



**THIRTIETH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
25 October 2015

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



# what's coming



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*Roman Catholic Church*

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

## october

### 25 SUNDAY, THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am-1pm, CCW Bazaar, Parish Life Center.

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

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

Holy Cross Academy's World's Finest Chocolate Sale is this weekend outside of church.

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

3:15pm, Discussion on the Pope's Encyclical on the Environment with Fr. Don, Courtyard Room.

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

### 26 Monday, Weekday

7pm, Parent(s) of Teens discussion group (last meeting), Catholic Charities Conference Room.

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

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

### 27 Tuesday, Weekday

### 28 Wednesday, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

6pm, Catechist training, Parish Life Center

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

### 29 Thursday, Weekday

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

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

### 30 Friday, Weekday

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

### 31 Saturday, Weekday

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

## november

### 1 SUNDAY, ALL SAINTS

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

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

3:15pm, Discussion on the Pope's Encyclical on the Environment with Fr. Don, Courtyard Room.

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

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

### 2 Monday, THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

6pm, All Souls Mass, Church.

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

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

### 3 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Martin de Porres, Religious)

**Election Day.**

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

### 4 Wednesday, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

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

### 5 Thursday, Weekday

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

1pm, Health Ministry Training Session, Courtyard Meeting Room.

7pm Baptism Class, Parish Life Center Room 202.

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

### 6 Friday, Weekday

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

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

8pm, First Friday Mass followed by all-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Church.

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

- ✂ Come to the Council of Catholic Women **Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale on Sunday morning** – Lots of great gifts for Christmas!
- ✂ **Parish Photo Directory** sign-up continues. Please visit our parish website to schedule your portrait appointment.
- ✂ On Wednesday, **October 28, Catechist training** will be held in the Parish Life Center.
- ✂ Remember to include your loved ones in our annual **All Souls' Day Novena** of Masses. Envelopes are available in the vestibule or in the Parish office.

## coming events:

- ✂ Don't forget our parish discussion group of **Pope Francis' Laudato si'** begins this Sunday, October 25 and follows for three Sundays. **Download a copy for free at [w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals.index.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals.index.html).**
- ✂ **Fr. Don's class on Lectio divina** will take place first on Tuesday, November 10. Please call and let us know you are coming. It has always been the Tradition of the Church to pray with the Word of God, not use the Bible as a textbook! Class will be repeated later in February.
- ✂ **Our annual Seminar on Life Decisions** will be held Saturday, November 14 from 9:30-1pm with Fr. Don, David Mathers and Regis Keddie, chair of our finance council. Join us if you have questions about how to prepare plans for your funeral (Church teachings and liturgy planning) and other financial planning you would like to work on, including remembering our parish in your giving.

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>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 Lois Sullivan, RN, FCN Beth Palacios, RN, FCN
<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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

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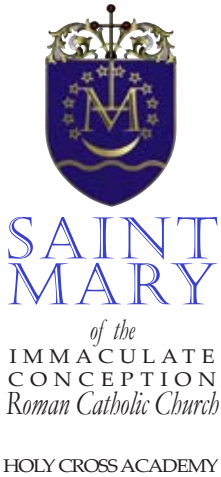
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## from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Last weekend I was in Salt Lake City for the Parliament of the World's Religions. Let me tell you, it was interesting. I made some good friends, saw a lot of people whom I hadn't seen in a while, some I saw last week... but it was very interesting. I am convinced in today's world you can sew a crazy hat and show up, call it a religion and they will give you a seminar. But generally speaking there were 80 countries and 50 religions represented, 9,500 in attendance. Our Catholic network, CADEIO ([cadeio.org](http://cadeio.org)), for the first time sponsored a conference-long schedule of seminars and workshops, and provided an authentic Catholic presence where we hadn't been represented much before. You may have seen in the news that there were "Catholics" there who confused people about our church, some ordained a woman, others tried to let people think that our Church has made changes that she hasn't made. All the more reason to be there! No longer can we flee from the world because we think we will not be accepted or we will be misrepresented, or even belittled. We must give an authentic witness of who we are. So we did.

