



The Solemnity
of All Saints

1 November 2015

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



what's coming



SAINT
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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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1 SUNDAY, THE SOLEMNITY OF 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)

Noon, All Souls Mass, Church.

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.

7 Saturday, Weekday

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

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

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

8 SUNDAY, THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

9 Monday, THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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

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

8:15pm, TAIZE Prayer Service, Church.

10 Tuesday, Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.

Noon, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center.

7pm, Pray with Sacred Scripture: Lectio Divina Class, Church.

11 Wednesday, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Veteran's Day.

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

12 Thursday, Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

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

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

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ There will be two additional Masses at **Noon and 6pm on Monday, November 2 for All Souls' Day.**
- ✂ We welcome **seminarian Daniel Mitchell** to our parish this weekend to celebrate **National Vocations Awareness Week**, November 1-7. Please consider saying a Prayer for Vocations each day this week (see page 7 for the prayer).
- ✂ **Parish Photo Directory** sign-up continues. Please visit our parish website to schedule your portrait appointment.

coming events:

- ✂ **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

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; <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
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	373-6491 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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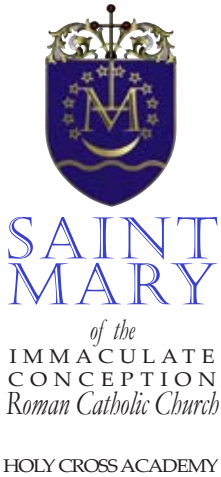
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from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Last week about 25 of us gathered for our first of three meetings to discuss and respond to Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for the Earth, *Laudato si'*. One of the great things that happens in a large parish like ours is that you discover such diversity of backgrounds and knowledge of people who come together, people who represent such different disciplines as environmental sciences, farming, teaching, economics, conservation and weather. Then there's people like me who get to learn from all of you.

Somebody corrected me, as previously I had referred to this encyclical as the Pope's document "*on the environment*," and I realize it is such an error that I need to print a correction! It is about the environment, *in part*, but this simplification has led many to decide they can dismiss it as a document merely about *climate change*, words that boil up so much political controversy over already-formed alliances. I believe sides have divided our culture over this issue for personal gain, without really looking at it. In our day we have allowed real moral issues to become so aligned with politics that it seems people don't even consider the objective reality of them without the lens of partisan affiliations. Early in our discussion last week, we decided to leave the words *climate change* aside and look at what the Pope is really saying. He says so much more.

It came up in our discussion that some say the Pope is a Marxist. Another political label meant to distract attention from the reality of which he speaks. It is true he speaks out of his own experience (how could he not?) of the struggle he knew all his life with South American totalitarian regimes who had no compassion, no mercy for human persons. But he spent his visit to our country not calling us out and condemning us for being a free market society built on hard work and well-earned success, but challenging us to use its fruitfulness for the good, and leave behind the part that can destroy us spiritually and culturally, to avoid what destroys the fragile balance of God's creation given to us as stewards, meant to be preserved, nurtured, valued.

He does say often that politics and economics so dominate the discussion that what we do today—in all spheres of our lives and the life of our planet—has more to do with the bottom line and cost per unit than it does with the dignity of

workers, their right to a fair wage, the promotion of peoples and the care of the earth. Would we not rather get things cheap (especially the things we don't really *need*) than pay what it costs to give someone a good paying job? Maybe we wouldn't do this consciously; Pope Francis is saying that we have gotten to the point that the people who work for \$5 a day in different countries in the world aren't even remembered as a part of the system anymore.

You don't have to travel very far to witness personally the damage done to fragile ecosystems. The health of our bay is a subject of great concern, much more than just the price of crabs. What about the changes being made in the southwest, where cities along the paths of rivers have dried them up, leaving people further along without any water at all? Some countries are now trying to replant lost hardwood forests with "sustainable" cash crops of fast-growing trees, often "invader" plants that cause the extinction of further species? Some of these forests require six or seven generations to be reestablished, more time than we have or are willing to give.

I think the most compelling point that Pope Francis makes about the earth is that it is the place God designed where the encounter takes place between him and mankind. God created the earth to be a safe place for human beings, not a place where the law would protect a pet more than an unborn child. Not a place where the poor become poorer, where indigenous peoples disappear because of another's greed. Not a place where we consume, waste, and throw away the fruits of that creation without regard to the impact that we have on others.

When I was looking for a college, my parents said that they wanted us to find a college that actually taught ethics in their curriculum. This was over thirty years ago: ethics was virtually impossible to find. This, I think, is the main point that Pope Francis is trying to make with his encyclical. God's gifts are given to us with a moral charge included: we must once again look at our lives and the way we are using his gifts from a moral perspective. Ultimately we must understand the Planner behind the plan, if that plan is to succeed. He is returning ethics to the discussion table.

