

**Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

21 august 2016

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



*The Coronation
of the Virgin,
Gentile da
Fabriano
(1422-1425).*

what's coming



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

august

21 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Saint Mary Preschool)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
9:30am, Believe Group (cancer support group), Courtyard Meeting Room.
3:30pm, Health Ministry meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

22 Monday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7pm, Parish Leadership Dinner, Parish Life Center.

23 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin)

24 Wednesday, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

25 Thursday, Weekday (Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, priest)
9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

26 Friday, Saint Monica

7pm, **Called & Gifted Workshop**, Parish Life Center. *Registration required.*

27 Saturday, Weekday

9am, **Called & Gifted Workshop**, Parish Life Center. *Registration required.*
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

28 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Saint Anne Sisters in Faith)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
11:30am, New Family Welcome Meeting, Church.

29 Monday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

30 Tuesday, Weekday

8pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

31 Wednesday, Weekday

1 Thursday, Weekday

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

2 Friday, Weekday

8pm First Friday Mass followed by All Night Adoration, Church.

3 Saturday, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

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

4 SUNDAY, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

No Coffee Shop this morning.
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ Join us for a **Noon Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** until September 2, 2016. Please consider joining us on you lunch hour.
- ✂ **Our Parish Leadership Dinner** for all ministry leaders is this Monday, August 22, in the Parish Life Center. We thank you for all you do for your parish.
- ✂ **Religious Education Save-the-Dates:** August 30, New Catechist Orientation September 6, Special Training September 3-4, Catechetical Sunday September 12-15, First week of RE
- ✂ **Save the Date:** Parish Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk and Dance, Sunday, September 11, Holy Cross Academy
- ✂ The Saint Mary **Manna Project Food Drive** will be held the weekend of **September 10-11** in support of Hunger Awareness month.
- ✂ **Upcoming:** Our Parish Life Weekend will be September 17-18. Please plan to attend!

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. John Mosimann Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Colin Davis 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
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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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY



Dear Folks,

You may notice that I always sign my bulletin note or emails with *Pax* at the end. It is a little odd and a little humbling to see other folks

pick up and use this greeting in emails as has happened in parishes where I have served. Also, last week it was the header above my bulletin note. So where does it come from?

The phrase "*Pax et Bonum!*" was used by St. Francis of Assisi as his common greeting to those he met during the course of the day. It can be translated as "Peace and Goodness." This is a rich theological phrase whose depths are not just reduced to "peace, bro." God is the *Summum Bonum*—the supreme good. Or in the words of Our Lord, "No one is good but God alone" (Mk 10:18). Such a greeting is really wishing abundant blessings upon the person encountered.

The depths of this phrase struck me in 2000 when I was leading a group of pilgrims to World Youth day in Rome. I had never had a devotion to St. Francis prior to this trip. The St. Francis that was presented to me growing up in the 70's seemed to be a wimpy projection of a number of secular values of that era. However, when I walked in the same cobbled streets where St. Francis walked in Assisi, heard his words, and prayed at his tomb, I encountered a very different saint. This man loved God with his whole heart, mind, and soul holding nothing back. Because he had forsaken riches to serve the Lord, he was able to wondrously recognize the providence of God in all of his created works. Hence we know him as the lover of animals.

So when I sign my email with *Pax*, I do this as an abbreviated nod of the head to St. Francis. Sometimes I will use other language variants of *Pax* (Latin) such as *Paix* (French), *Pace* (Italian), *Pax* (Spanish), and *Shalom* (Hebrew).

Pax (et Bonum!),
Fr. Mosimann

Upcoming Diocesan Training sessions

Are you thinking about volunteering to help families in our parish this coming year? Diocesan training is a prerequisite if you work directly with children and families. While it's been a year since this training has been offered nearby, two sessions are being offered this September.

- **September 17, 2016** at 9am at **St. William of York** in Stafford (3130 Jefferson Davis Highway)
- **September 24, 2016** at 9am at **St. Jude's** in Fredericksburg (10725 Courthouse Road)

This training is for anyone within our diocese. Sign up at

www.virtusonline.org. Select the Arlington Diocese in the pull-down menu to see the list of training sessions.