I was invited by the World Sikh Council to present the Catholic viewpoint with regard to two tenets of Sikhism that we share in common. The first was with regard to the Langar meal, a custom began by the first Sikh Guru, Nanak, in the 1400s that has continued to be a hallmark of Sikh life even today. The Langar is an open kitchen, where anyone can come and receive a home-cooked meal. Anyone. As a sign of the radical equality of Sikh society, all people sit on the floor in rows and members of the community serve them, wave after wave of people who come hungry. I was happy to explain the beautiful custom we now have in Fredericksburg, supported by the many volunteers of Saint Mary and all the downtown churches, of our Community Dinners. You see, you don't have to be poor to be hungry, and you don't have to be homeless to be lonely. Our compassion reaches out to all people, us, in the name of Jesus Christ who calls us to do this for the least of our brothers and sisters.

The other topic the Sikhs asked me to present was, as a panel member along with a native American and a Baha'i, the theology of the unity of humanity as created by God. I started with

the reflection of Thomas Merton (you can find it in one of my homilies from a few weeks ago at the parish website), then traced the thoughts from *Laudato si* (Pope Francis' new encyclical on human responsibility and the environment), to a beautiful document of the International Theological Commission called "Communion and Stewardship," to the theology of Henri de Lubac and theologians leading up to Vatican II, with the roots of their thoughts extending back to the first century Fathers of the Church.

I used as part of my presentation a beautiful account I learned this week about the unlikely meeting between Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare Movement of the Church, and American Muslim Imam W. D. Muhammed of New York in Harlem, 1996. She said, "It seems that the Lord has placed him beside us, and the Lord has placed us beside him. Let's go deep into our hearts where God is present and tell him we want to do this: We want good faith. We want to serve. We want to be brothers and sisters."

He wrote, "Once the oneness of God is impressed upon the heart, our nature transcends race, it transcends beliefs. It resides in the heart and makes us one, as God is one."

When we approach our brothers and sisters in the human family of God our Father, if our encounter is honest and open to real encounter, it is something beyond a press photo or an annual meeting. I used in my presentation a new idea. In another Vatican document, "Dialogue and Proclamation," dialogue is described in four ways: the dialogue of life, of (spiritual) experience, of theological exchange and of social action. When we approach one another on an interreligious level, that is, the level of completely different world religions, we begin with the dialogue between God and his creation, when by his Word he created all things and declared them good. This "Dialogue of Creation" is a new idea and, as I suggested in my paper, must be the ideal upon which all other dialogues between peoples must be based.

God has created no one who is deaf to his Word.

We have been prepared from the beginning by God for the moment of meeting, sensitive hearts ready to meet.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

# holy cross academy

## The wonder of weather

Everybody likes to talk about the weather. Will it rain? Will the sun be shining? Is a hurricane brewing in the Gulf? Our 6th graders decided to do more than just talk about it. They sang about it, wrote plays, created games and even made it rain – all for the benefit of our 1st graders.

The 6th grade Science classes at HCA were given the task of teaching the water cycle to the 1st graders. Each group of students was given the freedom to decide how they would teach this important concept to the younger children. What a clever way to make sure that the 6th graders understand it themselves! This was a lot more fun than a test and we heard that everyone got a good grade.

Some groups created dioramas or demonstrations. One group wrote a play and had the children perform it. Another teaching team wrote a song. Using old equipment from an aquarium, one group made it rain so that the children could see the water going up through the pipe and coming back down after forming into drops on the lid. The classrooms were buzzing with the sounds of learning.

All of these hands-on activities delighted the 1st graders while teaching them about this foundational scientific concept. The 6th graders were equally happy and can now explain the water cycle to anyone. Go ahead; ask them when you see them!

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.



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*Holy Cross Academy  
students participate  
in the Great South  
East Shakeout, an  
area-wide earthquake  
drill on October 15.*



education

# religious education

## The Mass

**"There is a deep mystery hidden in the Mass, a supernatural, astounding fact, the greatest mystery of all: Jesus, at a certain moment, comes down alive on the altar. He is invisible, but He is truly present, because the bread is changed into His Body, and the wine into His Blood; so that Christ is there, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, and He comes for us. [...] Therefore when you go to Mass, we do not go only to commemorate Jesus: **we go to find Him, to receive Him. He is present there, He lives, and He will never leave us.**"** — *The Mass Explained to Children*, Maria Montessori, page 7.

