

The Baptism of the Lord

10 January 2016



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



what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

january

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.
2pm, Fredericksburg **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY Ceremony**, Washington Boulevard Monument.
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

11 Monday, Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, 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)

11am, Virginia Stands for Life Rally, Capitol Square, Richmond, Virginia
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

2:30pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, Room 204.
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

17 SUNDAY, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (AHG)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
3:30pm, Health Ministry Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

18 Monday, Weekday

Martin Luther King Day; Parish Offices closed.
No Religious Education classes this week.
7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.

19 Tuesday, Weekday

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
6-9pm, Catechist Training, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Class 3 of 6: Robert Barron's Atheism Series with Fr. Rooney, Church.

20 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr)

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

21 Thursday, Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
3:30pm, Altar Server Training, Church.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

22 Friday, Weekday

March for Life, Washington, D.C.
9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.

23 Saturday, Weekday (Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin)

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✚ **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY:**
Today, 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!**

✚ All Christians are invited to our monthly **Taizé Ecumenical Prayer Service** that will take place on Monday evening, **January 11 at 8:15pm** in the Church.

✚ **Virginia Stands for Life Rally**—Join the Virginia Catholic Conference and its partners at **11 am on Wednesday, January 13** on Capitol Square to demonstrate to General Assembly members our commitment to protecting the unborn.

✚ All are invited to attend our annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** prayer service with Bishop Loverde at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Arlington, **Tuesday, January 19 at 7pm**. Please join us!

✚ **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 this 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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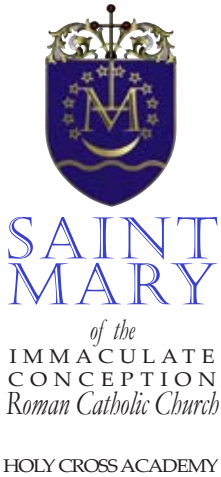
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from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Today we observe the end of this short Christmas season. Since next year Christmas falls on a Sunday it will be shorter yet! So much has happened this Christmas, so many beautiful, joyful gatherings and celebrations, so much goodwill and kindness. I want to offer my words of gratitude to all our ministers who, by their art or their service, have made this season so remarkable. To our decorators, our musicians, our singers and servers, our greeters and ministers of Word and Sacrament, staff and volunteers, thank you!

Baptism is the perfect culmination of all that has gone before this Christmas season—incarnation, family, announcement of God's plan of salvation—because in Baptism we become sharers of all these Mysteries. Not just so that we can claim them, but that they can now live in us. Baptism is at once the high point of our life, the greatest gift we can receive (I sometimes tell parents of babies being baptized that it is all downhill from here...), a new identity as members of God's family and heirs to heaven, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit—but it is also the doorway to life, full initiation in the Church, the beginning of a new reality that we are in Jesus. Life starts here, for saints.

I was surprised to hear a protestant pastor friend of mine tell me recently that he only recently realized that we Catholics would not rebaptize any of his people if they were to become Catholic. He had not been aware that our Church recognizes any Baptism as valid that uses the flowing of water, the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, and has the intention of the Church for the gift of salvation. Most Christian churches still would rebaptize Catholics if they were to go there.

It points to a fundamental misunderstanding we might have of Baptism. Baptism isn't a function of Canon Law (although its proper administration is guaranteed by Church law requirements) or even an invention of the Church. It is an utterly free gift of God, his desire to share his life, his intervention in the time and space of creation to call us back by the sharing of his Spirit. There is no way we could limit it or control it, claim it for our own. We don't deserve it any more than anyone else. The gift of faith is given to all who ask.

So to realize that all the Baptized are equally baptized—equally sharing in the life of God as

brothers and sisters in one family, called to holiness and new life—well, it might change the way you look at other Christians who are outside the self-defined limits of churches. The unity of Baptism is the greatest and undeniable reality of who we are as one Body, even before we come to the inevitable controversies of governance, orders, Eucharist, marriage issues and the like. It is true that what unites is far greater than the things that might still divide.

