



**Twenty-fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**11 september
2016**

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



Join us at
Holy Cross Academy
TODAY
for the Annual Parish
Ice Cream Social
and Cake Walk.

what's coming



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

september

11 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Troop 1410)
Manna Food Drive after all Masses.
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
4pm, **Parish Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk, and Dance**, Holy Cross Academy.
3:30pm, Health Ministry presentation, Fr. Don Community Room

12 Monday, Weekday (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

First week of Religious Education classes.

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA, Church.
8:15pm, Taize prayer service, Church.

13 Tuesday, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Fr. Don Community Room

14 Wednesday, THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

15 Thursday, Our Lady of Sorrows

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

16 Friday, Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

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

17 Saturday, Weekday (Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

Parish Life Weekend - Learn about St. Mary Ministries and get involved!

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

18 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Life Weekend - Learn about St. Mary Ministries and get involved!

9:30am, St. Mary "Believe [Cancer] Group, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room
3:30pm, Health Ministry Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

19 Monday, Weekday (Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr)

7:30pm, RCAI/RICA class, Church

20 Tuesday, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

21 Wednesday, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9:45am, Book of Revelation class begins, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room
6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

22 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
1pm, Birthright Monthly Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room
7pm, Nar-Anon Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ Saint Mary's fall social, the **Parish Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk and Dance, is TODAY** from 4-7pm. Come see everyone, enter the cake decorating contest, and put on your dancing shoes. Before the Social, join us for our annual 1-mile Fun Run/Walk at 3:15pm, starting at Walmart Garden Center and going to the school. Children 12 and under (and parents), join us! More information on page 4.
- ✂ Don't forget! **Manna Food Drive** for the Fredericksburg Food Bank after all Masses this weekend. Bring food and donations for those who are hungry.
- ✂ Please join us for our monthly **Taizé Prayer Service** this Monday, **September 12 at 8:15pm**. Now in our 9th year, we have met each month to pray for Christian unity in our community and in the world. All Christians are warmly invited; invite your friends!
- ✂ This year's **Parish Life Weekend is next weekend, September 17-18**. Please plan to visit with our many parish ministries and learn more about how you can get involved in the life of our Parish.
- ✂ The **Second Collection** next weekend supports the **Religious Education of our Parish**. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, parish expenses for our Religious Education Program were \$42,220.73, and your generosity in supporting the faith formation of our children is sincerely appreciated.
- ✂ **Nar-Anon Support group** is now meeting on Thursdays at St. Mary at 7pm in the Fr. Don Rooney Community Room. Help is offered by sharing experiences, strengths and hopes; please see the page 11 for more details about this program.

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, 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,

Ahhhh... Football season is upon us, which leads to refrains of: "Are you blind Ref ?*@!?" Have you ever screamed this from the upper deck or in front of your TV? How could he miss that call that is right in front of him? The problem is that this usually amount to a complaint that we are not getting our way! We all have seen calls completely blown in sports, but I don't think I have ever yelled at the TV when the blown call went in favor of MY team!

Temporary blindness can also be tragic with more serious consequences than a sporting event. A blind spot while driving can lead to a serious accident. Not seeing one key fact may change the entire meaning of events, or relationships that we hold most dear. Even more so, when we do not see the most serious matter for our eternal lives: sin. Sin is often described as darkness in the soul, so it makes sense that it would blind us. How can we see in the dark? We need light to see clearly. Paul says to the Ephesians: Brothers and Sisters: You were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light..." This is much of the work of Lent, opening our eyes to the true light that illuminates the path to Heaven. Not only does Christ enable us to see, but then we in turn become the light to the world living in darkness.

I know that my guardian angel is much more patient when I fail to see my own sin. I don't imagine him yelling at me, "Father, are you blind!" Instead he kindly intercedes for me, and obtains graces to open my eyes!

And Jesus, help the Redskins please.

Pax et Bonum (peace and all goodness),

fr mosimann

Join us at the Ice Cream Social and Cake Walk

Now you can have your cake and run it off too! **Join us today at Holy Cross Academy for the Annual Parish Ice Cream and Cake Walk.** Running concurrently with the 3:15pm Fun Run—because running is fun—**registration for the cake decorating contest opens at 2:45pm and ends at 4pm.** Judging will begin at 4:15pm and—for those who still have the energy to walk—the Cake Walk itself begins at 4:30pm. **The cake decorating categories are:** Best Family Effort, Most Unique, Prettiest Cake, and Most Delicious-Looking Cake and the winners will receive genuine coin of the realm (Scrip Cards). **We would love to see more of our parish partners** who may not necessarily have children in the school, but who support us, take part in the active community that is Holy Cross Academy. No need to run to enjoy the Cake Walk!

