

**Twenty-seventh
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**2 october
2016**

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



what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

october

2 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Respect Life Sunday

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (American Heritage Girls)
1:45pm, 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.

9 SUNDAY, TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Youth Ministry)
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center.
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

10 Monday, Weekday

Columbus Day, Parish Offices closed.

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church
8:15, Taize Prayer Gathering, Church.

11 Tuesday, Weekday (St. John XXIII, Pope)

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

12 Wednesday, Weekday

13 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7pm, Nar-Anon meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

14 Friday, Weekday (Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr)

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

15 Saturday, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

7:30pm, Saint Mary Cabaret Night, Holy Cross Academy.
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ The **second collection this weekend** is for Porto Charities' "**Special Kids, Special Needs Collection**" which supports intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. Thank you for your generous support.
- ✂ Please return your **Commitment Card!** You are welcome to mail it in, bring it by the office, or drop it in the basket in the rear of the church. Everyone is asked to prayerfully make a commitment to living your faith by getting involved in the parish!
- ✂ This Sunday, October 2, is **Respect Life Sunday**. Saint Mary Parish will participate in the **Annual Life Chain**. Pick up signs in the Parish Life Center at **1:45pm** 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.
- ✂ 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.
- ✂ Saint Mary **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** is Thursday, October 20: **RSVPs are due Monday, October 17**. See invitation on page 8-9.
- ✂ **Parish directories have arrived!** Please stop by the parish office **after 2pm Monday-Friday** to pick up your copy. The 2016 Parish Directories are available to those individuals and families who participated in the 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,

One change this weekend in the manner in which we distribute Holy Communion. When you come up the center aisle, there will only be the 2 priests or Extraordinary Ministers at the head of the aisle. There will no longer be 2 extra stations at the busier masses. The reason for this in order to simplify communion and help the area where you receive to be free of last second distractions and decisions.

Over the years I have observed that when the faithful are faced with a last second decision (go to this communion station or that one), it proves for many to be a distraction from the singular purpose for which they have come forward: focussing on Jesus and the reverent reception of Holy communion. I see people hesitate, and do stutter steps, or have to tuck their shoulder in to slip by the person receiving from the other station.

This will have some effect on the length of our communion time, but less dramatic than you might expect. Eliminating these spots will likely add a minute or two, but I will always prioritize devout reception of communion over speeding up Mass. Having met last weekend with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, this change is effective this weekend going forward.

Additionally, I will be meeting with the Usher Coordinator and the Head Ushers of each Mass to see if other changes to the manner of distributing communion might help with the flow of traffic. I have asked them to keep an eye on how this works, until we can meet to discuss and I can get their input.

Additionally, this is the last weekend where Maura Harrison serves as our bulletin editor. She has graciously served the parish and edited this beautiful bulletin for more than 2 years. We thank her and wish her abundant blessings!

Pax
Fr. Mosimann

Thank You!

Parish Life Weekend and Commitment Sunday

Thank you—all ministry leaders, volunteers, and parishioners—for your help in making this year's Parish Life Weekend such a wonderful success. "Cookie duty," set up/take down, coordinating the youth, translating, engaging in conversations about the various ministries—the list goes on and on. Most importantly, thank you for the warm smiles and welcome you provided which were essential. We would not have been able to do this without everyone's hard work.

We ask you to take time to reflect on the various ministries and many ways you are called to share your time, talent, and treasure for the vitality of the parish and to answer the question: **Where are you being called to serve?**

Please look for your Parish Renewal Packet in the mail, and then bring your commitment card with you to Mass. If you haven't already, find a home here at St. Mary. Joining our ministries and sharing your talents will allow you to be woven into the fabric that is our wonderful parish.

It is such a pleasure to work with all of you. Our parish is so blessed to have such amazing parishioners.

holy cross academy



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2012*

Enjoying the great outdoors

These early Autumn days allow us to spend lots of time outdoors. Our students enjoy heading out for recess where they can play games such as football, soccer, basketball, kickball or tag. Many of the children take advantage of our playground equipment which allows them to climb, slide, swing, flip and jump. From kindergarten right through to the 8th grade, everyone looks forward to recess and lunchtime.

Our sports program is off to a good start. Middle school girls can choose between field hockey and volley ball. Our boys play soccer this season. All of our teams are doing well and are exhibiting good sportsmanship and school spirit. At their first home game, our field hockey team took a moment to remember our beloved teacher, Mrs. JoAnn James, who passed away last year.

