

**The Epiphany
of the Lord**

3 January 2016



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



what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

january

3 SUNDAY, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center.
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
After the 10:30am Mass, **Conversation and Coffee**, Parish Life Center.
No CYM Dinner or HS Youth Group.

4 Monday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Religious Education Family Week—Parents should attend class with their children.
8:15pm, RCIA/RICA class, Parish Life Center (following 7:30pm Mass, Church).

5 Tuesday, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

10am, CCW Board Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
7:30pm, Class 1 of 6: Robert Barron's Atheism Series with Fr. Rooney, Church.

6 Wednesday, Christmas Weekday (Saint Andre Bessette, Religious)

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

7 Thursday, Christmas Weekday (Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
7pm, Baptism Prep Class, Parish Life Center, Room 202.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

8 Friday, Christmas Weekday

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

9 Saturday, Christmas Weekday

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.
1:30pm, Young Adults Epiphany Party, John Paul II House.

10 SUNDAY, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (CYM)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

11 Monday, Weekday

8:15pm, RCIA/RICA class, Parish Life Center (following 7:30pm Mass, Church).
8:15pm, Taize Prayer Gathering, Church.

12 Tuesday, Weekday

10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.
7:30pm, Class 2 of 6: Robert Barron's Atheism Series with Fr. Rooney, Church.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

13 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

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

14 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
7pm, First Penance and First Communion Meeting, Church.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

15 Friday, Weekday

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.
7pm, Bunco, Parish Life Center.

16 Saturday, Weekday

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

☞ Conversation and Coffee: **Today**, volunteers from our Music, Usher, Manna and Cold Night Shelter ministries will be available in the Parish Life Center **after the 10:30am Mass** offering information about their good works and how they serve our parish and community. Please join us.

☞ **Religious Education Family Week:** Family Week is the first week of classes in 2016, **January 4-7**. Parents join your children for class and make the occasion a memorable family activity! It will be based on our parish theme for this year: "People of Thankfulness Sowing Seeds of Mercy."

☞ On **January 5**, we begin Bishop Barron's 6-week series with Fr. Don on **The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters**. The Study Guide for the program costs \$20. Please contact the parish office with your RSVP.

☞ Religious Freedom Day: On **January 10** the Knights of Columbus Rappahannock Assembly will proudly sponsor the **240th Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's drafting of the Act of Religious Freedom for Virginia**. A parade will begin at 1:30pm at the VRE Station in Fredericksburg, followed by a ceremony at 2pm at the religious Freedom Monument on Washington Avenue. **All are Welcome!**

☞ **March For Life:** This year's March will be held on Friday, **January 22**, to commemorate the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please **see page 13 for transportation details**. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

☞ The **second collection next weekend** is for the Parish Building fund.

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

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

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

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

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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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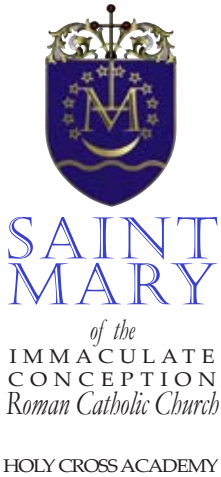
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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Having witnessed the miracle of the birth of the Son of God at Christmas, at least through the witness of Sacred Scripture and the lens of liturgy, and having reflected on Jesus as a member of the Holy Family, a model for all of what we might hope to be, today is the day we consider that Jesus, in his kingship, his priesthood and foretold death is the fullness of God's revelation: the visible form of the invisible God.

To look at Jesus today is to look again. And every time we look again, we will find more. After all, the definition of Mystery isn't something that we can't understand. Mystery is something about which we can always understand *something more*, but can never exhaust the infinite reality of what we behold. So many people throughout history have spent their lives explaining, solving and expressing the Mystery of God, and finally arrive at the realization that, no matter how much we can discover and know, we have only scratched the surface of the depths of God.

The Epiphany of Jesus is the ageless manifestation of God himself in time and space. We can spend our entire lives unpacking the Mystery.

What we can celebrate immediately is that we are changed. His presence in our humanity, because we are so intimately connected with one another, is something that touches each and every one of us, regardless of time and space, because for God there is no time and space. God is everywhere and in all times at once. Suddenly our humanity is charged with a new divine Presence. Even before we get to the sacraments and our understanding of how God orders and shapes our lives through the grace of the sacraments we can understand how our humanity is different. He reveals it himself today, and in his love.