The Gospel of Mark

Deacon Dick Delio is planning a Biblical Theology class on the Gospel of Mark **starting Wednesday, October 5 and continuing for 8 weeks.** The discussion will focus on understanding the gospel as well as the theological meaning of the gospel. **If there is enough interest, he will conduct a 7pm class, with an option for a second class at 11:45am.** Classes will be held in the Parish Library. If you would like to attend the class, **please call the Parish Office, 540-373-6491,** and leave your name, phone number, and email.

holy cross academy

Be Your Selfie!

"Be yourself and be that well"

We hope to see all of you, our parish family, at Holy Cross today (Sunday) for our annual Ice Cream Social, Dance and Cake Walk. Our yearly parish celebration allows us all to prepare for our school feast day, the Feast of the Holy Cross, and to begin this new year of learning and growing together.

St. Mary Preschool opens on Tuesday. We will be happy to have our youngest students with us so that our school community will be complete!

At HCA, classes are hard at work. In Middle School guidance, our students have created a bulletin board, Be Your Selfie! In the spirit of our holy patron, St. Francis de Sales, who teaches us to "Be yourself and be that well," we help our students to discover their gifts and to use them for the good of all those around them. Sixth grade students are enjoying the new world of middle school and lockers, and all our students are happily discovering the new computers in our technology lab. Our 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start!

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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religious education



Religious Education classes begin this week!

Parents are reminded to accompany their children to class. The first part of the class will be in the main hall of the Parish Life Center. The second part will be in your child's classroom. Welcome back!

Volunteers needed

We still need 3 more catechists:

- Grade 3; Thursday 4:45pm

- Grade 4; Thursday 4:45pm
- Grade 5; Thursday 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.

Christ Our Life program overview: Grade 1

The first-grade program of the Christ Our Life series, God Is Good, is designed to provide a simple overview of the mysteries of our faith. Through learning of the goodness of God, and the love of Jesus, the children respond to God in friendship and prayer (www.christourlife.com).

New catechists orientation

On Tuesday, August 30, the new catechist orientation was held. After a delicious dinner, the catechists were introduced to our parish's Religious Education Program and the Catechist Guides to the courses. After the introductions they toured the parish compound.

Enrollment as of Aug. 31

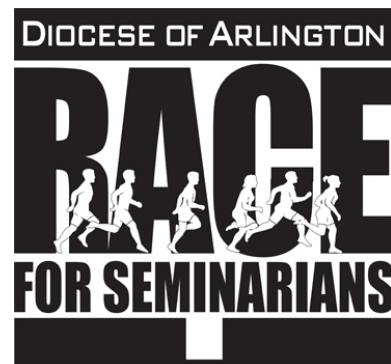
Class Time	Students
Monday 4:45	118
Monday 6:30	118
Tuesday 4:45	58
Tuesday 6:00 (HCA)	107
Tuesday 6:30	100
Wednesday 4:45	76
Wednesday 6:30	96
Thursday 4:45	35
Total Students	766