We hope that you will sign up for GIANT Bonus Bucks. This program requires us to sign up every year. Go to www.giantfood.com/aplus and enter our school code 02320. This past year, our PTO received \$3,043.69 from Giant Bonus Bucks to support our many programs for the benefit of our

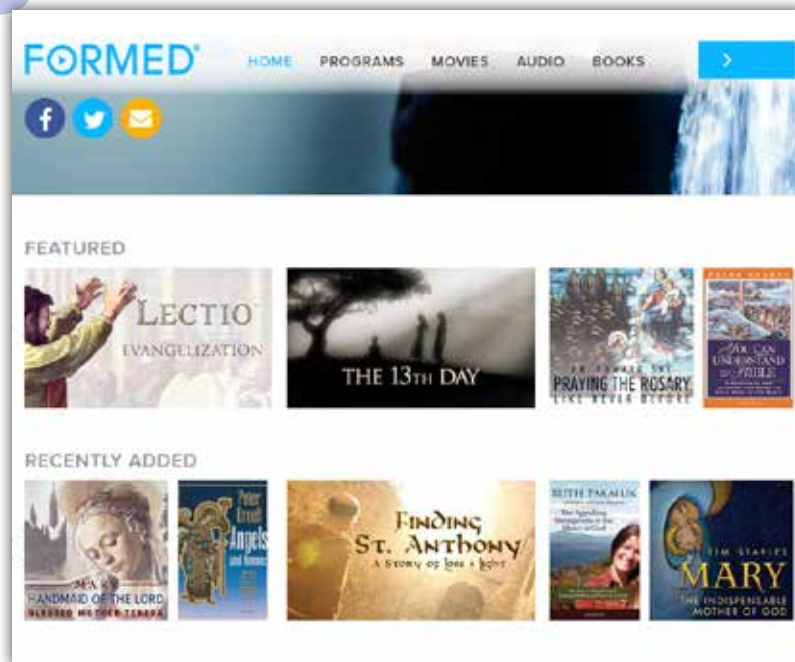
children. It just takes a minute to sign up. Every time you use your Giant member number, our children benefit.

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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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

youth ministry



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Middle School Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group is coming back for an hour of power. Join us **October 2 from 3:30pm-4:30pm** for friends faith and fun! All 7th and 8th grade students are welcome.

Confirmation 2018

A friendly reminder to all parents of first year Confirmation candidates that we will be having our first meeting on **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:30pm** in the Church. We will discuss the entire Confirmation process so that you are aware of all that your child has to do. I cannot stress enough how important it is for you and your child to be at this meeting!

Confirmation 2017

We are meeting with our second year Confirmation candidates on **Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30pm** in the Church. We will be discussing year 2 of Confirmation formation and what is coming up. Any missing forms that have not been submitted should be turned in that night. One parent and the candidate must attend.

Still need Confirmation Team Leaders for 2018

As part of our Confirmation formation, each candidate is placed in a team of 10 youth broken up according to the neighborhoods that they live in. Each team requires at least one, background checked and virtus

certified adult to guide our youth in corporal and spiritual works of mercy. If interested contact Leo in the Youth Ministry Office.

Diocesan High School Rally: October 23

Join us for the Diocesan High School Rally on **Sunday, October 23 from 10am-9pm**. This event is a celebration of our faith and love of the Lord. We will gather for over eight hours of live music, games, inspirational speakers, and Sunday Mass with Bishop Loverde. Cost is \$35 and a permission slip. **RSVP by no later than Wednesday, October 12.**

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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 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.**

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](tel:540-371-2073) or bmah761569@aol.com for more information.

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.



**HOLY 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.**

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Cancer Support Group

Our Believe Group continues to grow and provide spiritual support for those facing a cancer diagnosis and their loved ones. The confidential sharing of scripture, personal thoughts, and experiences generates an



uplifting time for those involved. Please, if this is a situation present in your life, join us on **October 16, 2016 from 9:30-11am** in the Courtyard Meeting Room

(Father Rooney Room).

Sharing can be a strong part of healing, but just as important is presence. Your presence as part of the body of Christ can provide strength to us all.

Questions? Call **540-845-3031** and join us for this spiritual journey as we reflect, share and pray together.

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**.

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

Funds from the Knights of Columbus' Citrus Fruit Sale supports 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

Dear Saint Mary and Holy Cross Volunteers,

You are cordially invited,

all who have volunteered at

Saint Mary or Holy Cross during the past year,

**to come to our ninth annual
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

Dinner and dancing,

Thursday, the 20th of October

6pm at Holy Cross Academy



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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.**

Pilgrimage: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

The CCW is sponsoring a St. Mary pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond to enter through the Door of Mercy. This will take place on **Saturday, November 5, 2016**. After the tour and either a Mass or a lecture about the cathedral's history, we will proceed to the Lewis Ginter Gardens for a short tour and lunch. **The cost will be \$30** which will include the bus trip, driver tip and entrance to Ginter

Gardens. Lunch is available there, which is on your own, the cost ranges between \$5 and \$10. **Registration will be taken at the church office.** For more information call Carleen Delio at **540-412-9608**.

Election 2016: Forming your conscience

With the Presidential election a few months away, Bishop Loverde is writing a series of articles that will guide us in making decisions based on our core values as Catholics. The series is called *Forming Our Consciences*. Look for the third article in this weeks' Arlington Catholic Herald, or online at **catholicherald.com**.

Stewardship reflections

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."

—2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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



This is our way of saying **"Thank you for all that you do!"** There is no cost for the meal and dress is casual. Seating is limited, adults only, please.