Please consider attending one of these sessions if you want to get involved with any of our parish ministries that require Diocesan Training. You can find out more about our different ministries on Parish Life Weekend, September 17-18.

holy cross academy



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A new year of learning and growing in Christ

Behold! I make all things new. For Holy Cross Academy teachers and staff, Monday is the beginning of our new school year. We will gather together to discuss our plans for the year, and how we will continue to work on our Design for Excellence. This wonderful tool allows us to renew our plans and to make our school **new** every five years.

As we look forward to our students returning next week, our teachers and staff are busy preparing an exciting year of learning for them. Along with our academic plans, we will be working very hard to advance our school addition so that construction can begin next summer. We look forward to welcoming every back to beginning this new year of learning and growing in Christ.

We are still accepting application for this school year, although several grades are full. If you

would like to know about our parish school, please just give us a call! We would love to talk with you.

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 to arrange for a tour or to let us tell you all about Holy Cross Academy, our parish school.



education

religious education

We invite your children to keep learning

Approximately 50% of the children who receive First Holy Communion in the spring return to Religious Education classes in fall. The seed of faith planted at Baptism needs to be continuously nurtured. Faith formation, like formal education, is an ongoing process. **Please register your child for Religious Education.**

Religious Education volunteers needed

We still need 11 more catechists:

- 1 for Monday at 6:30pm
- 4 for Tuesday at 4:45pm
- 1 for Wednesday at 4:45pm
- 5 for Thursday at 4:45pm

Assistant catechists, prayer-aides and office volunteers are also needed. High school students are welcome to volunteer as assistant catechists and prayer-aides. Don't forget—this is a good opportunity to earn service hours for their diploma.

Important dates

- **Tuesday, August 30**
New Catechist Orientation from 6–9pm in the Parish Life Center.
- **Saturday and Sunday, September 3–4**
Catechetical Sunday and Profession of Faith for all Catechists at Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. This year, our parish will focus on the theme "Prayer: The Faith Prayed."
- **Tuesday, September 6**
First Catechist Training session from, 6–9 pm in the Parish Life Center.
- **Monday to Thursday, September 12–15**
The first week of Religious Education Classes. **Parents are to accompany their children.**

Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechist Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

youth ministry



CYM Dinner & High School Youth Group

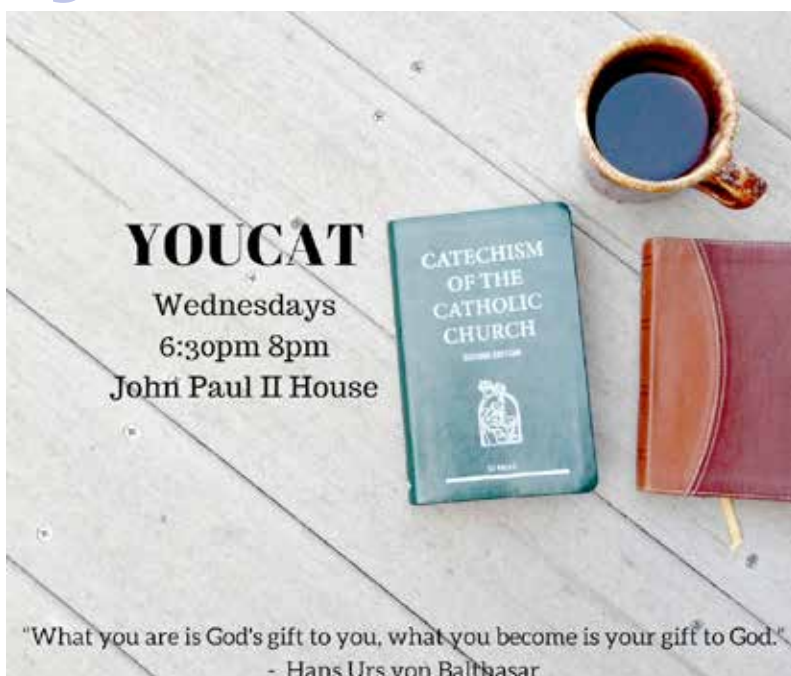
Starting September 18, join us for dinner at 6pm followed by Youth Group from 7pm–8:30pm. We are kicking off the year and diving right into what God has planned for us! Games, powerful speakers, small group discussions, and prayer time!