When God made us as humans, he gave us a nature that includes several good habits, or virtues, which order us and make us uniquely human. Philosophers have long called these good habits (as a virtue is the opposite of a vice and a vice is a bad habit) Natural Virtues, or Cardinal Virtues. They are four: Justice, or the intuition of doing right from wrong; temperance, the middle road avoiding any extreme behavior as all things are meant to be used in balance; fortitude, a kind of ability to finish the job set before you; and pru-

dence, or what I would call *common sense* (which isn't common). Prudence, a kind of natural or primal wisdom, is the glue that brings the other three into harmony in life situations and allows us to make choices and live our lives according to our human dignity. All according to our nature.

Yet, God had to give us a free will in order to make these choices, and so he allowed sin to enter the world. The Cardinal Virtues, though present in every human person (they are arguably the attributes that actually *make us* human), through sin became disordered, so order had to be reestablished. Not a kind of enforced order, but a chance for each and every one of us in perfect freedom to make the right decision from moment to moment. Humanity had to be transformed from within. God chose to send his Son to make this happen, by the "putting on" of a new mind and a new heart that has divine, not human origin, so that our intellect and will might be *informed*, guided, by divine love. His divine Presence, because we are so interconnected, touched each of us, in all times and in all places.

What happened in Jesus (and Mary, by God's mercy) happens for us in Baptism, as we become adopted brothers and sisters of Jesus, he, the "first fruits." Mary was created before the order of Baptism to be able to say "yes" freely to God, as we are now able to do, free from the slavery of sin through Baptism by water and Spirit. We are given to put on the mind and heart of Jesus with a new set of good habits, called Supernatural Virtues, or Theological Virtues, the gifts of Baptism: Faith, Hope and Love. These are the new paradigms, or measures, by which we order our acts and "put on" the mind of Christ. To love enemies, to hope in the midst of great doubt and difficulty, to offer our lives through our belief, because we accept and seek God. These are activities in today's world that seem to be anything but "natural," yet they form the center of our spirituality and life in God's family.

All this is revealed today: Christ is made known to the nations—to those who are "outside" the chosen circle of believers. This is us, who celebrate that identity of Christ which we have received, and by which we have been changed. May this image of Christ be strong and generous in all of us as we go from this season of joy into mission, in the ordinary time of daily life. God bless you. *Fr. Don*

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We wish you a blessed New Year!

The Oblate Sisters, faculty, staff, students and families of Holy Cross Academy wish you a most Blessed New Year 2016! Please enjoy the beautiful photos of our Holy Cross Academy kindergarten Nativity Performance.

Come visit Holy Cross Academy in the new year to learn about our parish school. We invite you to visit 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.



religious education

Classes resume tomorrow with Family Week

The parish has prepared something special for families this week. On class day, all students should go to their classrooms. Parents should accompany their youngest child for opening prayers and attendance. After attendance, parents and all children in a family should meet in the classroom of the oldest child in the family.

Reminder:
First Penance and First Communion Parents Meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7pm in the church.**

Preparing for First Penance the Week of January 25-28:

Talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation Together

—Before your child receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it is important that they understand what it is and why we do it. Spend time talking with your child about this great healing Sacrament.

Read together with your child about when Jesus instituted the Sacrament and gave his apostles

the authority to forgive sins in His Name in the Gospel of John 20:19-23. *The Healing of a Paralytic* is also a good example of Jesus's authority to forgive sins and an example of faith and trust in His healing power. It is found in the Gospel of Mark 2:1-12. Explain to your child that going to Confession is not about getting into trouble; it's about asking God for forgiveness and receiving God's Grace to do better. Listen to your child's questions and encourage them to learn more by asking more questions.

Examination of Conscience—Teach your child how to pray an Examination of Conscience each night before bed, or as often as time allows. Some families do this together as a family before bed, silently reflecting on their days while mom or dad read the Examination out loud.

You can find several good Examinations of Conscience for different age groups on our website at stmaryfred.org/sacramental-preparation/.

youth ministry



Confirmation workbooks due January 11

All workbooks for the Confirmation candidates for the class of 2016 are due to the Youth Ministry Office by **Monday, January 11**. Please make sure your name is on the cover!