We meet again next week; the week after, we plan our parish's active response.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy



Our pumpkin experts

What time is it at St. Mary Preschool?

Why pumpkin time, of course. Last week our preschoolers visited Braehead Farm where they picked pumpkins to bring back to school. Standing out in the field in the middle of all those lovely orange fruits is awe-inspiring, especially when you are four years old.

After the children brought their treasures back to the classrooms, their teachers helped them to use their five senses to learn all about them. The children described the pumpkins. They measured their height with unifex blocks. They even tried putting them in water to see if they would sink or float.

The children were especially amazed when they estimated the number of seeds in a pumpkin and then counted them. Wow! That was a lot of seeds.

If you have any questions about pumpkins, now you know who to ask. Our St. Mary Preschoolers are experts and can tell you all about this lovely seasonal adornment.



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. 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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education

religious education

Religious Education charitable activities

There are several charitable activities that Religious Education students and parents participate in annually, including **Children's Offertory Envelopes, Parish Pantry, Thanksgiving Food Drive,**

Christmas Gifts for Children and Teens, and We Care Week.

At the start of the school year each child receives a pack of Children's Offertory Envelopes. When they attend Sunday Mass, they are asked to offer an envelope with a quarter in it. All the proceeds from the Children's Offertory Envelopes

benefits twelve local children's charities annually. Information about the children's charity of the month can be found in the Children's Offertory Envelopes section of the parish bulletin. If each child gives a quarter weekly, every month a local children's charity could get close to a thousand dollars.

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/.

Rally!

More than 1,000 youth and adults gathered to celebrate our faith and love of the Lord! High school students enjoyed over eight hours of music, inspirational speakers, and Sunday Mass with Bishop Loverde.



adult education

vocations

Vocations Awareness Week is Nov. 1-8: Calling on you!

The Vocations Ministry is calling you to pray for your current vocation, whether you are married, a child, single, consecrated, etc. Each of us has a vocation and we are called to use that vocation to reflect Jesus' love. **During Vocations Week, we invite you to partake in saying the prayer for vocations (see below), attend adoration, or invest more time in praying for your vocation.**

We are also gathering information about vocations that have come from our parish — to the priesthood, consecrated life, religious life, or diaconate. **If you have a family member that has answered "Yes!" we ask you to send a bio and a picture to vocations@stmaryfred.org.** We want to see the vocations that have come from our parish! The Lord has called and we want to know who has answered!

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (© 2014, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations)

Retreats at Loyola on the Potomac

November 6-8: Men

November 13-15: Men and 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. **To register** go to 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 Keddie for a seminar on end-of-life planning which includes liturgical, sacramental, medical and financial planning. Please register by contacting the parish office.

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.



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SAINT MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, Virginia

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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 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.



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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 or frummings@stmaryfred.org.

Saint Mary Young Adults

Please join us November 6 for First Friday Mass and Adoration at 8pm. We will be having our monthly social afterwards, and will meet at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 8:45pm to head to the restaurant. Please contact Allison Gatrone at StMaryYA@gmail.com to join our email list and receive updates on other YA events and activities. Saint Mary Young Adults group is for parishioners aged 21-39.

November Family Dinner

The November Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Saturday, November 7 from 6-8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes chili, white rice, hot dogs, french fries, & cake. The profit will be used to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to the needy. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. **The cost is:** Adults: \$7, Seniors (60&up): \$6, Teens: \$6, Children (7-12): \$5, Children (under 7): Free. **The max cost per family is \$25.**

Book Club selection

Following Christ in a Consumer Society: The Spirituality of Cultural Resistance by John F. Kavanaugh, S. J., is the **parish book club selection for the meeting**. The late Jesuit philosopher exposes the consumer culture of the day, castigating the "craving for things, injustice of depersonalization, and flight from the wounded." The group meets **November 10, at 10am at the John Paul II House**. Looking ahead to December, members get to choose



On October 24, confirmation teams 1-11 traveled to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. for their confirmation retreat.



something from our parish library which they will share with the group. Additionally, members will vote on the monthly reading list for the 2016 year. Suggestions from parishioners are welcomed! Contact: Kathleen Mahoney, [540-371-2073](tel:540-371-2073) or bmah761569@aol.com.

Senior Luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday, November 10. 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](tel:540-785-3580). Entertainment will be provided until 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish.

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, [540-371-2365](tel:540-371-2365).