# youth ministry



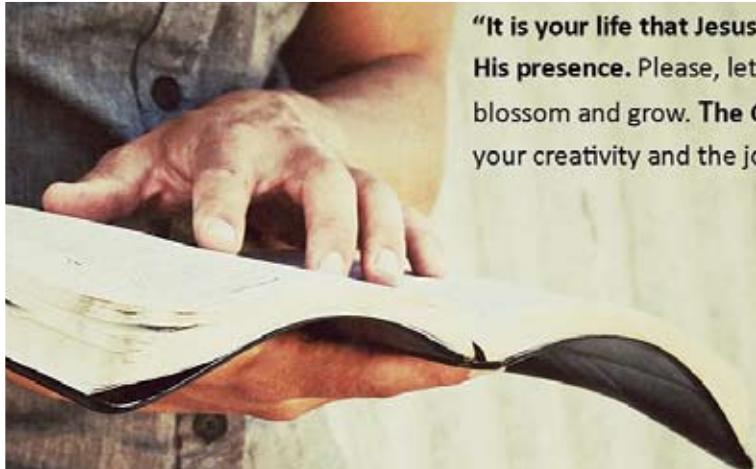
## Middle School Youth Group

The Middle School Youth Group will meet **Sunday, November 1 from 3:30pm–4:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. Join us for a fun hour of faith and friends.

## WorkCamp 2016: Spotsylvania, VA & Banica, Dominican Republic

Our WorkCamp preparations are beginning soon. Our 2016 application is available online and includes a list of mandatory

meeting dates. Our first mandatory meeting is **Sunday, November 8**. Please make sure you save the date on the calendar. For more information about our 2016 WorkCamps, please visit [stmaryfred.org/workcamp/](http://stmaryfred.org/workcamp/).



**"It is your life that Jesus wants to enter with His word, with His presence. Please, let Christ and His word enter your life, blossom and grow. **The Church needs you**, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of youth."**

- Pope Francis

# YOUCAT

Meets Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 8pm.

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## adult education

**Lent Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac****November 4-6: Men****November 11-13: Women**

Loyola retreats are conducted in an atmosphere of prayerful silence and include generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deep relationship with God. The retreats are open to anyone who is seeking a deeper relationship with God in prayer. It also provides for daily Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation on Friday and Saturday. Loyola Retreat is located in Faulkner, Maryland.

This year's retreat is entitled "The Way." **We invite our retreatants to explore the Ignatian principles of being "contemplatives in action" and "to help us walk the path set by Jesus in the Gospel."**

Retreats begin with check-in and **confessions** from 5-6:30pm on Friday, an **orientation** at 6:45, **dinner** at 7pm and conclude with **lunch** on Sunday following **Mass**. The suggested offering for the retreat is \$235, but only \$185 for first-time retreatants. A payment plan is available. Contact Len or Sylvia Fontenot, 540-663-2261 or email [lensyl1966@verizon.net](mailto:lensyl1966@verizon.net). **To register** go to [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com).

**Laudato Si': Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Care of Creation**

Join Fr. Rooney as he and several parishioners share leading discussion about Pope Francis' encyclical on life and care for the environment. This is the perfect forum to learn about Catholic social teaching in this breakthrough document.

Please download the document and read it; we will discuss it for two meetings and make an action plan for our community at the third. **We will meet in the Courtyard Meeting Room October 25, November 1 and 8, at 3:15-4:45.**

**Pray with Sacred Scripture: Lectio Divina**

Fr. Don Rooney will offer a class on two occasions this year on the great tradition in the Catholic Church of how to pray with Sacred Scripture. Did you know that the Bible is, first and foremost for Catholics, not a textbook but a prayerbook? We need to practice our skills of listening! Come and learn a way of prayer that might change your life. The same class will be repeated twice. **We will meet in the church 7-9pm Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, February 11.**

**End of Life Decisions**

**On November 14, from 9:30am-Noon in the Parish Life Center,** join Fr. Don Rooney, David Mathers and Regis Keddle for a seminar on end-of-life planning which includes liturgical, sacramental, medical and financial planning. Please register by contacting the parish office.

