

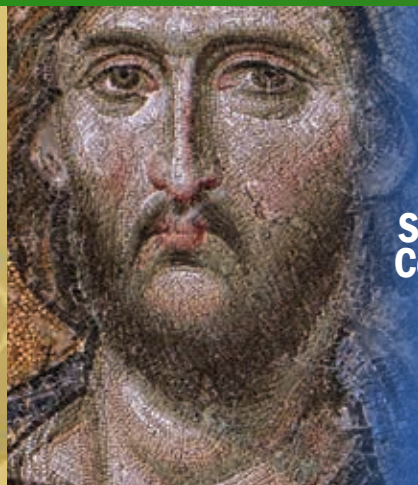
**Twenty-sixth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**25 september
2016**

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

**BEHOLD!
I make
all things**

NEW



**Stewardship
Commitment
Weekend**

what's coming



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

september

25 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship Commitment Weekend—Get involved!

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Troop 522)

11:30am, New Family Welcome Meeting, Church.

CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center.

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

26 Monday, Weekday (Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs)

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church

27 Tuesday, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Noon, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center.

28 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs)

7pm, **Start of 8-week class:** Doors of Mercy, Courtyard Meeting Room.

29 Thursday, SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

7:15pm, **Start of Bible Study class:** Walking With Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rooms 100, 203, and 204.

30 Friday, Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

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

october

1 Saturday, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

10am, Blessing of Animals, Parking Lot outside Parish Office.

2pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, Room 204.

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

2 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Respect Life Sunday

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (American Heritage Girls)

2pm, Annual Life Chain, Pick up your sign at the Parish Life Center.

CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center.

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

3 Monday, Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church

4 Tuesday, Saint Francis of Assisi

5 Wednesday, Weekday (Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest)

7pm, **Start of 8-week Scripture class:** The Gospel of Mark with Deacon Delio, Parish Office Library.

6 Thursday, Weekday (Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

7pm, Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, Room 201.

7 Friday, Our Lady of the Rosary

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

6:30pm, Squares and Prayers Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 204.

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

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

8 Saturday, Weekday

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

6pm, KoC Parish Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

nota bene (note well, please):

- ✠ This weekend is **Stewardship Commitment Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider how you can **get involved** with our parish community and share your talents and gifts with others. Please **see pages 9-10 for the Commitment Card**.
- ✠ The traditional **blessing of animals** for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on **Saturday, October 1 at 10am in the parking lot** at the statue of St. Francis in front of the Parish Office Building. Please park away from the building to allow space for our "rambunctious" pets. Please also come prepared to clean up after your pet in case of "accidents." **All animals should be contained or leashed.**
- ✠ Next Sunday, October 2, is **Respect Life Sunday**. Saint Mary Parish will again participate in the **Annual Life Chain**. 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.
- ✠ The **Saint Mary Choir's Cabaret Night** fundraiser, featuring lively music and silent auction is **Saturday, October 15 at 7:30pm** at Holy Cross Academy. Tickets are \$50. Buy tickets after Mass, at the parish office or by calling Joyce O'Toole at 540-371-2365.

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,

I meant to put this in the bulletin last weekend for Parish Life Weekend. However, I realized that this Sunday is Commitment Weekend, so maybe it's a better fit here! If you are reading this over a cup of coffee at IHOP, then you may have already signed up for a new ministry. But for all of you who read the bulletin during Mass: purely for your entertainment, not to be actually used by anyone, here are this year's top excuses given for not committing to serve:

"I was busy texting during Mass, what are you talking about?"

"I am busy with Destiny's Rise of Iron." (Sorry, inside joke for a few geeks like me).

"If I sit in the back of the Church and Father can't see me.... then he isn't speaking to me."

"A unicorn told me to chill out this year."

"If there isn't an iPhone app for it, I don't do it."

"If I can get past Father's gaze, I won't feel guilty about doing nothing."

"I love volunteering, especially when others do it."

"I have no worries, and no responsibilities."

"I see these appeals every year, why rush?"

"I had a vision of Jesus, he told me to pick up my pillow and follow Him."

with a smile,

Fr. Mosimann

Vocations Corner

Sr. Susan Louise, our beloved principal at Holy Cross Academy and Oblate Sister, made her First Profession on September 7, 1974 in Childs, MD and her Perpetual Profession on September 8, 1979, also in Childs, MD. Her family, her Catholic education, and working alongside the Oblate Sisters were the most important influences in her vocation. Her parents always told her and her five siblings that a vocation to the priesthood or religious life was the greatest blessing that a family could have. Sister's family has been very blessed with three of the siblings becoming Oblate Sisters.

