

**Thirty-First
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**30 October
2016**

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



The Calling of Zacchaeus

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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

october

30 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Council of Catholic Women)
CCW Annual Craft Bazaar, 9am-Noon, Parish Life Center
6pm, CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group, Parish Life Center

31 Monday, Weekday

No Novena/Benediction due to Vigil for All Saints
6pm, 7:30pm, Vigil Mass for All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation), Church
7:30pm, RCIA/RCIA Class, Church
No Religious Education Classes this week

november

1 Tuesday, All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 6:30am, 9am, Noon, 6pm, 7:30pm, Church
No Religious Education Classes

2 Wednesday, All Souls Day

Masses at 6:30am, 9am, Noon, 6pm, Church
Light Reception following 6pm Mass for all loved ones who died in 2016, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, YouCat, John Paul II House
7pm, The Gospel of Mark with Deacon Delio, Parish Office Library

3 Thursday, Weekday (Saint Martin de Porres, Religious)

7pm, NarAnon Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room
No Walking with Purpose Classes this week
7pm, Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, Rm 201
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

4 Friday, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

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

5 Saturday, Weekday

9am, Talleres De Oracion, Courtyard Meeting Room
9:30am, Diocesan Day of Recollection for Divorced Catholics, Parish Life Center
6pm, Frank Bautista Italian Night, Parish Life Center

6 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Youth Ministry)
SCRIP Sales after all Masses except 2pm, Parish Life Center
9am, Health Ministry Flu Shots, Parish Life Center
6pm, CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group, Parish Life Center

7 Monday, Weekday

Vocation Awareness Week begins
6:30pm, Prayers and Squares Ministry, Parish Life Center, Rm 204

8 Tuesday, Weekday

Election Day

9 Wednesday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ **Tuesday, November 2** is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – **All Souls' Day**. We will celebrate **Masses at 6:30am, 9am, 12noon and 6:00pm**. The 6:00pm Mass will be for the intention of all those who died in 2016 and their families. There will be a light reception in the Parish Life Center following this Mass.
- ✂ Remember to include your loved ones in our annual **All Souls' Day Novena of Masses**. Envelopes are available in the vestibule or in the Parish office.
- ✂ **The Second Collection** next weekend is for the **Military Archdiocese of America. Established by Saint John Paul II in 1985** to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those who serve in the United States Armed Forces.
- ✂ This year our **Teaching Masses** will be held on **Wed, Nov. 9 at 5pm** and on **Thur, Nov. 10 at 6:30pm**. *All Religious Education students are expected to attend one of these Masses.*
- ✂ **The Health Ministry** is working with Walgreen's Pharmacy Department to provide flu shots for St. Mary Parish families. They will be here on **November 6 in Room 100 of the Parish Life Center** to provide the flu vaccine to adults, including the high dose for those over 65 and children 7 years and older.
- ✂ Come to the **Council of Catholic Women Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale** on Sunday morning – Lots of great gifts for Christmas!
- ✂ Our **Annual Frank Bautista Italian Night**, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be held **Saturday, November 5th** after evening Masses in the Parish Life Center, Please plan to bring your family and join us for dinner.

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.: 6:30am, 9am, Noon; 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,

This is a busy Church week. We have the holy day of obligation on Tuesday (All Saints) and the great feast of All Souls on Wednesday. Why are there any holy days? Why is the feast of All Saints such a big holy day? What does the obligation mean?

Holy days: I often say that my life is ruled by Google Calendar, telling me what to do and when to do it. Our Calendars really shape and give direction to our lives. What direction is your life headed? Holy days are reminders that the ebb and flow of our lives is directed to heaven. Who has set the biggest days on your calendar this week, God or the world?

All Saints: Imagine that your grandmother were to be canonized a saint by Pope Francis. Your friends would all congratulate you, and you would joyfully make arrangements to go to Rome for the Mass and party. We have a feast to celebrate all of the uncanonized saints in heaven (All Saints) and one to pray for all those on the final step there (All Souls). This is the church celebrating your friends and relatives who have gone to God forever. We don't have to go to Rome for the canonization, but can all gather in our parishes to celebrate our loved ones' union with God.

Why obligatory? It flows from the nature of the feast, not from some imperial decree. If we don't celebrate our loved ones, who will? This is a sign of our gratitude to those we love, and our hope for reunion with them one day. It is our love that compels us to attend Mass and worship God for his great work in our families.

pax,

Fr. Mosimann



Adult confirmation classes December/January

Deacon Dick Delio will begin Adult Confirmation classes for all those who have already been baptized and have received first Communion, but have not been confirmed, as well as for those who might want a short refresher course on the Catholic faith.

There will be an introductory meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 7pm

Followed by six, Wednesday evening classes December 21, January 4, 11, 18 and finishing on January 25.

Classes will last about an hour.