**The Mystery of God and Why He Matters**

**What do we really mean by "God"?** Atheism is on the rise. Skeptical thinkers vigorously attack belief in God as irrational or, even worse, dangerous. The so-called New Atheism has attracted millions of young people thanks to bestselling books such as *The God Delusion* and *God Is Not Great*. How



grow in your faith

should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God?

**Join us in the church on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm starting January 5 and concluding February 9** for this new film series and study program. Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us how. Using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Pope Benedict XVI, he uncovers a clear yet sophisticated understanding of what we mean by "God."

Who is God? And why does he matter? Watch this series and you'll not only learn the answers yourself, but you'll discover how to share them with others - especially those who no longer believe.



parish life

# happening here

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CONCERTS at SAINT MARY  
2015 - 2016

## Organ Concert

Friday, November 13, 2015  
at 8:00pm

### Mary Beth Bennett



Music of Bach, Langlais, Vierne, Widor, Tunder and Bruhns as well as Bennett's own *Variations on "Outbursts of Spring Triumphant"* based on a melody by the late Virginia composer Friedrich Ludwig Diehn.



Dr. Mary Beth Bennett, award winning performer, recording artist and published composer, is Organist and Choirmaster of Seventh Street Christian Church in Richmond, VA and an adjunct music faculty member of the University of Richmond. She has been organist of Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and Ceremonial Organist for the United States Department of Defense. As a performing member of the *Liturgical Organists Consortium* she recorded three compact discs which have garnered critical acclaim, including a "Golden Ear Award" for best organ CD of the year from *Absolute Sound Magazine*. Her performances and compositions have been featured on APM's *Pipe Dreams* radio program.

**The concert is free.**  
*A free-will offering will be accepted.*  
Meet the artist at a reception following the performance.

**For more information:**  
[dmathers@stmaryfred.org](mailto:dmathers@stmaryfred.org) or 540-373-6491 x 217.

COMING to SAINT MARY  
Friday, December 11, 2015 at 7:30pm  
*Advent Lessons and Carols, featuring Saint Mary Choirs*

Friday, April 8, 2016 at 8:00pm  
*Voix de Femmes, vocal ensemble*

Friday, May 20, 2016 at 8:00pm  
*Benjamin LaPrairie, organ*

Saint Mary's is 5 minutes from I-95, exit 130A. Old Town Fredericksburg is a delightful historic city filled with many fine eateries, shops and attractions.





# parish life happening here

## Parents of teens

The last meeting of the Parent(s) of Teens discussion group will be **Mondays, October 26**. The group meets in the conference room at Catholic Charities from **7-8:30pm**. To register, please call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491.

## New Altar Servers

Any children 5th grade or older who are interested in being an altar server should contact Vicky Kopcak at [test08vic265@gmail.com](mailto:test08vic265@gmail.com) or [frcummings@stmaryfred.org](mailto:frcummings@stmaryfred.org).

## Health Ministry walks

The Health Ministry walk **continues through November 14** on Saturdays at 7am at the Rappahannock River Heritage trail and Canal path; 3.1 miles. Questions?: [540-845-3031](tel:540-845-3031), [ParishNurse@stmaryfred.org](mailto:ParishNurse@stmaryfred.org).

## Adult Confirmation classes: Dec./Jan.

Deacon Dick Delio 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 on Wednesday, December 9 at 7pm, followed by six, Tuesday evening classes at 7pm**. Please call the parish office to register, leaving your name, phone number and email address.

## 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. **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.

Fr. Lino will concelebrate the Mass.

**Sign up and leave your payment in the CCW mailbox in the office.**

Cost will be: \$20 payable by check or cash. **Questions?** Contact Joyce O'Toole, [tjotoole@verizon.net](mailto:tjotoole@verizon.net), 540-371-2365.

## Basketball coach needed

Holy Cross Academy is looking for someone to coach our Girls JV basketball team this year. If you know a little something about basketball and want to share your knowledge with eager-to-learn middle school girls, then HCA has a place for you! Currently, HCA has 11 games scheduled (6 at home and 5 away) and the season will run the months of November-February. Please let us know if you are able to help us out. Email us at [hcaathletics@holycrossweb.com](mailto:hcaathletics@holycrossweb.com) or call the office at 540-286-1600.