During her time as an Oblate, she has served at Mount Aviat Academy in Childs, MD, the Oblate Motherhouse in Troyes, France, St. Anthony School in Wilmington, DE, St. Bernadette School in Drexel Hill, PA, and here at Holy Cross Academy—and we are so grateful the Oblate Sisters are here!

One thing you may not know about Sister is that she speaks fluent French. Next time you see her say Bonjour! Sr. Susan attended Catholic school and says education was very important to her family as was music. Sr. Susan is gifted in song writing and wrote the Holy Cross Academy school song, a favorite among many.

Growing up her parents were involved in the Church and the community and set a wonderful example of service for their children. Sr. Susan Louise loves to read as well as taking care of plants and arranging flowers.

As an Oblate Sister, she lives by St. Francis de Sales' motto, "Live Jesus," and encourages us all to do the same. **"Do not be afraid to make a commitment, it is essential in life to be really happy. Don't be afraid to give all to God so that you can have all his love. It is worth the risk."**

One of Sr. Susan's favorite prayers is from Psalm 131 which includes the line "Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace." To know Sr. Susan is to know God's love. She is unassuming and quiet but accomplished in so many ways. You can see the peace and joy in her heart by the way she greets the students every morning at school and by observing her in the many ways she serves Saint Mary. We are so blessed to have her with us and to help us grow closer to Jesus each day. Merci Sister!

holy cross academy

All things are better with books, play-doh, and ... chocolate!

Our Holy Cross library has hundreds of new books to the delight of our eager readers. Students at all grade levels are enjoying exploring new selections in fiction, science, biography, and history. Many of these books were purchased through generous donations given in memory of Mr. Keith Britton who passionately loved both reading and children. Where do those two things come together best? In the library, of course.

First graders are hard at work in both reading and math classes. Our teachers provide interesting experiences that allow the children to learn in all different ways. Rearranging a number chart is one objective of a recent lesson. Just as importantly, the children are learning how to work together and to help each other.

And we all know that any lesson is made better with Play-Doh. Why not make the words out of Play-Doh as we are learning to read and spell them. Our first graders agree that this is a great idea.

Coming soon outside of Saint Mary: World's Finest Chocolate. Look for our eager salespersons after Mass the 3rd and 4th weekends of October. We continue to be grateful for your support of our parish school.

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

Faith formation is a way of life

The family is the domestic church and within the family we learn and live our Catholic Faith. We should strive to keep Sundays holy, celebrate the sacraments, engage in our

children's faith development, and practice works of mercy.

Parents are encouraged to nurture their own faith by participating in the many formation programs offered by the parish **and signing up for FORMED.**



What is FORMED?

FORMED.org is an online platform featuring the best Catholic video programs, movies, audio talks and eBooks. Catechism and personal faith formation is now easily available to every parishioner.

Signing up for FORMED:

1. Go to **formed.org**
2. Enter Saint Mary's parish code: **F6F228**
3. Fill out the registration form and create a personal password
4. Submit your profile
5. Explore FORMED

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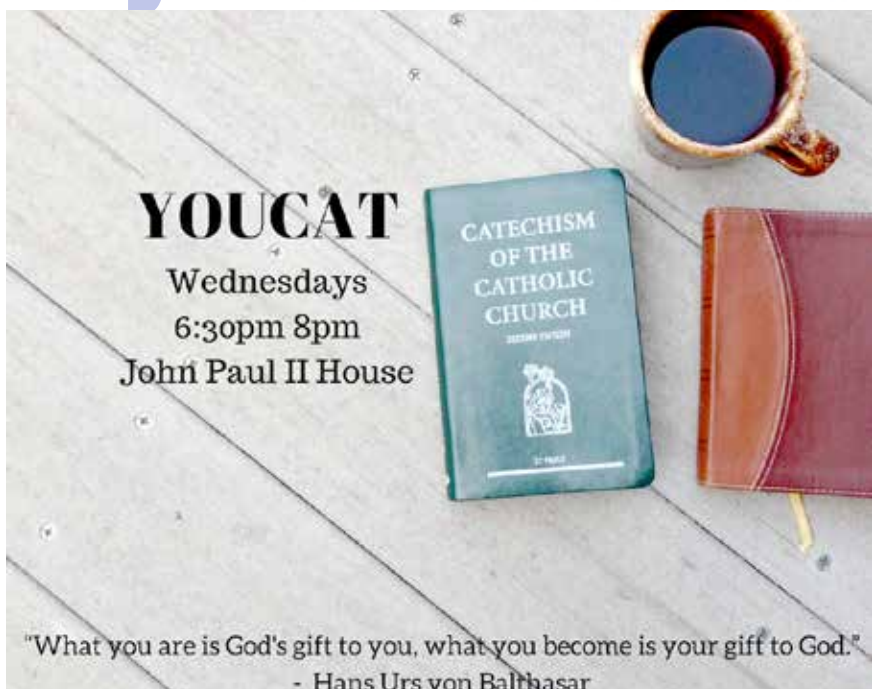
#GetInvolvedBeTransformed