youth ministry



Race for Seminarians

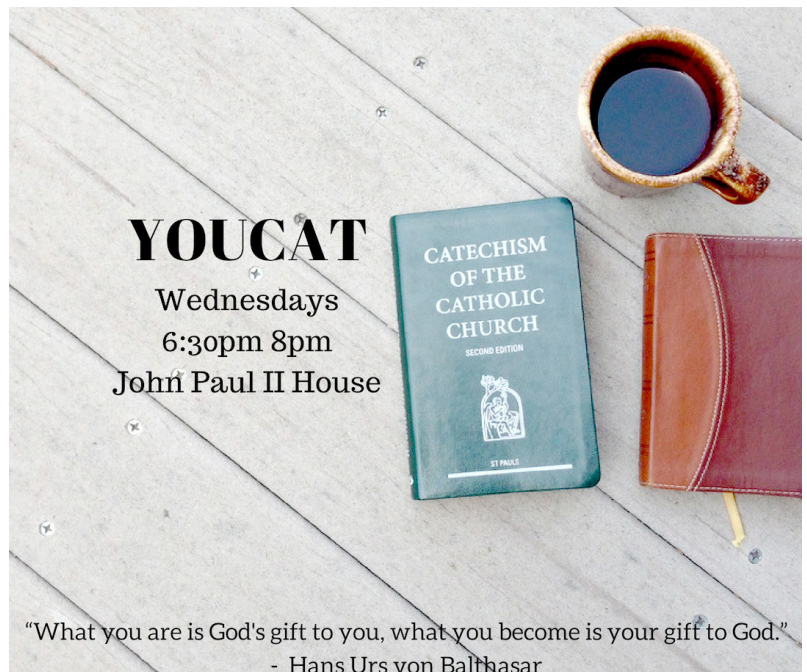
This year we will have a group of high school teens and adults run the annual Marine Corps 10k to raise funds for our Diocese of Arlington Seminarians. We are just beginning the preparations. **If interested in sponsoring a teen, adult or both contact the Office of Youth Ministry for more info.**



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YOUCAT

Wednesdays

6:30pm 8pm

John Paul II House

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God."
- Hans Urs von Balthasar

parish life happening here

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. **Questions 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.

Book Club resumes

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.

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 continue his guidance, fellowship and good camaraderie. The Optio Group strives to bring Catholic men together to discuss daily applications of our faith, duties and responsibilities. Social half-hour **begins at 6:30pm**, followed by an open discussion and **optional dinner from 7-9pm**. **Questions?** Contact Kevin Wilkinson at [540-898-8353](tel:540-898-8353) or kwlknsn@yahoo.com.

► EDUCATION

- Adult Religious Education
- ESL: English/Second Language
- Faith Formation K-12 (Religious Education Program)
- Holy Cross Academy
- RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
- Vacation Bible School
- Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)
 - Confirmation Team Leaders
 - High School Youth Group
 - Middle School Youth Program
 - WorkCamp Volunteers
 - Youth Group Parent Volunteers

► LITURGY

- Altar Servers
 - Senior Altar Servers/Funerals
- Altar Society
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - Ministry to the Homebound
- Hospitality: Greeters
- Hospitality: Ushers
- Lectors
- Music Ministry
 - Adult Choir
 - Folk Choir
 - Spanish Choir
 - Children's Choirs (Grades 2-6)
 - Youth Choir (Grades 7-12)
- Seasonal Decorators

► OPERATIONS

- Administrative Support
- Bishops' Lenten Appeal Committee
- Communications Committee
- Development
 - Scrip Volunteers
- Operations Committee

► OUTREACH

- Catholic Advocacy Committee
- Ecumenical/Interreligious Commission
- Family Services (Catholic Charities)
- Health Ministry
- Homeless Shelter Dinner

- Jail/Prison Ministry
- Manna Project (Food Bank)
- Micah Ecumenical Ministries
 - Cold Night Shelter
 - Community Dinners
- Outreach Committee
- Refugee Assistance
- SHARE Program
- St. Vincent de Paul Society

► PARISH LIFE

- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Book Club
- Called and Gifted Program
- Council of Catholic Women
 - Circle of Love
 - Craft Group
 - Prayers & Squares
- Cursillo
- Funeral Reception Committee
- Gardens Committee
- Homeschoolers Group
- Knights of Columbus
- Legion of Mary
- Lenten Small Groups Program
- Magdalenes
- Men's Group
- St. Anne Sisters in Faith (Moms' Group)
- Over 40 Single Catholics
- Parish Food Chain
- Parish Life Committee
- Prayer Groups
 - Global Prayer Ministry
 - Life in the Spirit Gathering
 - Spanish Prayer Group
- Respect Life Ministry
 - Birthing of Fredericksburg
 - Mary's Shelter
- Retreats
- Secular Franciscan Order
- Senior Luncheons
- Vocations Committee
- Welcoming New Parishioners
- Young Adults
- Youth Organizations (Sponsored by parish/school)
 - American Heritage Girls
 - Boy/Cub Scouts of America
 - Girl Scouts of America
 - Squires / Roses
 - Trail Life USA Troop

JOIN US Next Weekend

Parish Life
Weekend
September 17-18

Here is a quick list of all the ministries that are available to you for parish service.