Life is VERY Good

On **January 22**, Saint Mary Youth Ministry is heading to the Patriot Center and Washington, D.C. for a morning of prayer and praise at the Diocesan **Life is Very Good Rally**. We will have Mass with Bishop Loverde,



hear musical performances by Jackie Francois Angel and Josh Blakesley Band. We will then head to the **March for Life** in Washington, D.C. in prayerful

protest and March to the Supreme Court for an end to Roe vs. Wade. Permission slips are available on our website. **Space is limited so sign up early!**

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parish life called in love

January Family Dinner

The January Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Saturday, January 9 from 6-8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes smokey mountain chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, and cake. The profit will be used to defray the cost of the March for Life buses. 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.**

Young Adults Epiphany Social

All young adults ages 21-39 and their families are invited to our Epiphany social in the John Paul II House on **January 9 from 2-4pm**. Children are encouraged to attend. Games and snacks will be provided. To join our email list for group updates, email Allison at StMaryYA@gmail.com.

Celebrate Religious Freedom Day

On **January 10, 2016**, the Knights of Columbus Rappahannock Assembly will proudly sponsor the 240th Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's drafting of the Act of Religious Freedom for Virginia. "It is a freedom that we must not take for granted!" With Religious persecution growing throughout the world and in our own country, the Knights urge everyone who is able to turn out to march and support this observance. **A parade will begin at 1:30pm at the VRE Station** in Fredericksburg, followed by a ceremony at **2pm at the religious Freedom Monument on Washington Avenue**. All parishioners, their families, friends and neighbors are invited to join in celebrating this

important event. **If you have any questions** or would like further information, please contact Rick Reschick at 540-368-9345 or rez55@cox.net.

Book Club's Selection

The parish book club will read *Nudging Conversions: A Practical Guide to Bringing Those You Love Back to the Church* for its **January 12 meeting at the John Paul II House at 10am**. Author Carrie Gress Stibora, who has a doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University of America, is an active Saint Mary parishioner along with her husband and four children. One reviewer states, "For all those who don't feel like they're equipped for the work of evangelizing, *Nudging Conversions* proves otherwise, offering practical, accessible guidance for how all of us can bring those we love closer to Christ through our daily prayers and ordinary interactions." **More information?** Contact Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com.

Talleres de Oración y Vida: comenzando febrero 2016

Desarrollar una relación con el Señor mientras aprenden métodos de oración hermosas cada semana. **Talleres de Oración y Vida** es un servicio aprobado por la Santa Sede e inspirado por el Padre Ignacio Larrañaga donde los participantes aprenden y profundizar su fe con el arte de la oración. Este **taller de 16 semanas** serán ofrecido aquí en Saint Mary los **sábados, de 9:45-11:45am comenzando el 6 de febrero, 2016**. **Para inscribirse**, póngase en contacto con Nannie Espinoza, en ngespinoza@aol.com o **571-236-6904**, or llame a Leticia Gonzalez al **703-473-7218**. El último día para la inscripción es el sábado, 20 de febrero. Para más información, visite www.tovpil.org.

CCW Guest Speakers

A special and informative CCW meeting is planned for **January 19 at 10am in the Courthouse Meeting Room**. Nurses Gail Russell and Lois Sullivan will speak about Saint Mary's **Health Ministry** and its services. Kathy Saladino and Loli Ibarra will speak about the creation of the **Circle of Love** and who it serves and the transportation needs. As a person interviewed said "I knew I needed help but didn't know where to find it." This meeting will provide answers to questions you may have. All are welcome; please join us.

SHARE Thank You's and good news

Many thanks to all of our volunteers, customers, local churches and organizations that have supported and/or participated in the SHARE program this year; the program could not continue without your involvement. **A total of 384 packages** (8,064 lbs of fresh produce, proteins and pantry staples) and **768 community service hours** were recorded this past year which provided for 2,016 meals.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to those who have graciously offered space for a new distribution site. **A new location has been found locally that will continue to provide easy access for all participating churches in the area**. For more information about participating or volunteering, please contact Rick Caporali at the parish office, **540-373-6491**. Monthly Order forms can be found in this week's bulletin or always online at the parish website at the "SHARE" link.

from pope francis

annulment proceedings

Pope Francis signed Rescriptum ex audientia on the implementation of and compliance with the new law on procedures for the declaration of nullity of marriage on the afternoon of December 7, 2015.