## Donations: Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus, Fredericksburg Council #4034, the Fredericksburg Sheriff's Department, local businesses, and several Saint Mary Parishioners have joined in an effort to provide new coats to needy children in the Fredericksburg area. We have completed our fundraising events and hope to obtain the remainder of the required funds through donations. **If you would like to donate**, please contact us at [CoatsForKids@kofc4034.org](mailto:CoatsForKids@kofc4034.org) or (703) 201-7703.



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HEALTH MINISTRY

## An invitation from Our Parish Nurse and Health Ministry

As you become involved in the new ministries joined through the Commitment process, we would like to remind you that **the Health Ministry is not only searching for volunteers to share the love of Jesus with our fellow parishioners, but is seeking to serve our parishioners with their own needs.** Each person's personal situations may be able to provide resources and help to others. Please contact us at [parishnurse@stmaryfred.org](mailto:parishnurse@stmaryfred.org) or 540-845-3031.

**Some of the areas where we may be able to support parishioners are** referrals to agencies/services, personal prayer requests, visits to hospitals and nursing homes, referrals for personal/family crisis interventions, home visits with volunteers, referrals for medical services for the uninsured, and referrals for transitions from home to nursing home. **Let us see if we can build bridges of Love together!**

# parish life happening there



Fr. Don has been recording and posting some of his recent homilies on the Saint Mary website. From the home page, go to the **"Welcome"** menu and then select **"Meditations."** You can also subscribe to our website to receive email notifications when new meditations are posted.

**He gave his October 17 homily at the Cathedral of the Madeline, in Salt Lake City (pictured above). Listen now by visiting [stmaryfred.org/meditation-on-october-18-2015-readings/](http://stmaryfred.org/meditation-on-october-18-2015-readings/).**

## Dialogue on Encyclical

Please join the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life for a **Public Dialogue on Pope Francis' Environmental Encyclical: Protecting the Planet and the Poor**, a conversation with Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez, on **Monday, November 2-4pm in Hart Auditorium at the Georgetown University Law Center**. Cardinal Rodriguez is Chair of Pope Francis' Council of Cardinals, the first Cardinal from Honduras, and leads the Church's efforts to protect the planet and the poor. The conversation will be moderated by John Carr, Director of the Initiative. Faculty from Georgetown Law Center will respond including Edith Brown Weiss, Francis Cabell Brown Professor of International Law; and John Podesta, Distinguished Visitor from Practice and former Counselor to President Barack Obama on climate change and energy policy. For more information or to RSVP email [cathsocialthought@georgetown.edu](mailto:cathsocialthought@georgetown.edu).

## 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:**

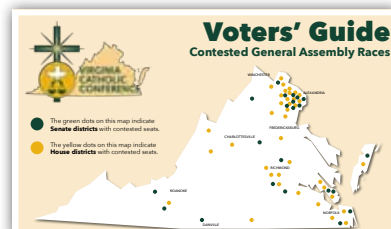
- **Planned Parenthood**  
303 S. Maple Ave. or 370 S.

Washington St. (Lee Hwy.)  
[40daysfallschurch@gmail.com](mailto:40daysfallschurch@gmail.com)

- **Landmark Towers**  
101 S. Whiting St., Suite 215, Alexandria  
[sara.40days@cox.net](mailto:sara.40days@cox.net)
- **Amethyst Health Center for Women**  
9380 Forestwood Ln., Manassas  
[mikebaldwin4life@gmail.com](mailto:mikebaldwin4life@gmail.com)

## Voters' Guide from the Virginia Catholic Conference

The Virginia Catholic Conference has created a **Voters' Guide** for upcoming **General Assembly** elections to help voters identify contested races and engage their candidates on issues important to Catholics. **The election is November 3.** The guide can be found on the Conference website at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org).