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parish life happening here

Holy Cross job opening

Holy Cross Academy is seeking a front office secretary. Strong personal skills as well as experience with technology and website maintenance are required. Applicants should email a resume with relevant training and experience to principal@holycrossweb.com. The position is full-time during the school year and part-time in the summer. Salary is based upon experience.

Cancer support group

Our Believe Group—a group for those facing a cancer diagnosis and those sharing this experience with a loved one—welcomes all interested parishioners. The gathering focuses on living the spiritual journey that come with the challenges of having this diagnosis as well as the blessings of survivorship. We offer prayers and reflection, small group discussions and the opportunity to connect with others through shared experiences. **The facilitator is Regina Kenner, the Cancer Navigator at Mary Washington Healthcare.** The next meeting will be **August 21 from 9:30-11am** in Saint Mary's Courtyard Meeting Room. If you have questions, please call [540-845-3031](tel:540-845-3031) or bring your questions to the meeting.

Mary's Birthday Celebration, Sept. 10

All are invited to a breakfast celebration sponsored by the Legion of Mary and the Council of Catholic Women on **September 10 after the 9am Mass in the Parish Life Center.**

HCA Fun Run/Walk, September 11

Our second 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk is scheduled for **September 11, 2016** right before the Parish Ice Cream Social. The 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk will start at the Walmart at Stafford Lakes (at the garden center side) and finish by the playground at Holy Cross Academy. No registration or entry fee is required, however, we are asking for a \$1.00 donation to help offset the cost of the runners' reward. **This event is primarily for children ages 12 and under** and is non-competitive. All are welcome. This is a stroller friendly Run/Walk! **We will start promptly at 3:15pm** so that we can finish by 4pm—just in time for Ice Cream and the Cake Walk at the Parish Ice Cream Social.

Manna Project Food Drive, September 10-11

On September 10-11, Manna Project Volunteers will collect non-perishable food and monetary donations outside of Mass for the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, a member of Feeding America. One in seven Americans turns to Feeding America for food assistance. **Needed items include:** canned meat and fish, peanut butter, beans, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, soup, canned veggies, instant potatoes, rice, and personal items such as paper towels. **For each donation of \$10, the Food Bank is able to provide 20 meals for hungry families.** They currently feed over 20,000 people monthly. Please help us support them during Hunger Awareness Month.

"COME AND SEE"

RCIA

We invite all who seek a deeper life in Jesus Christ to consider becoming members of this Body of Christ through the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please call the parish office to register.

You are welcome. Begins 9/12

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Program begins at Saint Mary on **Monday, September 12** and lasts until the Easter Vigil. We meet on Mondays from 7:30-9:15pm with a 45 minute class (all in the parish are welcome to attend), then refreshments and small group discussion follows about the topic of the evening and other formation topics.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church and receiving the sacraments of Baptism (or make a Profession of Faith if already baptized), Confirmation and Eucharist, please contact the parish office to register or email us at RCIAstmaryfred@gmail.com.

adult education

First class starts
September

15

Second class
starts
September

21

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Revelation is the first "ongoing" study in *The Great Adventure* Bible Study Program. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores *Revelation* to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately

connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of *Revelation* present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

Class details (two sessions):

- **Sept. 15, continuing for 11 weeks on Thursdays** at 9:45am, Courtyard Meeting Room, register by Sept. 7.
- **Sept. 21, continuing for 11 weeks on Wednesdays** at 9:45am, Courtyard Meeting Room, register by Sept. 16.
- Facilitator: Suzette Young
- Cost: \$20 due first day of class
- **Registration:** Call the parish so materials can be purchased.

Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You

Join us! For only the fourth time in Church history, the Pope has declared an *Extraordinary* Jubilee Year. And the focus? Mercy. Learn to give and receive forgiveness, to forgive others, to forgive yourself. We invite you to join us as we participate in *Doors of Mercy*. This is not a bible study, there is no written homework, just eight simple sessions that will allow you to experience God's hope, healing and loving mercy in this once-in-a-lifetime program. Even if you've never participated before, please, we invite each and every one of you to join us – you'll be so glad you did.

Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You is an 8-week

journey through salvation history, from God's merciful promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, to the prophets' call to renewal, to the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ.

Fr. Jeffrey Kirby (via DVD format) will guide group members through God's covenant with his people, by explaining the events of the Bible and showing how God pours out his mercy even after they stray from Him again and again.

Each weekly session is capped by insights from various Catholic authors, speakers, and clergy, which demonstrate the power of Divine Mercy in the world today, inspiring you to seek God's mercy and to foster a closer relationship with Christ.

Class details:

- DVD Bible study with Fr. Jeffrey Kirby
- **September 28–November 9**
- Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room
- Facilitator: JoAnne Baker and Tess Thome
- Cost: \$20 due first day of class
- **Registration:** Call the parish office by September 20 so materials can be purchased
- Questions: See www.mercystudy.com or email Tess Thome at tessnmike@cox.net.

Experience the joy of following Christ

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—He wants you to be his disciple and friend. *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful

love, and to love others as he has loved us. *Follow Me* invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ.

You will:

- Learn what it takes to follow Christ.
- Discover the joy of divine friendship.
- See how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

Class details:

- DVD Bible study on the Gospel of John with Professor Edward Sri (30 minute DVD sessions)
- **Starts January 5, 2017 and continues for 8 weeks**
- Thursday mornings at 9:45am in the Courtyard Meeting Room
- Group Facilitator: Suzette Young
- Cost: \$15

Watch for the
following in the
new year!

2017

adult education

Starts
September

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Walking with Purpose

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic women's Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. There are several 22-week courses offered by WWP. **This year Saint Mary is offering two courses**—all women of the parish are invited to join us! You can get more information by visiting www.walkingwithpurpose.com.

Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point. This foundational course is designed for women who are new to WWP as well as those with more experience in Bible Study.

Join us as we dive deeper into the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us. Some of the questions we'll explore:

- How can I conquer my fears?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my life?
- What does the Eucharist have to do with my friendship with Christ?
- What are the limits of Christ's forgiveness?
- Why and how should I pray?
- What is the role of suffering in my life?
- What challenges will I face in my efforts to follow Jesus more closely?

Discovering our Dignity gives us modern-day advice from women of the Bible. Ancient wisdom, sage advice, sorrowful failures and woundedness. In *Discovering our Dignity*, we learn that women of the Old and New Testament were sometimes as flawed and broken as we can be. Yet, the power of God worked in their lives. Through their stories recorded in Scripture, they reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way—woman to woman.

Class details:

- **Both classes start September 29**
- Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center
- **Materials:** There is a book which can be bought online (visit walkingwithpurpose.com, go to "Store," then "Study Guides") or through the church. We will discuss these options at the first meeting.
- **Registration:** Register when you come to the class.
- **Questions:** Contact Lori Mattson, lori@acumen-ea.com

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Global Prayer MinistryOngoing.
Join**today****Please join and pray with us.**

With firm faith in the power of prayer and through the convenience of social media, we are announcing a new ministry this weekend, which we are calling **"Global Prayer Ministry."**

Once a week, we will send out a specific intention to all who are registered by your choice of email or text. Our hope is that we all will pray **at the same time at Noon on Fridays** for five or ten minutes for the intention that was sent.

Simply text "Prayer" to 845-76.

You will receive a confirmation message AND another message asking you to CLICK a link to give your name and email address to join our group.