I was privileged to be present a few years back as an agreement on Common Baptism was signed by the Catholic Church and the Reformed Churches (Presbyterian Church USA, Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, Reformed Church in America). For the first time there was a public, ratified document that said that we observed the validity of each others' Baptism so long as the proper form was followed and the intention was there. Up until that point, we had recognized their Baptism, but they had not recognized ours.

Small accomplishments like this can help us to see that God's hand is still active in varied ways in the lives of the Church. At every Mass, you would be surprised if you actually counted the number of times that we acknowledge the mercy of God and ask for his gift of Unity for his people. Baptism is the richest and most compelling topic of conversation that we can have with our Christian brothers and sisters in learning more about each other and finding opportunities to come together in prayer and service.

With Baptism, of course, comes the treasures of faith, hope and love that shape us according to the heart of Jesus. Without these supernatural virtues we would not understand God's will for us—even as much as we do. To grow in our faith, to live in hope and to be guided by the love of God is something that can't happen until we gain a healthy and profound understanding of the power of the Baptism that we have received. The whole idea of an event of being "born again" is not familiar to us as with some other churches, because the Baptism we have already received is something we must seek to live out in *every* moment of life, not just once-for-all, as Sanctifying Grace continues to form us and shape us to know and love God and each other more each day.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy

Goodbye 2015, hello New Year!

Our new year 2016 is off to a wonderful start. Our teachers, staff and students all had a very peaceful holiday with the many blessings of the Christmas season and are now settled back into our school routine.

During the month of December, we witnessed many beautiful Christmas programs and delighted in the inspiring songs and art of our students. An important part of Christmas is giving to others. At Holy Cross, that takes many different forms.

Young Catholics, our Middle School service group, delighted our friends in Falls Run with their beautiful Christmas Caroling. This annual event is eagerly anticipated by both our students and our friends in Falls Run.

Our 5th grade classes have been learning about countries in Europe in Geography class. They used this knowledge to create Christmas ornaments that are representative of the countries they studied. They then sold these to members of our school community. This innovative Hope Project benefitted our Oblate Sisters' Missions.

HCA students continue to be a sign of Hope in our world.

Come visit Holy Cross Academy to learn about our parish school. We will be holding an Open House at the preschool and at HCA on Sunday, February 7th. 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.



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religious education

Preparing for First Reconciliation the week of January 25-28:

Reminder: First Penance and First Communion Parents Meeting is this Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7pm in the church.

Practice—Practice, practice, practice! Like with any sport, musical instrument, or other skill, continuous practice is essential. The same is true for the preparation of Sacraments. You can find several good Examinations of Conscience for different age groups on our website at stmaryfred.org/sacramental-preparation/.

As your child's first reconciliation approaches, take time to role play with them in terms of what they

will do in their real confessions. Tell them they don't have to tell you their sins—that is something that is only between them and Jesus.

When the day arrives, please don't project any nervousness or fears that you may have about the sacrament: emphasize that they are going to see Jesus, who knows our sins, and wants to hear us say we are sorry so, in his endless mercy, he can forgive us. There are no sins too large for God to forgive. No matter how serious they may be or how long it may have been, the sacrament of Confession is a sacrament of love and forgiveness. God wants to restore us to the perfection we had

the moment we were baptized.

Go to confession as a family—The best way to really teach our children about the faith is to practice it by living it out in our everyday life. Showing your child that you take the time to go to confession makes a deeper and longer-lasting impression than all the hours you might spend talking or reading about it with them. Consider making it a regular family event, say on the first Saturday of each month or another day that works for your family.

Above all, help them to know that it is Jesus they go to talk to, who forgives because he loves them.

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!**



High School retreat

Our annual High School retreat happening **February 26-28** is just

around the corner. Permission slips are available online. Check out the promo video on our high school page!

Steubenville Youth Conference 2016

The **Steubenville High School Youth Conference, July 8-10**, is a three-day experience consisting of music, keynote speakers, small group time, breakout sessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, and fun! The Conferences will challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in

their faith, rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ who is their guide, friend, and Savior, and to show that faith to the world. **If you are interested you must contact the office of Youth Ministry and commit by January 20.** Tickets will be purchased on January 25 at 8am and literally sell out in 15 minutes! Don't delay!



parish life called in love

Celebrate Religious Freedom Day

This weekend (Sunday), 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 Ibera 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.