Text of Pope Francis' Rescriptum Ex Audientia on Implementing the New Law on Annulment Proceedings. [Courtesy of Vatican Information Service]

"The entry into force – which happily coincides with the Jubilee of Mercy – of the Apostolic Letters in the form of *Motu proprio Mitis Iudex Dominus* and *Mitis et Misericors Iesus* of 15 August 2015, given to bring justice and mercy on the truth of the bond to those who have experienced the failure of their marriage, necessitates among other things the need to harmonize the renewed procedures for marriage annulment with the regulations of the Roman Rota, awaiting their reform.

The recently concluded Synod of Bishops strongly exhorted the Church to stoop to the 'most fragile sons and daughters, marked by wounded and lost love', restoring trust and hope.

The laws that now come into effect are intended precisely to show the Church's closeness to wounded families, desiring that the many who experience matrimonial failure are reached by Christ's healing work through ecclesiastical structures, in the

hope that they may again discover themselves to be God's missionaries to their brethren, for the good of the institution of the family.

Acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Roman Rota as the ordinary court of appeal of the Apostolic See, and also its office in safeguarding the unity of the jurisprudence (art. 126 para. 1 *Pastor bonus*) and contributing to the continuing formation of pastoral workers in the Tribunals of the local Churches, I decree the following:

- I. *The aforementioned laws for the reform of marriage annulment procedures repeal or waive any contrary law or regulation currently in force – general, particular or special – eventually also approved in a specific form (such as, for example, the*

Motu proprio Qua cura given by my predecessor Pius IX in times very different from the present).

- II.
 1. *In marriage annulment cases before the Roman Rota, doubt must be cast according to the long-standing formula: An constet de matrimonii nullitate, in casu.*
 2. *There shall be no appeal against the decisions of the Rota in matters of the nullity of sentences or decrees.*
 3. *Appeal for the N.C.P. (nova causae propositio) is not permitted before the Roman Rota after one of the parties has contracted a new canonical marriage, unless the decision can be demonstrated to be manifestly unjust.*
 4. *The Dean of the Roman Rota has the authority to dispense with the Normae Romanae Rotae Tribunalis in procedural matters for a serious cause.*
 5. *As wished by the Patriarchs of the Oriental Churches, the territorial tribunals shall have jurisdiction over the iurium cases connected with marriage annulment cases submitted to the judgement of the Roman Rota at appeal.*
 6. *The Roman Rota shall decide cases according to the principle of evangelical gratuity, that is by ex officio patronage, notwithstanding the moral obligation of the more affluent faithful to offer a just contribution towards the causes of the poor.*

May the faithful, especially the wounded and unhappy, look to the new Jerusalem that is the Church as 'the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship' and may it be granted to them, finding again the open arms of the Body of Christ, to sing the Psalm of the Exiles: 'When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.'

annulment proceedings

Explanation of 'Rescriptum' on annulment proceedings

Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto, dean of the Tribunal of the Roman Rota, explained the Holy Father's Rescriptum ex audientia on the new law for marriage annulment procedures in an article published Friday in L'Osservatore Romano, and made available via the Vatican Information Service:

"In the introductory report at the opening of the Ordinary Synod, Cardinal Erdo outlined one of the chief aims of the synodal meeting. Indeed, the general rapporteur stated that by virtue of the sacrament of marriage, the Christian family becomes an asset for the Church, but its inclusion in the context of the Church is also beneficial to the family, which is helped spiritually and community even in difficulties, and it helps to protect the marriage union and discern the respective obligations or eventual shortcomings.

The reality and the mission of the Church as defined by her divine founder, Jesus, therefore become clear to the Synod Fathers. The Church *in via* is not the Church of the perfect, but the community of the faithful who acknowledge themselves daily as sinners and therefore in need of conversion, which is the strength of Pope Francis' ecclesiology.

The Synod thus showed that the large number of faithful who are wounded or in an uneasy relationship in terms of their adherence – in the practice of the faith – with the truth of the Gospel, are not a burden, but an opportunity, that may drive many of these 'wounded' to become, once reconciled and healed, true missionaries of the beauty of the sacrament of marriage and the Christian family. Again, with reference to Cardinal Erdo's

report, the organic integration of the marriage and the family of Christians in the reality of the Church also requires that the ecclesial community pay merciful and realistic attention to the faithful who live together or live in civil marriage only since they do not feel prepared to celebrate the sacrament, given the difficulties that such a choice may result in today. If the community can prove itself to be welcoming to these people, in various situations of life, and clearly present the truth about marriage, it will help these faithful to come to a decision in favor of sacramental marriage.