Teen Therapy Group

Catholic Charities Family Services is starting a Teen Group. The group will help teens who are struggling with stress, feelings of sadness, anxiety issues, peer and family relationship issues, and challenges in communicating with others.

The group will begin in September and meet weekly on Fridays at 4pm for 3 months. Parents should call the main office at **540-371-1124** to schedule a free in-person consultation with one of the two group leaders.



adult education

Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You

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.

Starts Wednesday, September 28, 7-8:30pm • Courtyard Meeting Room • Facilitator: JoAnne Baker and Tess Thome • Cost: \$20 due first day of class • Registration: Call the parish office • Questions: See www.mercystudy.com or email Tess Thome at tessnmike@cox.net.

**Starts
September
28**

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. **Learn more at walkingwithpurpose.com. This year Saint Mary is offering two courses.**

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.

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.

Both classes start Thursday, September 29, 7:15-8:30pm • Parish Life Center • Materials: We will discuss 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 Espanol)

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.

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)

**Starts
September
29**

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.

Starts Wednesday, October 5 at 7pm • 8 weeks • Possible second class at 11:45am • Parish Library.

**Starts
October
5**

parish life happening here



HOLT CROSS ACADEMY
250 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY

ENTERTAINMENT

musical entertainment from theater and songbook plus comedy, dancing and other light entertainments!

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

- Golfing with Fr. Mosimann and Regis Keddie at Fawn Lake
- Christmas week and New Year's Eve at Massanutten Resort
- Private cooking class for ten at The Kitchen at Whittingham
- 2 hours of gardening or cleanup from Sheridan Landscaping
- Catered dinner for four at Rectory with our parish priests
- Guided nature walk and picnic with expert Virginia guides
- Christmas caroling by the St. Mary Choir at your event
- Festive boating and picnic on Accokeek Creek
- Traditional New Orleans dinner for eight
- Hand-painted family portrait by local artist

HORS D'OEUVRES AND CASH BAR

Tickets: \$50 per person

Buy tickets after Mass, at the St. Mary 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. **For more info on the event, contact David Mathers at dmathers@stmaryfred.org, 540-373-6491.**

Marriage Enrichment Evening

Married and engaged couples of all ages welcome to attend *Love For a Lifetime: Keys to Building a Joyful, Lasting Marriage*. Featuring popular speakers, **David and Margaret Bereit**, who have helped hundreds of couples prepare for marriage, conducted relationship classes, and led numerous marriage enrichment programs. **Friday, November 11, from from 7-9pm at St. Annes Parish Hall, Arlington, VA.** Desserts and drinks provided. \$15 per couple. Register at loveforever.eventbrite.com. Questions: contact Nancy McKeague at the Office for Family Life, 703-841-3807.

Senior luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday, September 27**. Doors open at **noon** and lunch is served at 12:15pm. All seniors in the parish are invited and admission is free. Entertainment will be provided until 2pm. For additional information, call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580.

Teaching Mass

The Young Adult Group will be sponsoring a Teaching Mass on **Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30pm**. Fr Colin will lead us through the mass, explaining the various parts and aspects. All are welcome.

Young Adults Winery Trip

Please join the Young Adult Group for a trip to Potomac Point Vineyard and Winery on **Sunday, October 2, at 1pm**. If interested we plan on participating in a tasting. Bring a picnic lunch if you desire! Kids welcome—the winery promotes itself as being kid- friendly.