Saint Mary History Submissions

The history book about Saint Mary slated to be finished next year will cover all our history, from the missionary period prior to 1858 to the present day. Do you have a special memory of a church event or about a certain priest, sister or layperson that you'd like to share? A personal anecdote or insight? Have you benefited from a healing Mass? Did you come to church to pray when a war was declared or ended, when a pope or president died, or on 9/11? We can't guarantee every comment will be included, but the more we have to work with, the better our book will be. **To submit an item, please contact Donna Davis at LadyDee519@aol.com or [540-752-5502](tel:540-752-5502).**

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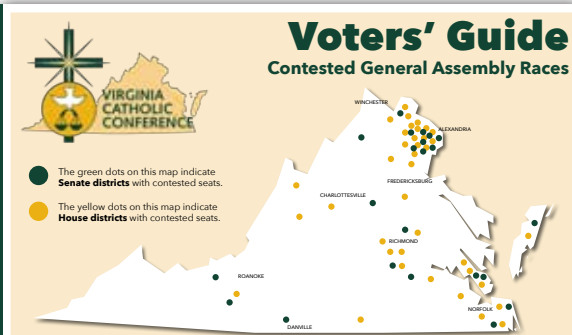
Bishops' statement for Catholic voters

Following is an excerpt from *Pursuing the Golden Rule through civic engagement this Election Day and beyond: A Statement by Bishops Francis X. DiLorenzo and Paul S. Loverde*:

When Pope Francis spoke to Congress in September he told members, "You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics." He further encouraged legislators and "the entire people of the United States" to use "the Golden Rule" (MT 7:12) as their guide.

How should we act responsibly in the political sphere? **First**, we stay educated and informed on important issues. **Secondly**, we engage in year-round advocacy by communicating with our public officials on matters affecting the common good. **Thirdly**, we vote, which is both a privilege and a duty.

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On Tuesday, November 3, Virginia voters will elect all state Senators and Delegates in the Virginia General Assembly. But before voting, we must form our consciences, guided by the consistent social doctrine of our Faith. Please prayerfully consider the following points to support your voting decisions and advocacy efforts.

- Respect and defend the sanctity and dignity of every human life, marriage and family and God's creation.
- Recognize that not all issues have equal moral weight.
- Give highest priority to the fundamental right to life.

To learn more about conscience formation and faithful citizenship, please visit www.vacatholic.org. In addition to its advocacy network, which you are encouraged to join, **the Conference also provides resources, including a Voters' Guide to the upcoming elections, to assist you.**

We pray that all of us will embrace our heritage as faithful Catholics and Americans and let our Church's consistent moral principles guide us in the voting booth on November 3 and as we encounter the world in the public square.

ecclesia semper reformanda

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Lutheran,
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United Methodist
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covenant for more
than 20 years.

Time to talk Unity: 2015 State LARCUM Conference

The State LARCUM Committee invite you to attend **our annual conference**. This year's conference **will be held in Sterling on December 4 and 5**, starting at 2:30pm on Friday and ending at 2pm on Saturday. The conference is a wonderful program of talks, praise, fellowship, and opportunities to get to know

our ecumenical partners in the Commonwealth.

The speaker this year is **The Rev. Dr. Gerald Christianson**, who will speak on "*The Church always reforming—ecclesia semper reformanda*" on the eve of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In his witty and engaging style, Dr. Christianson will provide our State LARCUM Conference with the historical knowledge we require to properly

approach the upcoming observance.

The conference fee is \$35 and brochures, registration forms, and lodging details can be found in the vestibule information center in the church. **For more information, contact Fr. Don Rooney, frrooney@stmaryfred.org, Director of Ecumenical Affairs for the Diocese of Arlington. Registration deadline is Friday, November 20.**

liturgy called in love

Christendom course: Learn the Truth about the Crusades

Were the Crusades really ugly wars of greed and religious intolerance? Come discover the truth about this fascinating period of Church history at the **Christendom Graduate School this spring**. A 15-week course on the Crusades, taught by Steve Weidenkopf, author of *The Glory of the Crusades*, draws on the latest and most authentic scholarship to examine contemporary myths about the Crusades, the role of the Church and the military religious orders, the just war doctrine in relation to the Crusades, and the fascinating persons, places and events of the crusading movement.

Spring semester registration is now open for this and several other theology courses, both on campus and online. Earn your MA in theology or take a course for personal enrichment! **The semester runs from January 18 until May 7**, and a special discounted rate makes it easy for catechists, seniors, and religious to audit courses.

For more information, please visit christendom.edu/graduate, call 703.658.4304, or email NDGS@Christendom.edu.