The *Rescriptum* signed by Pope Francis on the reform process, introduced by the two Apostolic Letters issued *Motu Proprio* on 15 August 2015, clearly shows that legal reform is perfectly consistent with the ecclesiological vision characteristic of his papacy as gradually outlined in his teaching from the beginning, and which he himself has clearly confirmed in the acts of these recent weeks.

In the homily of Mass for the opening of the Jubilee year on 8 December, the Pontiff described the fulfilment of Vatican Council II: 'A genuine encounter between the Church and the men and women of our time. An encounter marked by the power of the Spirit, who impelled the Church to emerge from the shoals which for years had kept her self-enclosed so as to set out once again, with enthusiasm, on her missionary journey. It was the resumption of a journey of encountering people where they live: in their cities and homes, in their workplaces. Wherever there are people, the Church is called to reach out to them and to bring the joy of the Gospel'.

Earlier still, in his important discourse commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis

offered a summary of conciliar ecclesiology, showing how the hierarchical role of the Roman Pontiff is dedicated to service, presenting him as the supreme witness of the *fides totius Ecclesiae*, guarantor of the obedience to and compliance of the Church with the will of God, Christ's Gospel and the Tradition of the Church.

The papal rescript published today rests on these ecclesiological bases. It is divided into two parts, for the interpretation and integration of the two *Motu Proprio*.

In the first, because every epoch-making law, such as the law to reform the procedures for marriage annulment, meets understandable resistance, the Pope wished to emphasise, as St. John Paul II did with the promulgation of the Code of Canon Law of 1983, that the law has been promulgated and must be complied with (see the apostolic constitution *Sacrae disciplinae leges*). The rescript of Pope Francis today, like the promulgation of the Code of St. John Paul II, obeys the *lex suprema*, the *salus animarum*, of which the successor of Peter is the first teacher and servant.

The second part of the rescript specifically relates to the Roman Rota as the apostolic Tribunal, which has always been distinguished by wisdom in its legal decisions, of which it is an expression of the generic doubt (whereas in the lower courts there remains the obligation of the specific doubt, such as for example the exclusion of offspring); expressing, from the perspective of ecclesial *diakonia*, the concern for justice in its dual sacredness: on the one hand, the defense of the truth itself of the marriage bond, and on the other the right of the baptized to receive from the Church the prompt and free declaration of this truth of the bond itself."

www.zenit.org/en/articles/explanation-of-rescriptum-on-annulment-procedures

catholic advocacy

va catholic conference

Stand, pray for life, school choice, common good at January and February events

As the 2016 Virginia General Assembly session nears, the Virginia Catholic Conference is planning special prayer and advocacy events to enable Catholics throughout the Commonwealth to make a positive impact on what

happens in Richmond this winter.

Most significant among these is the first-ever, mid-session **Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth** at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at **5pm on Wednesday, February 17**. Hosted by both Virginia Catholic Bishops and the Conference, the service will

draw on an ancient Christian liturgy to pray for the needs of Virginia. Please join lawmakers and public officials of all faiths, clergy, educators, social service practitioners, parishioners and other people of goodwill at this vital gathering. A complimentary wine and Hors d'Ouvers reception follows.

Other opportunities to advocate and pray for life, family, educational choice, social justice and the common good include:



VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

- **Virginia Stands for Life Rally**—Join the Virginia Catholic Conference and its partners at **11 am on Wednesday, January 13** on Capitol Square.
- **School Choice Day**—On **Tuesday, January 26**, the Virginia Catholic Conference will welcome students, families and individuals to participate in a special Catholics in the Capital day.
- **Catholics in the Capital**—We invite advocates to attend one of three newly introduced Catholics in the Capital Days: Tuesday, **January 26**, Thursday, **February 4**, and Wednesday, **February 17**, the day of the Virginia Vespers.

For more information visit www.votervoice.net/VACC/Home to join the advocacy network, and to follow VACC on Facebook and Twitter.

