

**Twenty-second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

28 august 2016



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



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Rembrandt,
1646-1650.*

what's coming



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

august

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

6pm, New Catechists Orientation, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

31 Wednesday, Weekday

1 Thursday, Weekday

9:45am, 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

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.
6:30pm, Prayers and Squares Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 204.
8pm First Friday Mass followed by All Night Adoration, 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.

5 Monday, Weekday

Labor Day. *Parish offices closed.*

6 Tuesday, Weekday

6pm, First Catechist Training, Parish Life Center.

7 Wednesday, Weekday

7pm, Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center, Room 202.

8 Thursday, THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

9 Friday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.
7pm, BUNCO, Parish Life Center, Room 100.

10 Saturday, Weekday

Following the 9am Mass, Mary's Birthday Celebration, Parish Life Center.
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.
6pm, KofC Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

11 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Troop 1410)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
3pm, Parish Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk, and Dance, Holy Cross Academy.

nota bene (note well, please):

- ✂ Extended! Join us for a **Noon Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until September 30, 2016.** Please consider joining us on you lunch hour.
- ✂ **Religious Education Save-the-Dates:** August 30, New Catechist Orientation September 3-4, Catechetical Sunday September 6, Special Training September 12-15, First week of RE
- ✂ The Saint Mary **Manna Project Food Drive** will be held the weekend of **September 10-11** in support of Hunger Awareness month.
- ✂ **Upcoming:** Parish Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk and Dance, Sunday, September 11, Holy Cross Academy.
- ✂ **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,

"Prayer is, at root, simply paying attention to God."

— Dr. Ralph Martin,
The Fulfillment of All Desire, p. 121.

Such a wonderful image: paying attention to God. Imagine that, so simple, yet so often overlooked. Haven't we all been involved in one sided conversations that we look to escape? It is good that the Lord is patient with us. I sometime describe recollection (which is the necessary preparation of the soul for prayer) as letting the mind settle and quiet down.

We must live Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God." This "paying attention to God" struck me as the opposite of the TwitterSphere—a place where everyone strives to tweet out pearls so that "followers" can reap their wisdom and wit. Twitter strikes me as the soul crying out to the world, "Pay attention to me—but I don't want to hear what you have to say!"

On the other hand, technology can be a great assist. Years ago I visited a man in the hospital.

Upon his passing, his wife gave me a little painting that he painted of an angel. I snapped a picture with my phone, and set the angel as the lock screen that I saw every time I looked at my phone. Thus I remembered and prayed for this man and his grieving wife every day for several months.

I began to change my phone picture every 3 months or so—as soon as I would stop noticing the picture there. This got me thinking, why not use this changing image as a daily or weekly reminder of the specific feast day, or special intention of the day or week. Now I can turn every time I glance at my phone into a moment to remember the Lord, and you.

This week I set my phone to a picture of the Holy Cross Academy Staff. Thus I will see, and remember our school every time I turn on my phone for the next month!

There are countless ways throughout the day where we can take a moment and pay attention to God and countless ways we can remember one another. Momentary aspirations, a quick thought sent heavenward, a look of love.

I am going to use my phone to pay better attention to God and you. And that is a prayer.

Pax et bonum,
Fr. Mosimann

"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.

holy cross academy

Starting the new year

Behold! I make all things new. For our faculty and staff, our new school year has begun! On Monday, we gathered together to plan for our upcoming academic year. After reviewing schedules and school policies, teachers worked together to chart a course to meet our goals for the coming year.

In the afternoon, we joined together with our parish staff to begin our new year of ministry with Mass. After a delicious luncheon provided by our dedicated PTO, Fr. Mosimann led us all in reflections on our parish theme and how we can

better dedicated ourselves to the work God has placed in our hands.

We are excited to begin this new school year together and ask God's blessings on all that we will do.

We invite you to visit our school 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.



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education

religious education

Importance of Religious Education classes

"For all the baptized, children or adults, faith must grow after Baptism." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1254). Growth in faith occurs when formation is relevant to time, place and stage of development. This is why the Church urges parents to provide appropriate Religious Education to their children.

Please register your child for Religious Education.

