with my spouse each day.
- ☐ Go to confession at least every 2 or 3 months.

# TALENT

## How I will use my talents in parish ministries:

Lord, help me to sow seeds of mercy everywhere I go. Please read about each of the ministries listed below in the Parish Renewal Handbook. After you sign up, you will be contacted by the area leader to explain how to get involved.

For the coming year, we hope to be active in the following areas. (Please write the first name of each family member in each ministry. If you are already involved, please check the box in the NOW column. If this is a new commitment, please check NEW.)

	NOW	NEW		NOW	NEW		NOW	NEW
<b>► EDUCATION</b>						<b>► OPERATIONS</b>		
Adult Religious Education			Administrative Support			Cursillo		
ESL English as Second Language			Bishops' Lenten Appeal Committee			Funeral Reception Committee		
Religious Education K-12			Communications Committee			Gardens Committee		
Holy Cross Academy volunteers			Development			Homeschoolers Group		
RCIA Program			Scrip Volunteers			Knights of Columbus		
Vacation Bible School			Operations Committee			Legion of Mary		
Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)						Lenten Small Groups Program		
Confirmation Team Leaders			<b>► OUTREACH</b>			Magdalenes		
High School Youth Group			Catholic Advocacy Committee			Men's Groups		
Middle School Youth Program			Ecumen'l/Int'l Commission			St. Anne Sisters in Faith (Moms)		
WorkCamp Volunteers			Family Services (Catholic Charities)			Over 40 Single Catholics		
Youth Group Parent Volunteers			Health Ministry			Parish Food Chain		
			Homeless Shelter Dinner			Parish Life Committee		
<b>► LITURGY</b>			Jail/Prison Ministry			Prayer Groups		
Altar Servers			Manna Project (Food Bank)			Global Prayer Ministry		
Senior Altar Servers (Funerals)			Micah Ecumenical Ministries			Life in the Spirit Gathering		
Altar Society			Cold Night Shelter			Spanish Prayer Group		
Eucharistic Ministry			Community Dinners			Respect Life Ministry		
Ministry to the Homebound/Sick			Outreach Committee			Birthing of Fredericksburg		
Hospitality: Greeters			Refugee Assistance			Mary's Shelter		
Hospitality: Ushers			SHARE Program			Retreats		
Lectors			St. Vincent de Paul Society			Senior Luncheons volunteers		
Music Ministry (volunteer)			<b>► PARISH LIFE</b>			Secular Franciscan Order		
Adult Choir			Ancient Order of Hibernians			Vocations Committee		
Folk Choir			Book Club			Welcoming New Parishioners		
Spanish Choir			Called and Gifted Program			Young Adults		
Children's Choir (Grades 2-6)			Council of Catholic Women			Youth Organizations (Sponsored)		
Youth Choir (Grades 7-12)			Circle of Love			American Heritage Girls		
Seasonal Decorators			Craft Group			Boy/Cub Scouts of America		
			Prayers & Squares			Girl Scouts of America		
						Squires and Roses		
						Trail Life		

# holy cross academy



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## An excitement for learning

Whether studying Science, creating maps or reading a new book, our HCA students are hard at work. In Middle School Science, the students design experiments to demonstrate and utilize the scientific process. Sometimes the results are totally unexpected! Along with designing and carrying out their projected experiments, our 7th graders learned that recording their results is a required final step.

We want all of our students to become familiar with maps and to know how to read and interpret them. Making their own map in third grade helps the children to build their early geography skills.

Our first graders are eagerly reading new books. As they listen and read at the same time, the children discover the worlds that books open up for them.

When you take a tour around the classrooms at HCA, you see children learning and doing many different things and get caught up in their excitement!

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). 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.





# parish life happening here

## Supporting HCA

Don't forget to designate HCA on your Giant Bonus Bucks card. **Our school id number is 02320.** You have to redesignate the school every year. Our PTO raises several thousand dollars as we all buy our groceries! While you are at it, make sure that we are the beneficiary of your Target red card purchases. That program will be ending in May so let's take full advantage of it while we can!