Please watch your mailboxes for our **Catalog** this week and read and pray about these groups, and consider what you might get involved in.

Next week you will have the opportunity before and after Masses to meet with representatives to find out if the fit is right for you.

In two weeks we will have **Commitment Sunday** when everyone will place the Commitment Card in the offering basket: your commitment of time for prayer, your gifts for service, and your financial support of our parish family.

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, **CLASS IS FULL.**
- **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

Walking with Purpose (en Español)

Caminar con Propósito es un estudio de Biblia para la mujer Católica de hoy. Es una guía para crecer y profundizar en la relación personal con Jesucristo, por medio del estudio personal y el diálogo en pequeños grupos que nos prepara para los desafíos y las luchas diarias por medio de las enseñanzas

de Cristo y la Iglesia Católica Romana.

El curso que ofrece la parroquia de St. Mary es "Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point." (Abriendo tu Corazón: Punto de Partida.) Tendremos grupos de diálogo en español y en inglés.

"Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point" (Abriendo tu Corazón: Punto de Partida)

El curso es fundamental y está preparado para las mujeres que comienzan la experiencia "Walking with Purpose" al igual que para las que tienen experiencia en Estudios de Biblia.

Te invitamos a que te unas a nosotras mientras profundizamos en la búsqueda diaria y preguntas que nos hacemos sobre lo que Dios quiere para nosotras. Algunas de las preguntas son:

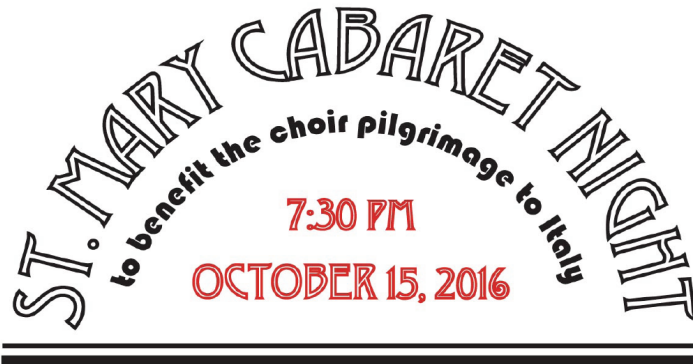
- ¿Cómo venzo mis temores?
- ¿Quién es el Espíritu Santo en mi vida?
- ¿Qué tiene que ver la Eucaristía con mi amistad con Cristo?
- ¿Cuales son los límites del perdón de Cristo?
- ¿Porqué y cómo debo rezar?
- ¿Cual es el propósito del sufrimiento en mi vida?
- ¿Qué desafíos encontraré en mis esfuerzos por seguir fielmente a Cristo?

Las clases serán los jueves en la noche comenzando **el 29 de septiembre del 2016, de las 7:15-8:30pm** en el "Parish Life Center." Matrículas se harán cuando vengas a las clases.

Contacto: Myrna Nolla Horner (540-373-4696, hornerrm@aol.com)

parish life

choir pilgrimage



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY
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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 amazing chanteuse and American Idol contestant Shae Lassiter
- ♦ 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
- ♦ The St Mary Choir Christmas Caroling for your event
- ♦ Dinner party featuring a Traditional New Orleans Menu
- ♦ Hand painted family portrait by local artist
- ♦ and much more!

Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

Tickets: \$50 per person

Buy tickets at our table after Mass, at the St. Mary Parish Office (1009 Stafford Ave. Fredericksburg, VA, 22401), or by calling Joyce O'Toole at 540-371-2365 or Carol Sullivan at 540-898-0178. Make checks to St. Mary Church. **For more info on the event, email David Mathers a dmathers@stmaryfred.org or call 540-373-6491.**



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 Saint Mary 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!)

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.

happening here

Nar-Anon group starting

The Saint Mary Nar-Anon Family Group, part of a world-wide fellowship for those afflicted by someone else's addiction, meetings will be held on **Thursdays at 7pm** in the Fr. Don Rooney Community Room. As a 12 step program, help is offered by sharing experiences, strengths and hopes.

Anonymity and confidentiality is respected and the message of hope is carried throughout the world to those affected by the addiction of someone near to the participants. This is not a religious program but a spiritual way of life.

This program is open to those participants who know or have known a feeling of desperation concerning the addiction problem of someone very dear to them and are supported by those who have travelled the unhappy road and found the answer with serenity and peace of mind.