If you would like to sign up for these classes, or to just come to the introductory meeting to hear more, please call the Parish Office to register, leaving your name, phone number and email address.

Voters' Guide from the Virginia Catholic Conference

The Virginia Catholic Conference has created a Voters' Guide for upcoming Elections to help voters identify issues important to Catholics. The election is November 8. The guide can be found on the Conference website at vacatholic.org.

holy cross academy

Many thanks to our Saint Mary Parishioners for Supporting our Chocolate Sale

This annual fundraiser allows our very active PTO to provide many services and celebrations for our school community. In addition to classroom support, our dedicated PTO members host Grandparents Day, Doughnuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, as well as faculty luncheons and surprises. Our thanks to all of you for supporting our efforts to provide an excellent Catholic education for all our children.

Our Saint Mary preschoolers experimented with sailing around the world in commemoration of Columbus Day while our 5th graders added a special touch to their studies by creating globes out of pumpkins. The creativity and energy of our teachers are boundless!

We invite you to visit our newly redesigned 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. Don't forget to sign up for GIANT Bonus Bucks. Go to www.giantfood.com/aplus and enter our school code 02320. Every time you use your Giant member number, our children benefit.



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Holy Cross Academy's Alumni/Parent Flag-Football Game & Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, Nov. 5th 12-4pm at Holy Cross Academy. Come out and enjoy the fall weather, meet up with your old HCA friends and play in the flag-football tournament! All the exciting details are on the HCA website www.holycrossweb.com! Don't Miss This FANTASTIC Event! Register Today! This event supports the HCA Expansion Fund - *all donations welcome!*

education

religious education

No Religious Education Classes

There will no classes this week, Oct 31 to Nov 3. This is because of the feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

Also note that the classes for next week, **November 7-10, will be the Teaching Masses on Wednesday, November 9 at 5pm and on Thursday, November 10 at 6:30pm.** All Religious Education students are expected to attend a Teaching Mass.

Teaching Masses are important because they help us understand:

- Jesus' words "Do this in memory of me."

- That we are sent forth with God's blessing to practice our faith and transform the world.

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WorkCamp 2017

Our WorkCamp application for summer 2017 is now available on our website. This is a powerful week of prayer, service, friendships, encountering Jesus, music, fun and much more. If you are interested in participating please fill out the application and turn in asap. **Applications are due Nov. 13th at the first meeting.**



Middle School Youth Group

Join us November 6 from 3:30pm-4:30pm for friends, faith and fun! All 7th and 8th grade students are welcome.

Steubenville Youth Conference July 14-16

All High School youth are invited to join us for a powerful weekend in Steubenville, OH. The mission of the Steubenville Conferences is to invite young people into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ through the Sacraments of the Church and the power of the Holy Spirit. This experience of Christ's love opens their hearts to become His disciples and embrace the mission of the Catholic Church. The conferences are filled with dynamic speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, powerful praise and

worship music, time for parish fellowship and a ton of fun. If you are interested in attending or learning more please contact the Office of Youth Ministry. We have to register by November 8.

Support our Racer

One of our teens will be racing to help raise funds for our Diocesan Race for Seminarians. Patrick is signed up for the Marine Corps Turkey Trot and has to raise \$250. Anyone interested in supporting him can submit donations to our parish office. Checks can be made payable to "St. Mary" with Race for Seminarians on the memo line.

The Knights of Columbus at Saint Mary is holding a **fresh citrus fruit fundraiser** this Fall to support our charitable activities. The fruit comes from the citrus groves in Florida and is shipped soon after it is picked so you can be assured of its freshness. **It is great to eat and a great holiday gift.**

You may **place orders up until November 20** and pickup will be the weekend of December 10-11 at the Scott Insurance & Financial Services Building at 2115 Lafayette Boulevard.

For more information, contact Wayne Cushing at (540) 840-5230.

To place an order:

1. Cut out the order form on the right.
2. Fill in the order form and drop it off along with your payment at one of the following places:
 - **On the weekend**, at the KofC Fruit Sale table in the Parish Life Center after Mass
 - **During the week** (M-F, 8:30am–5:30pm), at the Scott Bldg at 2115 Lafayette Blvd.
 - **By mail**, send your order form with your check to: Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 146, Fredericksburg, VA 22404.
3. Orders must be received by Sunday, November 20.
 - Payment methods are **cash or check**.
 - Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus.
 - Payment is due when the order is placed.

Fruit Options:

Navel Oranges: 4/5 Bushel: \$35

2/5 Bushel: \$23

Red Grapefruit: 4/5 Bushel: \$30

2/5 Bushel: \$19

Tangelos: 4/5 Bushel: \$29

2/5 Bushel: \$19

Sunburst Tangerines: 2/5 Bushel: \$29

Citrus Variety Pack: \$29

(8 Oranges/8 Tangerines/8 Grapefruit)

Pickup:

December 10-11 from 9am-2pm at the Scott Insurance and Financial Services Bldg, across from Paul's Bakery, next to Family Dollar, located at 2115 Lafayette Boulevard.