# knights of columbus

## Religious Education Assistance Program

In 2010, KofC Council 4034 established our **Religious Education Assistance Program (REAP)** to aid needs-based students gain a Catholic Education at Holy Cross Academy, Pope John Paul the Great High School, and St. Michael the Archangel High School. In the five years since Academic Year 2011-2012, we have donated \$30,000 to 28 students based on four criteria. The family must be registered at Saint Mary, demonstrate need, the student must demonstrate potential, and the parents must volunteer at the school in some way. To date, almost half of the money spent has gone to students at Holy Cross Academy. In many ways, all of the students we have helped have exceeded their potential, through grades, participation, volunteerism, and leadership. We would like to thank the parish for your generous support for REAP and other charities. **Our Fruit Sale this Autumn will fund REAP, and we ask for your continued support.**

## Trail Life

The troop recently went on a three-mile hike and are planning a camping trip for November 6-8. They have been increasing in numbers and are having fun while learning valuable lessons.



### Trail Life Membership

Level	Grade	Registered
<b>Fox</b>	K-1	10
<b>Hawks</b>	2-3	8
<b>Mountain Lions</b>	4-5	5
<b>Navigators</b>	6-8	8
<b>Adventurer</b>	9-12	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>

The Troop will be placing wreaths on graves at Quantico National Cemetery on December 12. The mission is to "Remember, Honor, and Teach" and it is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies at veterans' cemeteries. **You can help the troop earn funds by buying a wreath.** Go to [wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://wreathsacrossamerica.org) and click on the "Sponsor Locally" icon. Use **VA0218P** where it says "Find a Fundraising Group" or search for "4034." Cost is \$15 (tax deductible) per wreath. Troop gets \$5 per wreath.

## Support to the Saint Mary Family

Our Charity Committee receives request for monetary assistance and help with tasks from needy families. **In October, we provided monetary support to two families.** We are able to provide this support because of your participations in our fundraisers.

## Yard Sale Success

**The KofC Yard Sale was a success thanks to you!** All of your donations and support again this year for our Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser will allow us to fund the selected Service Programs.

## Christmas Cards

We should all try to keep alive the true meaning of "Christmas"—the birth of Jesus Christ; God's gift to the world. Part of our effort is to sell religious Christmas cards. **Sales will begin in November.** If you would like to order sooner, please e-mail [KCIC@kofc4034.org](mailto:KCIC@kofc4034.org).

## Support to Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center

Despite the rain, the Fish Fry Fundraiser was a success.

Several councils joined together to raise money that will provide maintenance to the ultrasound machine that was donated by the Knights of Columbus. **Thank you for your support.**

## Join Us

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving Saint Mary Parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus, Council #4034 is the organization for you. **The Council will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on November 21 and 22.** Please consider joining us.

## Upcoming Events

- *October 31*  
4th Degree Ceremony
- *November 1*  
Council Social—Sister Act at Riverside
- *November 4*  
Business Meeting
- *November 14*  
Memorial Mass and Reception
- *November 21, 22*  
New Member Recruiting
- *November 28*  
Christmas Tree Sales Begin

## New Council Members

We welcome to our Council Wes Hofferek, Nicholas LaPetra, Robert Winkler, Nelson Vaillancourt, Curtis Dickinson, Michael Lim, Greg Wheatley, and Thomas Cox.

### September Family of the Month

Kevin and Dee Doyle

### September Knight of the Month

Michael McCuskey



*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)



# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

18 October Offertory \$32,180.  
World Mission Sunday 6,275.  
Parish Building Fund (add'l) 3,686.  
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul 770.

## October Faith Direct

Offertory \$40,442.  
Building Fund 3,264.  
Special Kids Special Needs 1,362.  
World Mission Sunday 1,325.

## 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 November

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for **Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Fredericksburg.** This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. *Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.*

## October 25: Priesthood Sunday

*O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of*

*the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen.*

## Pro Life Reflection for October 25

"The credibility of a healthcare system is not measured solely by efficiency, but above all by the attention and love given to the person, whose life is always sacred and inviolable."

—Pope Francis, "Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations," September 20, 2013

## First Friday: All Night Adoration—November 6

*"The devotion to the Eucharist, together with the devotion to the Blessed Mother, is the devotion of Paradise, because it is the devotion which the Angels and Saints of Heaven also have."*

—"Jesus Our Eucharistic Love," Fr. Stephano Manelli, OFM

**Friday, November 6, is First Friday, and All Night Adoration will take place immediately following the 8pm Mass.** Come and adore Our Lord in His Eucharistic Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory in this month dedicated to the Holy Souls. Please sign up today.