Family Holy Hour

A Family Holy Hour will be held

on **Saturday, October 8, at 11:30am**. Families of all ages are invited to this event, which will include Adoration, praise and worship.

October Book Club

Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home), the 2015 encyclical letter of Pope Francis, is the parish book club's choice for its **October 11 meeting at 10am** in the St. John Paul II House. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Kathleen Mahoney at 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com for more information.

Attn: crafters and bakers

Donations for the Annual Craft Bazaar (October 29-30) can be taken to Room 100 in the Parish Life Center (next to the kitchen) any Thursday morning or to the church office with Wanda Cushing's name on it. **Our fabulous bake sale is also part of the Craft Bazaar as is our plant sale.** If possible, all bake-sale items should be in by Friday afternoon, October 28. CCW Bake Sale should be noted on things left in the kitchen. Please bring any donated plants Friday afternoon as well. All money raised is used for CCW annual charitable donations. **Questions:** Contact Wanda at 373-9184 or wcushing@verizon.net.

Needed: Spirit Rock

Holy Cross Academy is looking for the donation of a very large rock—essentially a boulder—to be used at the HCA "Spirit Rock." Similar to the way the local public schools have painted rocks on their campuses, the Student Strength Society will be hosting several athletic contests throughout the school year for the students to win the right to paint the Spirit Rock as a class and share their school/class pride. **Questions?** Contact Jaime Cammack, jvbcammack@gmail.com.

treasure MAKES THINGS NEW

I will support my parish financially.

Lord, I am thankful for your goodness. We find fulfillment in faith when we share with others what we have. Each household at St. Mary is asked to work toward making a certain giving goal each year in order to provide a stable parish budget allowing for growth, perhaps based on the 10% Biblical tithe.

Prayerfully consider this possibility:

5% for our Parish of Saint Mary
1% for the work of the Diocese
4% to other charities.

Examples: Annual Income Weekly Gift
\$30,000 \$29
\$50,000 \$48
\$70,000 \$67
\$100,000 \$96

My Gift to my church, Saint Mary, is:

\$

☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually

The option of electronic giving is offered through Faith Direct. If you wish to enroll, visit www.faithdirect.net online. Our parish code is VA635.



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Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

Please prayerfully consider your response to God's call this year to renewal and service. For each member of the family, consider one activity (or more) and indicate their name in the blanks before each ministry in the list.

All are asked to fill out this card -- if you are already involved in a ministry we ask that you renew your commitment by marking the box "NOW." If it is a new ministry you are going to try, please mark the box "NEW."

Bring this card to Masses on September 24-25, Parish Commitment Sunday, or mail it to us using the envelope provided. Thanks, and God bless you for your involvement in our parish community!

time MAKES THINGS NEW

My commitment: time with God in prayer.

Lord, I want to know you more. We are only alive in God as much as we are willing to be involved in prayer. Only then are we prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

For the coming year, I intend to:

- ☐ Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
☐ Attend weekday Mass at least once a week.
☐ Spend 15 minutes a day in private prayer.
☐ Invite a friend or acquaintance to Mass.
☐ Pray together with my family before meals.
☐ Pray a daily ☐ weekly rosary with my family.
☐ Discuss our Catholic Faith with my children.
☐ Teach my children our prayers.
☐ Read Sacred Scripture for one hour a week.
☐ Spend an hour in Adoration each week.
☐ Bring my family for Adoration once a month.
☐ Read Scripture with my spouse each day.
☐ Go to confession at least every 2 or 3 months.

2016-2017 Commitment Card

First and Last Name (please, one card per family) _____
Street Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Telephone (important) _____
email address (please print) _____

Please tear out and complete the front and back of this Commitment Card

talent

MAKES THINGS NEW

How I will use my talents in parish ministries:

Lord, help me to help you make all things new. Please read about each of the ministries listed below in the Parish Renewal Handbook. After you sign up, you will be contacted by the area leader to explain how to get involved.

For the coming year, we hope to be active in the following areas. (Please write the first name of each family member in each ministry. If you are already involved, please check the box in the NOW column. If this is a new commitment, please check NEW.)