## Saint Mary Homeschoolers Group

**Saint Mary Homeschoolers Back to School Picnic**—Join us **this weekend, Sunday, September 27, from 1-4** at Alum Springs Park for food, fun, and fellowship to celebrate the start of a new school year. Bring a blanket or chairs, a main dish for your family, and a side dish to share. **Mom's Night Out**—Let's talk all things organization! Grab dinner and meet upstairs at Wegman's on **Tuesday, September 29 at 7pm.** Contact Kristie Hunt for more information at [kristiehilton@yahoo.com](mailto:kristiehilton@yahoo.com).

## English as a Second Language class forming

If you are a former educator, program participant, or someone who enjoys assisting in this area and are looking for another way to engage your Teaching gift, **please consider attending our organizational meeting scheduled this weekend, Sunday, September 27, at 12:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. Former Students are invited and welcome to return to the classroom to assist. Bilingual skills are helpful but not necessary. All class materials and instructions are in English. **Future classes will be held Sundays, from Noon-1:30pm before the Spanish Mass.**

Please contact the office at **540-373-6491** or email Rick Caporali, at [rcaporali@stmaryfred.org](mailto:rcaporali@stmaryfred.org) for more information.

## Parents of teens

The Parent(s) of Teens discussion group—facilitated by Dian Epp, LCSW, a member of the Saint Mary Health Ministry Team—continues **Monday, September 28 from 7-8:30pm.** To register, please call the Parish Office at **540-373-6491.**

### Upcoming sessions include:

- **Sept. 28:** Parent and teen communication
- **Oct. 5:** Warning signs of substance abuse in teens
- **Oct. 12:** Setting effective boundaries with teens

### Tentatively scheduled:

- **Oct. 19:** Ways to identify signs of anxiety and depression in teens
- **Oct. 26:** How to promote your teen's self esteem

*Classes will be held in the conference room at Catholic Charities.*

## Senior luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center **this Tuesday, September 29. Doors open at noon and lunch is served at 12:15pm.** All Seniors in the parish are invited. For additional information, call Maria D'Amico at **540-785-3580.** Entertainment will be provided until 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish.

## Respect Life Sunday

**Saint Mary Parish will participate in the Annual Life Chain next Sunday, October 4 from 2-3:30pm.** We will meet in the Parish Life Center at 2pm to pick up our signs and walk up to Route 1, where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Route 3 to College Avenue.

Please join us and take a stand for the unborn. **What is a Life Chain?** The first Life Chain was built in 1987. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against an abortion holocaust. **The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration.** Hundreds of Christians—clergy and lay people—stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives.

## CCW craft bazaar

**We need your home made crafts!** Bring your donated, hand-crafted items 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.

## Health Ministry walks

The Health Ministry walk **continues through November 14.** We meet on Saturdays at 7am at the Rappahannock River Heritage trail and Canal path; 3.1 miles. For more information, contact the Parish Nurse: **540-845-3031, Parish Nurse@stmaryfred.org.**

## Saint Mary book club

*Life in the Afternoon: Good Ways of Growing Older* by Edward Fischer is the **October 13 selection** for the parish book club. This work from Paulist Press is described as a "wise but unsentimental reflection on the process of aging." Join us **October 13, at 10am in the John Paul II House.** Contact person: Kathleen Mahoney, **540-371-2073** or [bmah761569@aol.com](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com).



# knights of columbus



Joseph Townsend  
Saint Mary Parishioner



Daniel Mitchell  
Saint John the Baptist Parishioner

## Council adopts seminarians

Your council Knights are continuing their support of vocations to the priesthood and religious life by "adopting" two seminarians this Fraternal Year. We will provide financial assistance and moral support to **Joe Townsend**, one of our parishioners, and to **Daniel Mitchell** from Saint John the Baptist. We look forward helping them on their journey to Priesthood.