In prayer and in public, your voices are urgently needed to bring Gospel values to bear on vital decisions being made by those who represent you.



PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE!

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., with reception to follow

Virginia Vespers:

Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth

with the **Most Rev. Francis X. DiLorenzo**,
Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Richmond

and the **Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde**,
Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Arlington

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
800 S Cathedral Place
Richmond, VA 23220

At the mid-point of the 2016 General Assembly session, plan to join lawmakers and public officials of all faiths, clergy, educators, social service practitioners, parishioners, and other people of goodwill in prayer for the needs of Virginia. Vespers, or Evening Prayer, draws on an ancient Christian liturgy. Wine and hors d'ouvers reception follows.

called in love



Christmas Flowers

The following gifts were received after noon on December 13 and before December 23.

Special Intention

By Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brooks
By Ms. Mary White
By Ms. Diana Gindlesperger
By Mrs. Ruth Wynn
By Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bertolet
By Mr. & Mrs. Paul Glancy, Sr.
By Mr. & Mrs. Thanh-Hai Nguyen
By Ms. Angeles Bravo

Thomas & Mary Rozzi, Tina DeCarbo

By Anonymous

William Finley, Alice Finley, Ann Tholen

By Mr. & Mrs. Ted G. Tholen

Aurelio Cabudil, Marian Cabudil, Acapito

Cabudil, Benita Castro, Basilio Castro

By Ms. L. Cabudil

Burke-Derouin Families

By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Derouin

Catherine & Charles Bridi, Victor Bridi

By Mr. & Mrs. Martin Bridi

Deceased Member of the Rivera Family,

Deceased Members of the Flores Family,

Jeff Standish

By Mr. & Mrs. Nick flores

Deceased Members of Sambat Family

By Dr. & Mrs. Paulino Sambat

James and Alma Habina

By Mrs. Joann Boutchyard

Karren Stefano, Stefano & Fife Families

By Mr. Joseph Stefano

Maria Ester Santacruz, Maria Susana

Flores, Jose Serbelio Galdamez, Maria

Emma Galdamez, Juan Francisco

Galdamez

By Mr. & Mrs. Gollopp

N. C. Sharp

By Mr. & Mrs. Lou M. Sorrentino

Nicolaus Young Kyo Kim, Theresa Young

Soon Cho, Donbosco Ki-Pyo Cho, Juliana

Soon Oak Kim, Luke Chong Kyu Kim

By Mr. & Mrs. Paul C. Kim

Rochelle & Jack Grey

By Mr. & Mrs. John Grey

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: Joanne Deangeous, Carol Eggleston, Patrick Eggleston, Mary Jean Williams, Don Williams, Thomas Novotnak, Peter Stafford, 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, 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, Holly Smith, Byers Family, Hunsley Family, Mike Harwich, Charles Dillman, Janie Sherry, Nancy Stewart, Randy Knebal, Larry Hudson, Tracey Hansen, Connie Whatcott, John Whatcott, Patrick Clarke, Jacqui Herr, Valconi Family, Joan Carroll, Larry Dillman, Jessica Ryan, Matt Marshall, John Stehle, Jerome Murphy, Christy Charlebois, Callie Freed, Atkins Family, Paul Johnson, Sandy Martin, Ryan Mott, Tim Murray Family, Felipe and Mildred Sanchez, Dale Meyn, Raymond and Barbara Stauble, Gloria Fontenot, Paul Bartman, David Duke, Betsey Ellis, Don Markol, Nancy Borrero, Gina Wood, David Arnold, Josephine Kreider, Ephiny Chewning

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, Patrick Desmond, Andrew Marshall Smith

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

Next Masses

9 January— SATURDAY

5pm Fr. Holmes
7pm Fr. Lino

10 January— SUNDAY

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings

January

4 MONDAY

6:30 Mary Alling

9am +Mary Grzebien

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

5 TUESDAY

6:30 Ryan Mott

9am +Virginia Clay

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

6 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Donald Zeigler

9am All Souls

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

7 THURSDAY

6:30 +Joseph DeMartino

8:15* +Connor Brown

9am +Kenneth Taylor

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

8 FRIDAY

6:30 +George McCue

9am +Chris Givens

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

9 SATURDAY

9am +Helen Kozyra

5pm +Jeanette Potapski

7pm +Christopher Morgan

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

10 SUNDAY

7am +Thomas Lenhard

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 +W. Donald Rooney

10:30* +William Sampson

12:30 +Ruth Weaver

2pm +Javier Alvarez

5pm +Mary Kelly

7:01 Jerome Murphy

Is 42:1-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-22

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

20 December Offertory \$34,239.
Parish Christmas Charities Collection 10,574.
Catholic Charities (add'l) 5,583.
Parish Building Fund (add'l) 1,423.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul 337.