	NOW	NEW		NOW	NEW		NOW	NEW
► EDUCATION								
Adult Religious Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cursillo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious Education K-12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bishops' Lenten Appeal Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funeral Reception Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holy Cross Academy volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gardens Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RCIA Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeschoolers Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vacation Bible School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Scrip Volunteers</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knights of Columbus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operations Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legion of Mary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirmation Team Leaders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lenten Small Groups Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High School Youth Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	► OUTREACH			Magdalenes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle School Youth Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Catholic Advocacy Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Men's Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WorkCamp Volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ecumen'l/Int'l rel Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	St. Anne Sisters in Faith (Moms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Group Parent Volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Services (Catholic Charities)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 40 Single Catholics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Health Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish Food Chain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
► LITURGY								
Altar Servers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless Shelter Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish Life Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Altar Servers (Funerals)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jail/ Prison Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prayer Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Altar Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manna Project (Food Bank)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Global Prayer Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eucharistic Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Micah Ecumenical Ministries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Life in the Spirit Gathering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ministry to the Homebound/Sick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cold Night Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish Prayer Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospitality: Greeters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Community Dinners</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Respect Life Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospitality: Ushers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outreach Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Birthday of Fredericksburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lectors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refugee Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary's Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music Ministry (volunteer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHARE Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retreats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	St. Vincent de Paul Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Luncheons volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Folk Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	► PARISH LIFE			Secular Franciscan Order	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ancient Order of Hibernians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocations Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Choir (Grades 2-6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Book Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Welcoming New Parishioners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Choir (Grades 7-12)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Called and Gifted Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Young Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seasonal Decorators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Council of Catholic Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Organizations (Sponsored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Circle of Love	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	American Heritage Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Craft Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Boy/Cub Scouts of America	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Prayers & Squares	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Girl Scouts of America	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Squires and Roses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trail Life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Give the Gift of Life

The KoC is sponsoring a blood drive on **Wednesday, September 28, from 1-6pm** in the Saint 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. **Questions?** Please call Rick Reschick at **540-850-5587**.

Essay Contest

KoC Council #4034 is sponsoring an essay contest. All Catholic students, in grades 8-12, are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to type a 500-750 word essay on the theme of "The Importance of Religious Freedom." All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the contest and prizes will be provided to the top 3 in each grade level. **Essays must be completed by October 31.** Participants are required to furnish written parental consent. **Contact** youthdirector@kofc4034.org for entry form and more information.

Citrus Fruit Sale

The KoC wants to thank the Parishioners of Saint Mary for your support last year on our first-ever citrus fruit fundraiser. The funds were used to support the Religious Education

Assistance Program (REAP), a scholarship program providing financial grants to children attending local Catholic schools. The fruit comes from Florida citrus groves and is shipped soon after it's picked so you can be assured of freshness. It's great to eat and a great holiday gift. **Orders will be taken** after all Masses October 9–November 20 and **pickup will be** the weekend of December 10-11 at the Scott Insurance & Financial Services Building located at 2115 Lafayette Boulevard. **Questions? 540-840-5230.**



Informative Cancer Booklets

Do you know someone with cancer? Are you a caregiver for a loved one with cancer? The KoC has been providing a booklet to cancer patients, their caregivers, and loved ones. The booklet was written by a registered nurse and provides recommendations on transportation, financial aid, nutrition advice, medical information, etc. It is titled **The Cancer Journey. Hope and Inspiration by Patricia C. Hanson, R. N.**—the wife of a Knight in Council #4034. Her thoughts and positive motivation strikes at the heart of despair and anguish, and builds positive motivation for both patient and caregiver. No compensation is expected but any donations would be greatly

appreciated, thereby allowing the perpetuation of this project.

To obtain a booklet, ask any usher. Booklets are also available at Scott Insurance & General Services located at 2115 Lafayette Boulevard.

October Family Dinner

The October Family Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 8 from 6-8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes pork loin, escalloped apples, boiled red potatoes, glazed carrots, and cherry cheesecake. The profit will be donated to the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults: \$7, Seniors (60&up): \$6, Teens: \$6, Children (7-12): \$5, Children (under 7): Free. **The max cost per family is \$25.**

Coats for Kids

Last November, the KoC, generous parishioners of the church, local businesses, the Fredericksburg Sheriff's Office, Fredericksburg Victim Witness Assistance Program, Mary's Shelter, and Fredericksburg schools joined together to provide 130 coats to needy kids in the Fredericksburg area.

Please consider donating again to this worthy effort. Many kids had never received a new coat before in their lives. Please help us change this. If you can help, please contact charity@kofc4034.org.