For those that do not have a cell phone but wish to join, you can do so via the internet. Please visit new.flocknote.com/StMaryCatholicChurchFre1/GlobalPrayerMin.

parish life

choir pilgrimage

Join the Choir

All the Saint Mary Choir's continue to seek new members for the fall. Children beginning in 2nd grade on up through our teen and adult choirs. Find out more on our website at stmaryfred.org/ministries-liturgy/ and scroll down to Music Ministry.



Saint Mary Choir Pilgrimage News

CARRYING YOUR PRAYERS

— In January, the Saint Mary Adult Choir is making a Pilgrimage to Rome to sing for Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and other historic churches in Italy, and attend an audience with the Holy Father. **The Choir will be asking for your prayer intentions so they can carry them on their pilgrimage and pray for them daily.**

SUPPORT— Because the Choir is a ministry of Saint Mary Parish, and one that relies for its effectiveness on the largest possible participation, it is important for this undertaking to encompass as much of the Choir as is reasonably possible. The Saint Mary Choir is engaged in a number of fund-raising activities, including a **Cabaret Night & Silent/Live Auction** on October 15, a **choir concert** on November 18, and the **creation of a CD recording** (just in time for Christmas!)

ST. MARY CABARET NIGHT
to benefit the choir pilgrimage to Italy
7:30 PM
OCTOBER 15, 2016

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY
250 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY

Save the date for **Saint Mary Cabaret Night, Saturday, October 15 at 7:30pm at Holy Cross Academy** to benefit the Saint Mary Choir Pilgrimage to Italy. Join us for fun entertainment, popular music including Riverside Dinner Theatre's amazing **vocalist Patrick A'Hearn**, our own wonderful **pianist Ray Dempsey**, a **visit from the choir** of course, and maybe even a touch of dancing.

Silent and live auction of great experiences and more! Plus fun hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets, \$50 per person, go on sale soon. **For more information**, contact David Mathers dmathers@stmaryfred.org, or by calling the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE

parish life called in love

Trail Life and American Heritage Girls parent meeting

Trail Life Troop VA-4034 (TL), chartered through KoC Council 4034, and **American Heritage Girls Troop VA0128 (AHG)**, chartered through Saint Mary's CCW, are having a parent information meeting **at Holy Cross Academy on Thursday, September 8 at 7:15pm**. TL and AHG are Christian adventure, character, integrity, and leadership programs for young men and women, respectively. The K-12 programs build skills and allow growth on a personal level, as a role model and leader for peers, and as supporters of the Church. For more information visit www.traillifeusa.com or www.americanheritagegirls.org. **Questions?** Email Mark Gardner (TL) at troopmasterva4034@gmail.com and Maureen Siegmund (AHG) at ahgva0128@yahoo.com.

September book club

The parish book club will resume its monthly meetings on **Tuesday, September 13 at 10am** in the John Paul II House. The selection for discussion is a work of Christian fiction, *The Reunion* by Dan Walsh. **Need more information?** Contact Kathleen Mahoney at [540-371-2073](tel:540-371-2073) or bmah761569@aol.com.

"Optio Secundus" Catholic Men's group

The next meeting of the Optio Secundus or "Second Option" of the Catholic Men's Group will be **Wednesday, September 14** at the Adventure Brewing South formerly the Blue and Gray Brewpub at 3300 Dill Smith Drive, Fredericksburg 22408. Deacon Alberto will be there

to continue his guidance, fellowship and just good camaraderie. We are grateful for the Deacon's willingness to guide the Optio group as we struggle in today's secular world as men, dads and granddads of good Catholic faith. The Optio Group strives to bring Catholic men together to discuss daily applications of our faith, duties and responsibilities to our families and communities. Social half-hour **begins at 6:30pm**, followed by an open discussion and **optional dinner from 7-9pm**. If you are new to the Parish or have never joined us before, you are very welcome! **Questions?** Contact Kevin Wilkinson at [540-898-8353](tel:540-898-8353) or kwlknsn@yahoo.com.