## Give the gift of life

Council #4034 is sponsoring a blood drive on **Wednesday, September 30, 2015**. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be parked in the Saint Mary parking lot from 1-6pm. To schedule, call **1-800-RED CROSS** or go to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). Walk-ins are welcome. Bring a photo ID. **Future Dates:** December 2, 2015; February 3, 2016; and April 6, 2016. **Any questions** please call Rick Reschick at **540-850-5587**.

## Coats for Kids

Council #4034 and the Fredericksburg Sheriff's Department are partnering to provide coats to needy children in the Fredericksburg area. We are conducting fundraisers to obtain the money to purchase new coats through the Knights' **Coats for Kids Program**. Help relieve the burden of poverty and bring the gift of happiness and warmth to children in need. The Paradise Diner on Route 17 has agreed to provide 20% of the total bill of participating patrons who come in on the evening

of **Wednesday, September 30 from 5-9pm**. Bring this bulletin article or see us at the door for the required proof. Donations also accepted. Contact: [CoatsForKids@kofc4034.org](mailto:CoatsForKids@kofc4034.org).

## October family dinner

The October Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Saturday, October 3 from 6-8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes pork loin, boiled red potatoes, escalloped apples, glazed carrots, and cake. The profit will be donated to the Homeless Shelter. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. **Cost:** Adults: \$7, Seniors (60&up): \$6, Teens: \$6, Children (7-12): \$5, Children (under 7): Free. **The max cost per family is \$25.**

## Alzheimer's Association support

We are continuing to provide financial support to the local Alzheimer's Association in their effort to provide information, referrals, support groups, education, care consultations, and safety services to individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementia diseases, their families, and caregivers.

## Fish Fry to support Culture of Life

Come to a Fish Fry/Open House/ Ultrasound Dedication at the **Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center**, 1616 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA, 22401 on **Friday, October 9, from 5-8:30pm**. The cost is \$12 per person. There will be fried tilapia, cod, catfish, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, and cake from Paul's Bakery. Come meet the staff, tour the Center, all while eating good food and supporting a wonderful organization that helps pregnant women in need!

Knights of Columbus councils from Saint Mary and St. William of York have purchased Ultrasound machines for the Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center. The profits from the Fish Fry will go to defray maintenance and warranty costs.



## 5K Fun Run t-shirt design contest

The Knights are working with Holy Cross Academy to design a t-shirt for the First Annual KofC 5K Run that will be held in May 2016. HCA student entries must be submitted to the Holy Cross Academy Office by **October 30, 2015**. The winner will receive a complimentary t-shirt with his/her design on it and an announcement in the Saint Mary bulletin. A runner up will also be recognized. **More details are available through Holy Cross Academy.**

## Upcoming council events

- October 3—Family Dinner at Parish Life Center
- October 17—New Candidate "Admissions" Ceremony
- October 24—Council 4034 60th Celebration
- November 1—Social, Sister Act at Riverside
- November 14—Memorial Mass and Reception

## New council members

We welcome to our Council: Colin Ruth and David Thielman.

## August family of the month

Leonard and Sylvia Fontenot

## August Knight of the Month

John Hanson

*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.*

**Website**  
[kofc4034.org](http://kofc4034.org)

**Business meeting**  
*2nd Wednesday of each month at the Fredericksburg Columbus Club.*

*Dinner: 6:30-6:45  
Rosary: 7:10  
Meeting: 7:30-8:30.*

*For additional information: [info@kofc4034.org](mailto:info@kofc4034.org)*

**There is always time to be a Knight**  
*For more information, Contact our Council's Membership Director at: [MembershipDirector@kofc4034.org](mailto:MembershipDirector@kofc4034.org)*

# parish life happening here

## Learn more about Cursillo

Are you considering a Cursillo retreat or simply would like to learn more about the Cursillo community? Come to our informational meeting on **Thursday, October 1, at 7:30pm** in the Parish Life Center, Room 203. The next Men's Weekend is October 15-18, and the next Women's Weekend is November 19-22.