Divine Mercy Care Fundraising Gala

Divine Mercy Care will host its annual "Mission of Love" Fundraising Gala on **November 14** at the Marriott Westfields Washington Dulles Hotel. Gala tickets are \$175 per person. **All proceeds benefit mothers in need at Tepeyac Family Center.** Register Online: bitly.com/dmcgala2015.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 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, 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, Mike Harwich, Charles Dillman, Janie Sherry, Richard Desmond, Nancy Stewart, Randy Knebal, Larry Hudson

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, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Geoff Mann, Christopher Johnson III. **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

	7 November-- SATURDAY	
	5pm	Fr. Don
	7pm	Fr. Holmes
	8 November-- SUNDAY	
Deacon Alberto will assist at the Sunday Masses.	7am	Fr. Don
	8:30	Fr. Cummings
	10:30	Fr. Don
	HCA10:30	Fr. Lino
	12:30	Fr. Holmes
Deacon Delio will assist at the Sunday Masses.	2pm	Fr. Lino
	5pm	Fr. Don
	7:01	Fr. Cummings

Daily Mass intentions and readings

november

2 MONDAY

6:30 All Souls Novena
Noon All Souls Novena
8:15* All Souls Novena
6pm All Souls Novena
Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

3 TUESDAY

6:30 All Souls Novena
9am All Souls Novena
Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:15-24

4 WEDNESDAY

6:30 All Souls Novena
9am All Souls Novena
Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

5 THURSDAY

6:30 All Souls Novena
8:15* All Souls Novena
9am All Souls Novena
Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

6 FRIDAY

6:30 All Souls Novena
9am All Souls Novena
Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

7 SATURDAY

9am All Souls Novena
5pm All Souls Novena
7pm All Souls Novena
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

8 SUNDAY

7am All Souls Novena
8:30 All Souls Novena
10:30 For the Parish
10:30* All Souls Novena
12:30 All Souls Novena
2pm All Souls Novena
5pm All Souls Novena
7:01 All Souls Novena
1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28;
Mk 12:38-44

Please remember that Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If dates are no longer available for the date you desire, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

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Weekly Offertory

25 October Offertory \$ 32,715.
World Mission Sunday (add'l) 2,507.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul 139.

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 in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.*

Pro-Life reflection for November 1

We pray for those who have lost a loved one, that they may be comforted in praying for their loved one while trusting in the hope of eternal life. We pray especially for children who have died before birth and we entrust them to the mercy of Our Lord.

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.

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)

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious

"Give to those who have given a lifetime"

November 7–8

As you recall the people who have most shaped your life, you may remember the sister who prepared you for First Holy Communion or the brother who coached your high school basketball team. Never counting the cost, these religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all that you could be—choosing to invest in your future rather than their own.

Today, these sisters, brothers and religious order priests may be elderly or infirm. Today, they need you. **More than 33,000 senior women and men religious living in the United States benefit from this collection.** Ninety-four percent of every donation to the National Religious Retirement Office aids senior religious.

Please give generously to next weekend's second collection, which benefits the many deserving religious who served our diocese and who now need our help meeting the overwhelming costs of elder care. Checks should be made payable to Saint Mary Catholic Church. To learn how your gift helps, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

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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.

Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

**Order Deadline: 9 Nov.
Food Pick-Up: 21 Nov.**

This is a food cooperative program with a community service requirement. Package Pick-up is typically the fourth Saturday of the month at the Parish Life Center between 8 and 9am. The following month's menu will be available at the time of pick-up.

Please contact Rick Caporali for more information and details, rcaporali@stmaryfred.org.

Shopping for August:

Value Package

(\$22 + 2 hrs community service)

- Festive and seasonal, healthy and nutritious menu items such as a Roasting Chicken, Potatoes, Onions, Stuffing Mix, Sausage, Elbow Macaroni, Pollock Fillets, Celery, Apples, Oranges, and a Sweet Potato Pie

Thanksgiving Dinner

(\$33 + 2 hrs community service)

- 10-14 lb. TURKEY with generous, traditional side dishes: Mixed Vegetables, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Pie, Candied Yam Patties

Value + Turkey

(\$44 + 2 hrs Community Service)

- 10-14 lb. TURKEY with festive and seasonal menu items such as a Roasting Chicken, Pollock Filets, Potatoes, Onions, Stuffing Mix, Sausage, Elbow Macaroni, Apples, Oranges, Celery and a Sweet Potato Pie

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



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$22)

_____ x \$22. = \$ _____

Thanksgiving Dinner (\$33)

_____ x \$33. = \$ _____

Value + Turkey (\$44)

_____ x \$44. = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ zip _____

email _____

cell/phone _____

Community Service Hours:

____ hrs Church ____ Host site
 ____ hrs Youth ____ Transport
 ____ hrs Shelter ____ Comm. Dinner
 ____ hrs Seniors ____ Vincent de Paul
 ____ hrs Micah ____ MW Hospital
 ____ hrs School ____ Parish Ministry
 ____ hrs Community Service
 ____ hrs Other ____ hrs Other

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH, MONEY ORDER, or EBT.

No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed.

Money Orders should be made to: SHARE FOOD NETWORK.