Cursillo Women's Weekend

Come and discover the Cursillo community! **The next Women's Weekend is September 15-18**. The retreat is wonderful opportunity to deeply reflect on your relationship with Christ and to grow as a member of the Christian community. It will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. **To register or for more information**, please contact Joyce Bodoh at [540-521-0588](tel:540-521-0588) or joycebodoh@gmail.com.

Celebrating a silver or golden wedding anniversary this year?

Were you married in 1966 or 1991? Then join Bishop Paul S. Loverde for the 2016 Marriage Jubilee mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 16 at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington, VA. **Contact the parish office to register no later than September 23**. For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

Treasures needed for annual KoC yard sale

The Knights of Columbus continues to seek donated items and monetary donations for the **annual Yard Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, September 24**. Consider donating unneeded items such as appliances, furniture, kitchen items, hobby and craft items, baby items, coats and jackets, TVs and electronic items, books, movies, children's items, tools, mowers, barbeque grills, and anything else in good shape that you no longer need. **You may drop off items** on Saturday mornings at the KoC 4034 Council home on Harrison Road **or we can pick up items** on Saturday mornings at your location. **Point of Contact for pick-ups:** Fred or Debbie Nunez (540) 371-3125. **Questions about the Yard Sale** can be directed to the Tim Fleming through e-mail at yardsale@kofc4034.org. All proceeds go to charity.

St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store News

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store will be participating in the Fredericksburg Thrift Shop Hop for charities. Come by our store and pick up materials about this event which will run from **August 19-28**. Eleven shops will be offering special discounts and sales throughout this time. Customers who visit all eleven shops in that period will be eligible for special prizes.

Our special thanks for your continued support by shopping at our store and by dropping off wonderful donations. Your support allows us to help families in our community with emergency assistance. **For more information:** call [540-898-9066](tel:540-898-9066) or see our web site at www.stvpfredericksburg.com.

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

July 14 Offertory \$29,852.
Parish Building Fund 7,804.
Food Bank Children's Programs
(add'l) 861.

Faith Direct Deposit August

Offertory \$44,683.
Assumption 1,402.
Food Bank Children's Programs 1,992.
Parish Building Fund 3,720.

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 August

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of August will be donated to the **Grace Oughton Cancer Foundation**. Originally established in 2006 to assist the family of nineteen month old Grace who courageously battled a rapidly progressing form of cancer called neuroblastoma, the Foundation has grown, in Grace's memory, and now provides resources and financial support for local families of children battling rare forms of childhood cancer, as well as grants for pediatric cancer research. The Grace Oughton Cancer Foundation thanks you in advance for your contributions in support of their efforts. For more information, visit their website at www.thegocf.org.

SCRIP gift cards

Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Torie Baldwin at scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com



First Friday, September 22 All Night Adoration

Our First Friday 8pm Mass will be followed by All Night Adoration.

"To be alone with Jesus in Adoration and intimate union with Him is the greatest gift of love – the tender love of our Father in Heaven. Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

—Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Sign up sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up today and come back to the Eucharist, come adore Our Lord and joyfully thank Him for the gift of His Mother, whose birthday is September 8.

www.holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase. **Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!**

Pro-Life reflection

"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." (Saint Augustine) These famous words of Saint Augustine remind us what the Church means by saying human life is "sacred." As human persons, we are uniquely capable of having a relationship with God. Our lives

are oriented to Him as our final goal and fulfillment; hence we cannot be owned by others, manipulated, or discarded. *"Lord, I rejoice in my ability to relate to You, and I honor every human being as Your own special possession."*

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary promotes devotion to our Blessed Mother through communal prayer service to the Church such as visiting the sick and infirm and other corporal and spiritual acts

liturgy called in love

of mercy. **Anyone interested can contact Father Holmes** at the parish office at **540-373-6491** or through email at **frholmes@stmaryfred.org**.

Electronic Offertory

Faith Direct enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards. With *Faith Direct*, you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings. The parish gains predictable cash flow which helps us with planning our parish needs and programs. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online by visiting **www.faithdirect.net**. Our parish code is **VA635**.