To make your reservation, **please RSVP** to the parish office, 540-373-6491 or to Rick Caporali at **rcaporali@stmaryfred.org** **by Monday, October 17.**

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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 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**.

St. Jude Pilgrimage

Would you be interested in a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception? Would you like a chance to step through the Holy Door in this Year of Mercy? St. Jude parish is planning a pilgrimage on **Monday, October 10**. The bus will leave the St. Jude parking lot at 8am, returning in the late afternoon. If you would like to go, please call the parish office at **891-7350** or email receptionist@stjudechurch.us. Cost of the trip is \$20—transportation only, lunch is not included. Payment reserves your space.

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

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 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.

Bishop O'Connell High School Open House

Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting an Open House on **Sunday, October 16, from 1-4 pm** where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Visit renovated science labs, learn more about the curriculum, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. No RSVP necessary. Presentation begins at 1 pm in the auditorium. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call **703-237-1433**. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

Cursillo weekend retreat

Are you hungering for a closer walk with Jesus? Consider a Cursillo, a 3-day weekend centered around a life closer to Jesus. To find out more, contact Doug or Tammie Chute at **540-785-0570, tammiechute@hotmail.com**. **Upcoming Men's Cursillo weekend is October 13-16, 2016.**

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



TAIZÉ

**Monday
October 10, 8:15pm**

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

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

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

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

Saint Mary Catholic Church

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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, Amber Hedegty, Josephine Kreider, Theresa Aguilar, Darlene Guinn, Boyd Woodside, Lillian Held, Karen Danis, Duska Green, Mary Jean and Don Williams, O'Neta Shorter, Alice Rowles, Melvyn Schreckinger, Mary Ulmer, Mary Branham, Jessica 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, Fannie Manning, April Gray, Tim Conway

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

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3 MONDAY

6:30 +Bill Russell
9am Michael Davis
Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

4 TUESDAY

6:30 Father Timothy Uhen
9am +Timothy Hanlon
Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

5 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Tamlyn Leaf
9am +Margaret Dougherty
Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Lk 11:1-4

6 THURSDAY

6:30 Father Daniel Sinisi
9am Charles Stewart
Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

7 FRIDAY

6:30 +Michael Chase
8:15* +Keith Britton
9am +Coletta Lause
8pm +George Alan Dixon
Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

8 SATURDAY

9am +Deloris Ross
5pm +Patricia Laughton
7pm +Theodore Zbrzezni
Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

9 SUNDAY

7am For our Parish
8:30 Grace Ciccotelli
10:30 Mary Ann Holzworth
10:30*+Timothy Hanlon
12:30 The Britton Family
2pm +Jose Luis Rodriguez
5pm Ann Conti
7:01 +Bernard Tan
2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
Lk 17:11-19

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

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

September 25 Offertory \$29,625.
Parish Building Fund 8,664.
Rel. Ed. Collection (add'l) 1,946.
Poor Box-St. Vincent de Paul 131.

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 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 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.

Pro Life Reflection

"God's infinite love for each one of us helps us to grasp our identity and our worth. The recognition of this dignity leads us to respect and protect each person's life..." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities) *We pray for the world that all people may recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God's creation.*

A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless

Manna Project Food Drive Results

Thank you parishioners of Saint Mary! During our September Food Drive, Manna Project volunteers collected **1,685 pounds of non-perishable goods and raised \$5,024** for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. This equates to 11,452 meals to help those in need! We are grateful to the Manna volunteers and members of Saint Mary for helping us fight hunger in our area.



gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 2

St. Mary Parish welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well to participate

in the Annual Life Chain. **We will meet outside the Parish Life Center at 1:45pm** 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.

October—The Month Of The Holy Rosary

By Apostolic Brief at the Eucharistic Congress of Bologna, in September 1927, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who recite the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for veneration or reserved in the Tabernacle.

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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

CCW's Fall Bazaar, bake sale

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

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.

Welcome to SHARE at Saint Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: October 10
Food Pick-Up: October 22

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 October:

Value Package

\$22 + 2 hrs community service

- Chicken Thighs and Drums—3 lbs.
- Ham Steak, Bone-In—1.75 lbs.
- Chicken Breasts, IQF—1 lb.
- Tilapia Filets, IQF—1 lb.
- 8-12 lbs. of fresh beautiful produce, including potatoes and onions

Seafood Special

\$30 + 2 hrs community service

- 1.5 lbs. each of Swai, Salmon, Tilapia Pollack
- Plus 1 lb. of Little Salad Shrimp

Fall Produce Box

\$17 + 2 hrs community service

- 4 local apples, 1 hand bananas, 4 yams, 1 eggplant, 4 bartlett pears, 1 butternut squash

Shrimp & Black Bean Empanadas

\$11 + 2 hrs community service

- 40 1-oz. snacks

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. = \$ _____

Seafood Special (\$30)
_____ x \$30. = \$ _____

Fall Produce Box (\$17)
_____ x \$17. = \$ _____

Empanadas (\$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.