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 US 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 are available 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.

pray for the commonwealth

Vote with your feet

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.



Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 800 S. Cathedral Place, Richmond, Virginia.

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'Ouvres reception follows.

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

- **Virginia Stands for Life Rally**

Join the Virginia Catholic Conference and its partners at **11 am on Wednesday, January 13** on Capitol Square to demonstrate to General Assembly members our commitment to protecting the unborn. January is Respect Life Month, and what better way to kick off the legislative session than by standing for life? The rally will feature prominent pro-life speakers, including former Planned Parenthood worker Abby Johnson. Details forthcoming.

- **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. As part of National Catholic Schools week, Catholic school students from across the Commonwealth are invited to gather in Richmond to meet with legislators, tour the Capitol and participate in school choice events.

This is a special day to voice your support for school choice programs in Virginia.

- **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. These days replace Catholic Advocacy Day, which the Conference is discontinuing due to consistently declining attendance and participants' feedback seeking more flexible ways to engage in advocacy during the General Assembly session. On one of the three days suggested below, set up your own appointment with legislators, then come to Richmond and meet informally with Conference staff before your meeting. We'll provide resources and assistance.

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.

The Virginia Catholic Conference is the public policy agency representing Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses.

va. catholic conference

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'ouerves reception follows.

parish life

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Join us the second Monday of the month from 8:15-9pm



TAIZÉ

**Monday
January 11, 8:15pm**

You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taizé community in France.

It is our hope that this monthly prayer gathering brings together Christians of all churches as we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one."

This Unity, which embraces all people, stands at the very heart of Christ's mission. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and accomplish this plan for us.

Praying with one voice, let us ask God to bring healing to our world and end the divisions that separate peoples.

Saint Mary Catholic Church

CCW Winter Workshop

Do you have questions about our parish **SHARE program** or our **Health Ministry**? Come learn how both of these programs are for everyone in our parish.

You are invited to join us at our **CCW-sponsored Winter Workshop** on **Saturday, February 6 at 1pm** in the Parish Life Center.

SHARE program—Rick Caporali will be a presenter as well as a cook. Rick and others will demonstrate how to use the SHARE food box whether you are a single person or have many in your family. Tasting will be part of the workshop! Handouts of the recipes presented will be available. Internet resources will be recommended for other recipes pertaining to the food in the SHARE food boxes. Sometimes it's the preparation of the food that makes all the difference! If you hate Brussel Sprouts because your family served them boiled, a recipe for roasting them will change your mind! Come with an open mind to watch our presentations and enjoy.

Health Ministry—Our Parish Health Committee is having a dietician speak about *Mindful Eating about What's on Your Plate* as well as an interpretation of the nutritional value of what is being cooked at the workshop. There will be a presentation by a social worker on spirituality and well-being, and a questions and answer session will follow.

This should be an enjoyable afternoon and we'd love to have you join us!!!

Science Fair judges needed

Holy Cross Academy will conduct its annual Science fair for 7th and 8th graders on **Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 8am–11:30am** at the school located behind Geico on Route 17. Anyone interested can email Mrs. Lanzarone at eileen.lanzarone@gmail.com or call the school at **540-286-1600**.

Upcoming visit: Our Lady of Guadalupe



The miraculous image of Our Lady will visit Saint Mary on two occasions in the upcoming months: **Thursday, February 25** from 3-8pm and **Thursday, March 10** from 3-8pm in the church.

This is one of the missionary images which began to circulate at St. John Paul II's request in June, 1991 at the International Rosary Congress and the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Image Guardian Vivian Mestey, from our parish, reports many miracles are common to those who venerate her image.

liturgy called in love

Free online class: Everyday Spirituality

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of DeSales University, the **Salesian Center For Faith & Culture** is offering a free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the **Everyday Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales**.