*"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out. Keep the stove tightly shut so that it will not lose its heat and grow cold. In other words, avoid distractions as well as you can. Stay quiet with God."*

—St. Charles Borromeo (Patron Saint of Seminarians, Feast Day November 4)

## Tax savings through a gift of stock

You may make a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or our diocese. **In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation.** For more information, please call (703) 841-3896 or visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts\\_stock.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx).

## 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.

## National Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 1-7. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

# liturgy called in love



## All Souls' Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your deceased loved ones. **Our All Souls Novena will begin on Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day.**

An intention envelope is included with your bimonthly envelope packet; additional envelopes are available in the Parish Office and in the vestibule of the Church. **Envelopes may be turned in early and will be placed near the altar during the Novena.**

*Our custom of inviting parishioners to a particular Mass and special reception will not take place this year due to the special diocesan program for Bishop Loverde's retirement and conflicts in schedule for both the Church and Parish Life Center. Please prayerfully remember those in our parish family by participating in the All Souls Novena.*

## Saint Mary prayer list

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

**especially:** Janie Sherry, Art Gabler, Pat Arvai, William Herr, Naomi Russo, Marie Savage, Deacon Richard Smith, Anna Castagna, John Paul Baksy, Joanne Sanford, Trevor Wood, Beth Malaby, Rhonda Seidlinger, Margaret McAleavey, David Arnold, Tracy Biddulph, Carole Page, Christopher Kelly, Ann Dunsmore, Lisa Herr, Madeline Doyle, Elizabeth Ames, Elise Valez, Mary Ullmer, Virginia Bare, Bobbi Palumbo, Joanne Deangeous, 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, Linda Kaila, Cynthia McCready, Jesse Madison, Kelly Ann Carpenter, Martha Ferrara, Tom and Prov Moeller, Debbie Lloyd, Shana Calligos, 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 Kovalski, Bruce Bates, Joseph Bozicevic, Dyke Stabler, Helen Kozyra, Meredith Dean, Bernice Douglas, Paul Johnson, Alana Cross, Joseph O'Byrne, Veronica Johnson, Hal Ehrhart, Lillian Held, Prudy Tarpey, Mike and Mary Lou Gray, Martha Clemens, Ruth Weaver, Holly Smith, Byers Family, Hunsley Family

**Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:**

Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, Dominick Joseph Petro, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Sean Plunkett, Roy Selvidge, Patrick Fenton, David James, Patrick Croley, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Geoff Mann. **This list has been reset. To have a name added to this new list, please contact the parish office.**

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

## Masses next weekend

31 October— SATURDAY	
5pm	Fr. Lino
7pm	Fr. Cummings
1 November— SUNDAY	
7am	Fr. Holmes
8:30	Fr. Don
10:30	Fr. Cummings
HCA10:30	Fr. Holmes
12:30	Fr. Cummings
2pm	Fr. Don
5pm	Fr. Lino
7:01	Fr. Don

Deacon Alberto will preach at the Sunday 12:30pm and 2pm Masses.

## Daily Mass intentions and readings

### october

#### 26 MONDAY

6:30 +Maria Ines Resendes  
8:15\* Rosario Marinas  
Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

#### 27 TUESDAY

6:30 Katie Hamlin  
9am Jessica Chavarria  
Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

#### 28 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Emily Davis  
9am +Annette Maria Normand  
Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

#### 29 THURSDAY

6:30 Mary Anne Holzworth  
8:15\* +Kathy Lujan  
9am +All Souls  
Rom 8:31-39; Lk 13:31-35

#### 30 FRIDAY

6:30 Wally Retan  
9am +All Souls  
Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

#### 31 SATURDAY

9am Lauri Wilson  
5pm +Emmanuel Lucia  
7pm +Gina Lenox  
Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29;  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

#### 1 SUNDAY

7am +Claudia Manning Terry  
8:30 +Ana Bernaola  
10:30 +Those Who Died in October  
10:30\* For the Parish  
12:30 +Jeannette Marie Finn Major  
2pm +Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary  
5pm Sarah Tighe  
7:01 +Patricia Maria Shupp  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

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