The Christmas Collection will be reported in the January 10 Bulletin due to early bulletin deadlines.

The Second Collection on January 10, 2016 is for the Parish Building Fund.

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 January

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in January is **the local Hospice Camp Rainbow**. Camp Rainbow is an overnight, weekend bereavement camp for children ages 5 to 12 who have experienced a loss or are currently living with a loved one with a terminal illness. The Camp is organized by Hospice Support Care, a non-profit, non-medical volunteer hospice support organization providing spiritual, practical, and emotional support to patients and their families. The primary goal of Camp Rainbow is to teach children how to grieve in a healthy manner, while building fond remembrances. Like Kids Helping Kids, Camp Rainbow also strives to normalize grief, understand death and dying, and improve social skills. For more information go to www.hospicesupportcare.org.

Pro-Life reflection for January 3

God gives us the gift of life, in units of years and months and days, and we likewise give it back to Him, in days and months and years of faithful service. In the New Year, let us put the defense of the unborn at the top of our priority list. Lord, enable me to devote more *time, energy, and resources to the greatest human rights movement of our day, the pro-life movement.*

Cold Weather Shelter

The Cold Weather Shelter will remain open each evening until mid-March. **Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings** by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (white socks, small toiletries, etc.). **We are collecting donations of men's boxer underwear sizes medium and large.** Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit **Micah Ecumenical Ministries**, www.dolovewalk.net or **Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter**, www.thurmanbrisbencenterv.org.

Al Anon Surviving the Weekend group

Al Anon is for those who have been affected by someone else's drinking. Members come together to learn a better way of life and how to find

happiness. Especially at this time of year, it's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. There is an Al Anon meeting every **Saturday at 10am** in Room 204 of the Parish Life Center.

Conversation and Coffee

Get to Know Your Parish Ministries. **On January 3, volunteers from our Music, Usher, Manna and Cold Night Shelter Ministries will be available in the Parish Life Center after the 10:30 am Mass to share coffee and conversation.** Each will offer information about their good works that assist the parish and others in our community. Please join us.

Now available: One-time gifts through Faith Direct

Faith Direct enables your family to make parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards. You can use the convenience of direct debit for your parish offerings in much the same way as you may use it now to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. **New this month is the option for making one-time gifts through Faith Direct.** We invite you to consider this convenient payment method this Christmas season. You may enroll securely online by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is VA635.

Weekly Diocesan TV Mass brings the Mass to the homebound

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Invite them to join in the Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception **every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50.**

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Friday, January 22, 2016

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, D.C. and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the U.S. Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on **Friday, January 22**, to commemorate the **43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade**. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

Saint Mary will have two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation; however, participants are asked to bring a box of diapers and/or baby items for the Baby Closet sponsored by Catholic Charities.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am Mass at Saint Mary and will return to Saint Mary at approximately 4:30-5:00pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. Sign up sheets will be posted this week in the vestibule of the Church. Please consider taking a visible stand to stop the slaughter of the innocent, and sign up as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the bus.

Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: January 11
Food Pick-Up: January 23

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 January:

Value Package

(\$22 + 2 hrs community service)
Festive and seasonal, healthy and nutritious menu items such as:

- ground beef (1 lbs.)
- chicken thighs (boneless, 1 ¾ lbs.)
- chicken drums (3 lbs.)
- ham steak (1 lbs.)
- potatoes,
- onions
- and 8-10 lbs. more of fresh, healthy produce.

Chicken Wings (Ltd. quantity)

(\$26 + 2 hrs community service)
• 10 lbs. chicken wings

T-bone Steak Box

(\$26 + 2 hrs Community Service)
• 3.5 lbs. box of t-bone steaks

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. = \$_____

Chicken Wings (\$26)
_____ x \$26. = \$_____

T-bone Steak Box (\$26)
_____ x \$26. = \$_____

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.