MRS tutoring opportunities

Homework Help for Refugee Students in Our Community Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services (CCDA/MRS) is **in need of tutors** to provide homework help to local refugee students in the VA Refugee Student Achievement Project. Tutors help students for a minimum of two hours per week for one semester.

For more information, please contact CCDA/MRS at: **540-899-6507** or email Rosetta Dupree at rdupree@ccda.net.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: 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, 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 Kovalsky, Patrick Clarke, Cody Harrell, Janie Sherry, Michael Tallarita, Chris Szynal, 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, Ron Tarrell, Harold Gardiner, Gerald Gardiner, Betty Ann & Bill Dateno

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

Please check our Parish website, stmaryfred.org, for the most current priest Mass schedule for the upcoming weekend/Holy Day and other activities in the Parish.

Daily Mass intentions and readings**september****12 MONDAY**

6:30 +Robert Epps

9am +James Bowen

Noon +Marian Braud

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

13 TUESDAY

6:30 +Louis Stengel

9am Glen Sturtevant, Jr.

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31A; Lk 7:11-17

14 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Nancy Gerlach

8:15am(HCA) (For the Exaltation of the Cross) + Catherine and John Dempsey

9am +Evelyn Derouin

Noon +Donald Troup

NM 4B-9; Jn 3:13-17

15 THURSDAY

6:30 +Bernadette D'Lugonski

9am The Muller Family

1 COR 15:1-11; Lk 2:33-35

16 FRIDAY

6:30 +Joseph Trung Trinh

9am +Maurico Chavez

Noon +Daniel Soris

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

17 SATURDAY

9am Sr. Frances Carol

5pm Leo and Jess Chavarria

7pm Fr. Don Rooney

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

18 SUNDAY

7am Fr. Don Rooney

8:30 Owen Lea

10:30 +Conor and Frances O'Donoghue

10:30* +Scott Dumond

12:30 +Shirley Alrutz

2pm +Josefina Rodrigues

5pm Laura Paquette

7:01 For Our Parish

AM 8:4-7; 1 TM 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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

September 4 Offertory \$35,379.
Louisiana Flood Disaster 8,088.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul 107.

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.

Religious Education Collection

The Second Collection next weekend supports the Religious Education of our Parish. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, parish expenses for our Religious Education Program were \$42,220.73 and your generosity in supporting the faith formation of our children is sincerely appreciated.

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. **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.

Upcoming Diocesan VIRTUS 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.**

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.

Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 2

Saint Mary Parish will again participate in the **Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 2** and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in the Parish Life Center at **2pm to pick up our signs** and walk up to Route 1, where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Route 3 to College Avenue. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

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



TAIZÉ

**Monday
Sept. 12, 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.

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Cursillo Women's Weekend

The next Women's Weekend is September 15-18. The retreat is a wonderful opportunity to 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,** contact Joyce Bodoh at [540-521-0588](tel:540-521-0588) or joycebodoh@gmail.com.

Annual 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/craft items, baby items, coats and jackets, TVs and electronic items, books, movies, children's items, tools, 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](tel:540-371-3125). **Questions about the Yard Sale:** Tim Fleming at yardsale@kofc4034.org.

Give the Gift of Life

The Knights of Columbus 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](tel: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).

Welcome to SHARE at Saint Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: September 12
Food Pick-Up: September 24

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 8am 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 September:

Value Package

\$22 + 2 hrs community service

- Bratwurst (pork and beef) – 0.9 lb
- Citrus Pepper Chicken Breast Strips – .75 lb
- Breaded Cod Fillets – .75 lb
- Chicken Drumsticks – 1.6 lbs
- 8" Peach Pie!!
- And 8-12 lbs. of fresh produce, including potatoes and onions

Turkey Breast

\$15 + 2 hrs community service

- 4.33 lbs of Prima Della Turkey Breast

USDA Prime Sirloin Strip Steaks

\$31 + 2 hrs community service

- 8 – 6 oz. Steaks

Pizza

\$11 + 2 hrs community service

- 12 Oven-Ready Individual Pepperoni Pizzas

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. = \$ _____

Turkey Breast (\$15)
_____ x \$15. = \$ _____

Sirloin Strip Steaks (\$31)
_____ x \$31. = \$ _____

Pizza (\$11)
_____ x \$11. = \$ _____

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.