## Christian art show and Micah Ministries fundraiser

During church hours throughout the month of October, almost one hundred works of Christian art by local artists will be on display in the newly renovated **Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 810 Princess Anne Street**. Proceeds from entrance fees, donations, and a portion of all sales will be used to support the work Micah Ministries. **Come to the Gala Opening on Friday, October 2, from 6-9pm.** Join in an evening of celebration and learn more about the critical work of Micah Ministries in our community.

## Parish pilgrimage

Plan to join your fellow parishioners on the annual Parish Pilgrimage sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women on **November 14, from 8:30am-5:30pm. All are welcome.** This year we travel to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage. The Shrine is the largest Catholic Church in North America and one of the ten largest in the world. It is at the Basilica that Pope Francis will begin the U.S. Papal visit in September. **The day will include** travel by bus, a tour of the Shrine, Mass, opportunity for confession and private prayer, lunch in the Shrine cafeteria (bring your own or purchase there), time for shopping in the gift shop and/

or bookstore. **Sign up and leave your payment in the CCW mailbox in the office.** Cost will be: \$20 payable by check or cash. Please reserve early as we expect the bus to fill quickly. **Questions?** Contact Joyce O'Toole, [tjotoole@verizon.net](mailto:tjotoole@verizon.net), 540-371-2365.

## Adult Confirmation classes: Dec./Jan.

We will begin Adult Confirmation classes for all those who have already been baptized and have received first Communion, but have not been confirmed, as well as for those who might want a short refresher course on the Catholic faith. **There will be an introductory meeting and then six classes** led by Deacon Dick, each lasting about one hour on Tuesday nights at 7pm. The tentative schedule begins with the **introductory meeting on Wednesday, December 9, then Tuesday classes on December 15 and 29, January 5, 12, 19 and 26.** If you would like to sign up for these classes, or to just come to the introductory meeting to hear more, **please call the parish office to register**, leaving your name, phone number and email address.

## Bishop Loverde's 50th Anniversary Mass

**Bishop Loverde will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on November 7, 12pm, at All Saints Catholic Church** (9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA). This Mass will allow the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington to unite in prayerful thanksgiving for Bishop



Loverde and his service as a pastor of souls in our diocese and beyond. A light reception will be held in the parish activities center of All Saints Church immediately following the Mass. Since seating is limited, tickets have been proportioned to parishes in the diocese. **Saint Mary will receive 24 tickets and we will need to have this list to the diocese soon. For this reason, we will hold a raffle** for those in the parish who would like to enter their names in a drawing to attend this Mass. **Please call the office and have your name entered in the drawing no later than Friday afternoon, October 2.**

## 40 Days for Life in the Arlington Diocese

From September 23–November 1, 2015, our community will join other cities around the world in the **40 Days for Life** campaign, a focused, prayerful, and life-saving effort that consists of the following main elements:

- 40 days of prayer and fasting
- 40 days of peaceful vigil
- 40 days of community outreach

We are praying that, with God's help, this groundbreaking effort will help end abortion throughout America. **Vigils will be held at:**

- **Planned Parenthood**  
303 S. Maple Ave. or 370 S. Washington St. (Lee Hwy.)  
**Contact: Falls Church 40 Days for Life Team, 703-795-2216, [40daysfallschurch@gmail.com](mailto:40daysfallschurch@gmail.com)**
- **Landmark Towers**  
101 S. Whiting St., Suite 215, Alexandria  
**Contact: Sara Dina, [sara.40days@cox.net](mailto:sara.40days@cox.net)**
- **Amethyst Health Center for Women**  
9380 Forestwood Ln., Manassas  
**Contact: Mike Baldwin, 571-292-1159, [mikebaldwin4life@gmail.com](mailto:mikebaldwin4life@gmail.com)**

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# diocesan pilgrimage

Bishop Paul S. Loverde invites  
you to the biennial Diocese of  
Arlington Pilgrimage



OH MARY,  
KEEP OUR  
FAMILY ALIVE  
IN LOVE!



October 3, 2015 • 9:30am

Basilica of the National Shrine of the  
Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

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# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

20 September Offertory \$31,434.  
Parish Bldg. Fund Collection 8,025.  
Religious Ed. Collection (add'l) 2,538.  
Poor Box, St. Vincent de Paul 154.