During Lent—**February 10 through March 13, 2016**—join people from all over the world to explore the wisdom of this sacred tradition. We'll consider:

- The life and legacy of a saint
- Salesian pedagogy for a devout life
- Living out the will of god
- Everyday spirituality every day
- How little virtues go a long way
- Salesian thought for the new evangelization
- Keeping the salesian charism alive today

Discover the keys to happiness from this Doctor of the Church at your own pace and with the ease of online learning. **All the materials for this enriching experience are provided to you for free!**

For more information, visit www.desales.edu/salesianMOOC. Questions? Contact Lore McFadden lore.mcfadden@desales.edu.



THE SALESIAN CENTER
FOR FAITH AND CULTURE

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 Chewing, Mary Merrill, Richard Grunwald, Joseph Castro, Patrick Eggleston

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

16 January— SATURDAY

5pm Fr. Cummings
7pm Fr. Don

Deacon Delio will preach at the 5pm and 7pm Sunday Masses.

17 January— SUNDAY

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings

january

11 MONDAY

6:30 +Joseph DeMartino
9am +Michael L. Ryder, Sr.
1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

12 TUESDAY

6:30 +Susan Lima
9am +Barbara Mertens
1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

13 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Paul Sullivan
9am +Florence Flegler
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

14 THURSDAY

6:30 +Anna Corbiserio
8:15* +Christopher Morgan
9am +Anthony Uva
1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

15 FRIDAY

6:30 In Thanksgiving to St Jude
9am +Larry Johnson
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12

16 SATURDAY

9am Jason Stanislawski
5pm +John Arvai
7pm Andrew Ciaburri
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

17 SUNDAY

7am Lisa and Rosemary Storm
8:30 +Chase Michael Douglas
10:30 For the Parish
10:30* Lori Carneal
12:30 +Christopher Ducic
2pm +Margarita Azcue & Ruben Mantilla
5pm +Gabriel Gonzales
7:01 +Deacon Richard Smith
Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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

Christmas Collection \$53,180.
27 December Offertory 29,798.
Parish Christmas Charities (add'l) 5,387.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul 380.

3 January Offertory \$35,490.
Christmas (add'l) 2,761.
Parish Christmas Charities (add'l) 1,416.
Solemnity of Mary 15,502.
First Offertory 9,130.
Poor Box (wk ending 1/3/16) 200.

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.

Pro-Life reflection for January 10

Every day around the world, men and women who have lost children to abortion gather for Rachel's Vineyard retreats. These provide an opportunity to face the wounds of abortion in a safe, affirming environment of prayer and the support of others who have been through the same experience. *Lord, be with all those who are going through healing after abortion, and bring them quickly to Your peace.*

For more information about Project Rachel and post abortion assistance, contact Project Rachel in the Diocese of Arlington at 703-841-2504 or projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org or call the Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

Subscribe to our website

If you subscribe to Saint Mary's website, stmaryfred.org, you will receive announcements via email. The subscription box is on the homepage, below the Mass schedule at the bottom right. Enter your email address and click on "subscribe." You will receive an email that will ask you to confirm your subscription to the site.

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Subscribe to receive weekly meditations on Sunday's scripture readings

Did you know that since the middle of October, Fr. Don has made his Sunday homilies available as an audio recording on the Saint Mary website? Visit stmaryfred.org, hover over "Welcome" in the menu and then select "Meditations." Or, if you **subscribe to our website**, you will receive an email with a link when the audio has been posted on the site. To subscribe, scroll to the bottom of the page and **enter your email address in the text box above the purple "Subscribe" button**. Included in each post is the text to all of that Sunday's readings.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Thrift Shop is located in Greenwich Plaza off Lafayette Boulevard and open **Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm, 540-898-9066**. The shop is supported by your donations of furniture, clothing and household goods. Monetary donations may be placed in the Poor Boxes near the three exits in the church.

Pray with Scripture: Lectio Divina

Fr. Don Rooney will offer this class on a second occasion this year on the great tradition in the 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. **We will meet in the church 7-9pm Thursday, February 11.**

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.