UMW and Germanna students

Join us for special **Welcome Masses on Sunday, August 28** at 11:30am and 5:30pm at UMW's **Catholic Student Center** located across the street from campus (the red brick building with white columns) at **1614 College Avenue**. Meet new friends, and grow in knowledge and love of your Catholic Faith. Discover retreat and service opportunities and much more.

UMW Catholic Student Center
540-373-6746
umwcatholic.org.

Germanna students are welcome to participate at the UMW Catholic Campus Ministry.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: Carmen Cardinelli, Teresa McPherson, Chris Enke, Betty Ann & Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Gerald Gardiner, Carla J. Gomer, Patricia Russo, Marianne Ford, Richard Sadler, Diane Beverly, Nancy Sokolowski, John Gabriel, John Haas, Jim Matarese, Tommy Davis, Olen Bullard, Michael Kraljevich, Dawn Miller, Ortiz family, Linda Kaila, Charles Boyer, Amy Gilkerson, Sadie Harder, Elizabeth Grant, Wayne Culbertson, Providence & Thomas Moeller, David Davenport, Brian Yednock, Gretchen Schuster, Dick Fadden, Elise Velez, Jim Canty, Maureen Flanagan, Regina Gaudreau, Jessica Gaudreau, Denise Pooler, Gerard Fitzpatrick, Jamila Alarcon, Betty & John Gil, Daniel Burke, John Druiett, Margaret Gralton, Cheryl Wood, Barbara McCoy, Leroy Spangler, Francine Ochman, Veronica Johnson, John Storm, Joshua Oltman, Gladys Bowen, Frances Schwab, Martha Clemens, Lynn Dennis, Anne Shelton, Barbara Gillette, John Gannon, Maureen Mizzles, Miles Wood, Smoot Major, Marian Wolinski, Holly Smith, Mike Harwich, Larry Dillman, Jerome Murphy, Jim Evans, Keith Kovalesky, Patrick Clarke, Cody Harrell, Janie Sherry, Michael Tallarita, Chris Szydal, Judith Cantell, Delores Renninger, Phil Kronsberg, Tamlyn Leaf, Paul Godwin, Patricia Phillips, The Valconi Family, Tim Murphy & family, Matt Dombro, Regina "Gina" Wood, Glenn Nicholls Sr., Amber Hedegty, Josephine Kreider, Theresa Aguilar, Darlene Guinn, Boyd Woodside, Lillian Held, Karen Danis, Duska Green, Mary Jean and Don Williams, O'Neta Shorter, Alice Rowles, Melvyn Schreckinger, Mary Ulmer, Mary Branham, Jessica Conlon, Kelly Keiser

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 M. Smith, Nelly Garcia, Mindy Hakenson, Xavier Alas, Gary Rotsch, Anthony Howell, John Anthenor

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

Next Weekend's Masses

27 August— SATURDAY

5pm	Fr. Colin
7pm	Fr. Mosimann

28 August— SUNDAY

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings

august

22 MONDAY

6:30 Marianne and Bill Aird
9am +Claretta Anne Roeber
Noon All Souls
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

23 TUESDAY

6:30 Irene Kehoe
9am Joan Doherty
2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

24 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Dominic Di Loreto
9am Ted and Lorette Major
Noon +JoAnn James
Rev 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

25 THURSDAY

6:30 +Rita Guba
9am MacKenzie Hudson
1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

26 FRIDAY

6:30 Carolyn Farrell
9am +Vince Himelright
Noon +Charles and Jeanette Finn
1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

27 SATURDAY

9am Pam Biedenbender
5pm +Owen Lea
7pm +Frank and Leonor Schupp
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

28 SUNDAY

7am Donna Godek
8:30 Johnathan Powers
10:30 +Lisa Moore
10:30*Our Military Living and Deceased
12:30 For our Parish
2pm +Rafael Guia-Reynoso
5pm Fr. John Mosimann
7:01 +Bon Van Than
Sir 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-24;
Lk 14:1, 7-14

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*