### 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 October

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is **Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania**.

This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. *Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.*

## Pro Life Reflection for September 27

*"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she*

*does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not have yet healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life."* —Pope John Paul II, Gospel of Life

## All Night Adoration: First Friday, October 2

Our First Friday evening Mass at 8pm is followed by all night Adoration until 9am Saturday morning. The Church requires at least two people to be present with our Lord at all times during Adoration. Please sign up today; you will find a sign-up sheet on the podium located in the church vestibule.

## Blessing of animals

The traditional blessing of animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on **Saturday, October 3 at 10am** in the front Stafford Avenue side parking lot at the statue of St. Francis. Please park away from the building to allow space for our many pets. Please also come prepared to clean up after your pet in case of "accidents." All animals should be contained or leashed.



## Pro-life Shrine to the Holy Family

One of the outward signs of our parish commitment to the value and dignity of human life will be a shrine to the Holy Family located in the island in front of the Parish Life Center. Please prayerfully consider a donation to support the installation of this shrine. Call Fr. Don directly if you can help.

## Inspiring Catholic CDs

The Parish Life Center has new CDs from Lighthouse Catholic Media. Buy a few CDs for your long commutes or hand out to friends as a way to evangelize. CDs:\$5 each or 5 CDs for \$20.

## Masses next weekend

### 3 October— SATURDAY

5pm	Fr. Lino
7pm	Fr. Don

### 4 October— SUNDAY

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

## Porto Charities Annual Collection

### For God's Special Children October 3-4

The month of October has been designated as Disabilities Awareness Month, and Bishop Loverde has once again endorsed **Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection"** on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese.

Next Sunday, there will be a second collection to assist special need programs such as the Paul VI High School, Pope John Paul the Great and St. Mark's School Special Education Options Program, the Helen Keller Institute, Gabriel Home, Special Olympics, and the "Keyboard for Kids" program which provides audio visual communication capability to special needs students in the diocese. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, their families and this entire diocese. Please be generous in your support of this endeavor. *All checks should be made payable to Saint Mary Catholic Church.*

## Send military prayer updates

**Sunday, September 27 will be the last day the current prayer list for military men and women will be published.** Starting October 4, a new prayer list will be populated. To have a name added to this new list, please contact the parish office.

## Saint Mary prayer list

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need,**

**especially:** 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, Karen Danis, Maureen Flanagan, Gretchen Maia, Mary Ellen Normand, D.J. Smetek, Jim Evans, Megan Ramsey, Robert and Tenya Mosier, Cesar Corretjer, Josh Oltman, Donelda Wellwood, Keith Kovalefski, Bruce Bates, Joseph Bozicevic, Dyke Stabler, Helen Kozyra, Meredith Dean

**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, Travis Eades, Doug Ebnal, 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

### september

#### 28 MONDAY

6:30 Bob Rooney  
8:15\* +Ruth Quade  
Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

#### 29 TUESDAY

6:30 +Lenny Valko  
9am +Mary Ngat Vu  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

#### 30 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Sr. Susan Louise  
9am Robert and Margaret Derouin  
Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

#### 1 THURSDAY

6:30 +Samuel Cadden  
8:15\* Ryan McDowell  
9am +Roseanne Burke  
Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12

#### 2 FRIDAY

6:30 +Ava Kurilla  
9am +Kevin Murphy  
8pm +Dalida Abney  
Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10

#### 3 SATURDAY

9am All Souls  
5pm For the Parish  
7pm Rose Gresh  
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

#### 4 SUNDAY

7am Serafin and Lourdes Palacios  
8:30 +Dalida Abney  
10:30 +Those Who Died in September  
10:30\* +Timothy Hanlon  
12:30 Respect for all Human Life  
2pm +Marie Rigor-Fernandez  
5pm +Joseph Vallellonga  
7:01 +Dorothy Green  
Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11;  
Mk 10:2-16

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