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

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Weekly Offertory

September 18 Offertory \$33,449.
Rel. Education Collection 4,865.
Cath. Univ. Collection (add'l) 2125.
Poor Box-St. Vincent de Paul 210.

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.

Porto Charities Annual Collection For God's Special Children

The month of October has been designated as Disabilities Awareness Month, and Bishop Loverde has once again endorsed Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. **Next weekend, October 1-2, there will be a second collection to assist special need programs** at Paul VI High School, Pope John Paul the Great, St. Mark's School Special Education Options Program, the Helen Keller Institute, Gabriel Home, Special Olympics, and the "Keyboard for Kids" program which provides audio visual communication capability to special needs students in the diocese. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, their families and this entire diocese. Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. **All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church.**

Children's Offertory Envelopes for October

The children's charity in October is **Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center** in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including



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Celebrating 40 Years of Loving them Both

When:
October 22, 2016, 6-10 pm

Where:
Fredericksburg Country Club
11031 Tidewater Trail
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

More Information:
birthrightoffredericksburg.com
birthrightfred@gmail.com
540.898.8558

The essence of Birthright is love.
Birthright is unique and committed to offering free, non-judgmental help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthright offers love, hope and support to each woman, to help her make a realistic plan for her future and the future of her unborn child.

2006 Lafayette Blvd., Suite 201, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

The Birthright of Fredericksburg Story

In 1976, a few good souls knew that to combat the "choice of abortion," another choice needed to be made available to women in our community facing an unplanned pregnancy. Led by many St Mary parishioners, they simply asked, "How can we help you have your baby?" And so began the quiet, purposeful presence of Birthright of Fredericksburg! Forty years later, Birthright continues to provide needed services to women seeking our assistance and so by serving mothers, we serve their unborn babies. As a result, many women considering abortion choose life. We hope you will join us for our 40th anniversary celebration.

sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process.

Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 2

The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration. Hundreds of Christians stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs reading

Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: The Loving Option, Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation, and Life: The First Inalienable Right. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives. **Saint Mary Parish will participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 2.** We will meet in the **Parish Life Center at 2pm**, pick up signs, and walk 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.

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First Fri. All Night Adoration

Our First Friday evening Mass, **October 7, at 8pm** is followed by All Night Adoration until 9am Saturday morning. At least two people need to be present with Our Lord at all times during Adoration. Please sign up today to adore Our Lord and to honor His Holy Mother by saying the Rosary in His Divine Presence.

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight." — St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Feast Day October 1

Pro Life Reflection

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not have yet healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life."

—Pope John Paul II, Gospel of Life

Christmas Bazaar

October 29–30, 2016 is the Saint Mary Craft Group's Christmas Bazaar. Put your shopping list together now!

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: 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, 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 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 Dowling, Kelly Keiser, Lauren McKeever, Janese Morris, Mary Keaton, Montgomery Wood, Ron Tarrell, Harold Gardiner, Gerald Gardiner, Betty Ann & Bill Dateno, Jennifer Smith, Patricia Von Nieda, Corrine Gardine, David Arnold, Matt, Elsie and Riley Seidlinger, Jeanette Ann Williams, Maureen Flanagan

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.

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.**

Daily Mass intentions and readings**september****26 MONDAY**

6:30 +Brian Hagen
9am +Mary Ngat Vu
Noon +Mary and Steve Morrison
 Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

27 TUESDAY

6:30 +Raymond Mankowski
9am All Souls
 Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

28 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Bob Rooney
9am +Addie Comerford
Noon +Patrick Bauer
 Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

29 THURSDAY

6:30 Martin and Marie Wagner
9am Walter and Marie Jessup
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

30 FRIDAY

6:30 Sr. Susan Louise
8:15* +Keith Britton
9am +Margaret Clancy
Noon Adam and Catherine Clagett
 Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

1 SATURDAY

9am +Patrick and Margaret Gralton
5pm +Stefan Wolanski
7pm For Our Parish
 Jb 42:1-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

2 SUNDAY

7am +Roseanne Burke
8:30 +Theresa Boehringer
10:30 +Those Who Died in Sept.
10:30* +Scott Dumond
12:30 John and Nancy Wade
2pm Dag Gollopp
5pm +Deloris Ross
7:01 +Archangel Saracino
 Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;
 Lk 17:5-10

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*