Religious Education volunteers needed

We still need 10 more catechists:

- 3 for Tuesday at 4:45pm
- 1 for Wednesday at 4:45pm
- 6 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



Race for Seminarians

This year we will have a group of high school teens and adults run the annual Marine Corps 10k to raise funds for our Diocese of Arlington Seminarians. We are just beginning the preparations. If interested in sponsoring a teen, adult or both contact the Office of Youth Ministry for more info.



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parish life happening here

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.

Mary's Birthday Celebration

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.

Manna Project Food Drive

On **September 10-11**, Manna Project volunteers will collect non-perishable food and monetary donations for the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank. **Needed items:** 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 each month.

HCA Fun Run/Walk, September 11

Our second 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk is **September 11, 2016**. The 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk will start at the Walmart at Stafford Lakes (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 donation to help offset the cost of the runners' reward. **This event is for children ages 12 and under** and is non-competitive. 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.

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** or bmah761569@aol.com.

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. 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** or kwilksn@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** or joycebodoh@gmail.com.

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.

adult education

First class starts
September

15

Second class
starts
September

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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



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY
250 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY

ENTERTAINMENT

musical entertainment from theater and songbook including:

- ◊ Renowned Broadway star Patrick A'Hearn of Riverside Dinner Theatre
- ◊ Fredericksburg's very own Pianist Ray Dempsey with vocalists.
- ◊ The Saint Mary Choir as you've never heard them!
- ◊ and much more!

plus comedy, dancing and other light entertainments!

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

- ◊ Christmas week & New Year's Eve at Massanutten Resort
- ◊ Gift Certificate to Fredericksburg Fitness
- ◊ Catered Dinner for Four at Rectory with our Parish Priests
- ◊ Guided Nature Walk and Picnic with expert Virginia guides
- ◊ Festive cookout on Aquia Creek
- ◊ Dinner Party featuring a Traditional New Orleans Menu
- ◊ and much more!

and much more!

HORS D'OEUVRES AND CASH BAR

Tickets: \$50 per person

Buy tickets at our table after Mass, at the Parish Office, or by calling Joyce O'Toole at 540-371-2365 or Carol Sullivan at 540-898-0178. Make checks to St. Mary Church.

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!)



knights of columbus

New Bowling League

All are welcome to join a non-sanctioned bowling league that **will meet at the AMF Fredericksburg Lanes on Route 3**. The league is open to all parishioners of the parish, their family, and friends. Four-person teams are forming now and the cost is \$16 per week, per person. **The league starts September 12 at 7pm every continues every Monday through March 2017**. At the end of the season, there will be an awards party with prize money given. **For more information or to join**, contact Rick Reschick at [540-368-9345](tel:540-368-9345) or rez55@cox.net or Steven Young at [540-841-3630](tel:540-841-3630) or Stevenmyoung86@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the KoC.



September Family Dinner

The September Family Dinner, sponsored by KoC, will be held on **Saturday, September 10 from 6–8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, and ice cream sundaes. Net proceeds will be **donated to Birthright of Fredericksburg**. Birthright provides caring, non-judgmental support to girls and women who are dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. The dinner is open to the public and is 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.**

Give the Gift of Life

The KoC is sponsoring a blood drive on **Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 1-6pm** in the St. Mary's parking lot. To schedule an appointment, call **1-800-RED CROSS** or go to www.redcross.org. Walk-ins are welcome. Bring a photo ID. The American Red Cross has issued an emergency call for blood and platelets, urging all eligible donors to give now to replenish an extremely low summer blood supply. **Questions?** Please call Rick Reschick at [540-850-5587](tel:540-850-5587).

Annual Yard Sale

Save the date: Saturday, September 24. The Knights



of Columbus is kicking off our donation collection for our Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser. We are asking for gently-used items that are in good and working condition including: Major appliances, furniture, kitchen items, clothes, coats, shoes, TV's, computers/electronics, books, toys, lawn mowers, tillers, snow blowers, and anything else you may want to donate. We also will accept monetary donations. You may drop the items off at the K of C 4034 Council home on Harrison Road or we can arrange for a pick up at your location on Saturday mornings starting August 6th. Point of Contact for drop off or pick-ups: Please contact us at yardsale@kofc4034.org to make arrangements. Please help us support the church and the community through helping the Knights of Columbus with your generous donations.

Knight of the Month

Paul Scott

Family of the Month

Anthony Hall and his wife, Earnestine



The Knights of Columbus Council #4034 is comprised of Catholic men and their families, united in service with our Church, schools and neighborhoods. Along with our community non-profit organizations, we have a common core objective to help and serve those in need.

We are part of the Parish Life Ministry at Saint Mary and this is our 60th year of support.

Website: kofc4034.org

Facebook: facebook.com/kofc4034

E-Mail: Info@kofc4034.org

Business meeting
2nd Wednesday of each month at the Fredericksburg Columbus Club.

*Dinner: 6:30–6:45;
Rosary: 7:10
Meeting 7:30–8:30.*

There is always time to be a Knight
For more information, Contact our Council's Membership Director at: MembershipDirector@kofc4034.org

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

July 21 Offertory	\$29,643.
Assumption	2,988.
Parish Building Fund (add'l)	2,785.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul	231.

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 September

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of September will be donated to the Stafford Junction HUGS Program. Stafford Junction is a faith-based nonprofit organization that serves high-need children, youth and their families residing in Stafford County. Their mission is to transform lives through faith and action. They partner with residents, local churches, service agencies, and businesses to connect lives, build relationships, and foster understanding across socio-economic lines. Partners share the love of God by meeting the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of those we serve. HUGS (Helping Us Grow Strong) is a program uniquely designed to complement the success of the Brain Builders after school program by working with children ages zero to five. Offering activities to enhance children's social and emotional development, HUGS helps to prepare these children for the school environment. Additionally, their partnership with the YMCA Massad Preschool allows the children to participate in structured preschool learning

to further enhance their school readiness. **For more information, visit their website at www.staffordjunction.org.** Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.



First Friday, Sept. 2, 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.

SCRIP gift cards

Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Torie Baldwin at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase. **Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!**

Pro-Life reflection

"I have gazed upon You in the sanctuary so that I may behold Your power and Your glory." (Ps 63:3) The baby in the manger and the man on the Cross do not look like God; yet by faith we know Jesus is no mere man. The Eucharist does not look like Jesus, but we worship Him. Christians are used to looking beyond appearances. Hence we can also see in the annoying person, or the person who is unconscious in a hospital bed, or in the unborn child, the image of God. *"Holy Spirit, grant us to see beyond appearances to the dignity of every life!"*

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. Two sessions are being offered this September that are near Saint Mary:

- **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. **You can find out more about our different ministries on Parish Life Weekend, September 17-18.**

liturgy called in love

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.

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 of mercy. **Anyone interested can contact Father Holmes** at the parish office at [540-373-6491](tel: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.

Al Anon Group

Al Anon is for those who have been affected by someone else's drinking. There is an Al Anon meeting every **Saturday at 10am in Room 204** of St. Mary's Parish Life Center.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: 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 Druett, 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 Kovalessky, 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 Hedegety, 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, Lauren McKeever, Janese Morris, Mary Keaton, , Montgomery Wood

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

3 September— SATURDAY

5pm Fr. Holmes
7pm Fr. Colin

4 September— SUNDAY

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings

august

29 MONDAY

6:30 John and Helen Holmes
9am +Kay Collis
10am Holy Cross Academy
Noon +Miguel Cordova
1 Cor 2:1-5; Mk 6:17-29

30 TUESDAY

6:30 +Rose Emilia
9am +Robert Van Kleeck
1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37

31 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Jared Gonzales
9am +Timothy Hanlon
Noon Cathy Gordon
1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

1 THURSDAY

6:30 Father Lino
9am +Bon Van Than
1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

2 FRIDAY

6:30 John and Lori Devine
9am Amante Marinas Jr
Noon +Deceased members of the Patterson Family
8pm Matthew and Janet Prohaska
1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

3 SATURDAY

9am Gladys Bowen and Family
5pm +Mary Weir
7pm +Sonny Lawton
1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5

4 SUNDAY

7am +Charlotte Hiatt
8:30 +Theresa Boehringer
10:30 +James Doepp Jr
10:30*+Those Who Died in August
12:30 +Charles and Jeanette Finn
2pm For Our Parish
5pm +James Bowen
7:01 +Madeline Ledgerwood
Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 1:9-10,12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

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.