Citrus Fruit Sale Order Form

Navel Oranges

4/5 Bushel: \$35 Qty Ordered _____ Cost _____

2/5 Bushel: \$23 Qty Ordered _____ Cost _____

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Citrus Variety Pack

(8 Oranges/8 Tangerines/8 Grapefruit)

2/5 Bushel: \$29 Qty Ordered _____ Cost _____

Total Cost: _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: Home _____

Cell _____

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Beautiful Mercy

(c. 2015) is the parish book club's selection for its Nov. 8 meeting at 10 AM in the St. John Paul II House. Author Matthew Kelly has brought together 26 authors who witness to the power of God's mercy and provide simple practical tips on how to be an instrument of that mercy. More information call Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com

Flu Shots for Parish Families

The Health Ministry is working with Walgreen's Pharmacy Department to provide flu shots for St. Mary Parish families. **They will be here on November 6 in Room 100 of the Parish Life Center** to provide the flu vaccine to adults, including the high dose for those over 65 and children 7 years and older. This supports the Walgreen's Get a Shot, Give a Shot Program which provide vaccinations to children in need all over the world.

To get your flu shot or if you have any questions, please call 540-845-3031 and leave a message stating the family name, how many family members will be receiving the flu vaccine and their ages or send an email to lsullivan@stmaryfred.org with the same information. Please bring with you your insurance information as your insurance company will be billed for this service. If you do not currently have insurance coverage, there will be an option to receive a no-cost voucher for this service. The Walgreen's representative will be here at St. Mary's from 9:30-2pm on Nov. 6. Don't miss this opportunity to receive this needed protection while contributing to this program that supports children in need everywhere.

First Friday All Night Adoration - November 4

"The devotion to the Eucharist, together with the devotion to the Blessed Mother, is the devotion of Paradise, because it is the devotion which the Angels and Saints of Heaven also have." ("Jesus Our Eucharistic Love", Fr. Stephano Manelli, OFM) **Friday, November 4, is First Friday, and All Night Adoration will take place immediately following the 8:00pm Mass.** Come and adore Our Lord in His Eucharistic Presence in the

Blessed Sacrament, and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory in this month dedicated to the Holy Souls. Please sign up today. "If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out. Keep the stove tightly shut so that it will not lose its heat and grow cold. In other words, avoid distractions as well as you can. Stay quiet with God." -St. Charles Borromeo (Patron Saint of Seminarians, Feast Day November 4)

Saint Mary Adult Choir

in a

Concert of Sacred Music

Friday, November 18, 2016 at 8:00pm

Experience the music the Choir will sing on it's Pilgrimage to Italy this coming January.

Works of Palestrina, Viadana, Near, Pitoni, Mensdelssohn, Saint-Saëns, Gjielo, Handl (Gallus), Young, Tallis and more



The performance is free; no tickets are required. Your generous donation will be gratefully accepted. Call 540-373-6491 or email dmathers@stmaryfred.org for more information.

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Pilgrimage to 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 (bus leaves at 8:30am), 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.

Upcoming Ultreya for Cursillo

Sunday, Nov. 6 from 5-8 pm at the home of Lily Alarcon, 6 Stratford Hall Ct., Fred., 22406. This is a potluck dinner! A-G Main Dish, H-P Salads, R-Z Desserts. For directions call Lily at 540-834-3186. For information regarding Cursillo, Group Reunions, or Ultreya call Tammie or Doug Chute at 540-785-0570. De Colores!



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**.

Loyola Men & Women's Retreat - Nov. 11-13

The Ignatian Weekend Retreat is conducted in silence and includes generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deep relationship with God. Each year the retreat focuses on a different theme. This year's retreat is entitled:

"Entering into the Father's Joy"

In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus invites every disciple of every age into God's loving embrace. Through that embrace we enter into the Father's joy, which transforms us. This retreat invites us into the mystery of God's action in our lives, relying on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and the

spiritual wisdom of other Christian teachers of prayer. The retreat is open to anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with God through prayer. More info at loyolaonthepotomac.com.

Winter Care Packages for Our Troops

The Blue Star Mothers of Fredericksburg are conducting a Military Care Package Drive. They need small, individual, and travel size items (see list below) to send to our men and women in uniform this summer. They also need encouraging letters and postcards from home, especially from school children. The items, letters and postcards will be collected in the Parish Life Center and at Holy Cross Academy after all Masses on the weekend of November 12 and 13. Anyone who wishes to make a financial contribution should make a check out to "Knights of Columbus" and write "Military Care Package Drive" on the memo line. The Blue Star Mothers of Fredericksburg are a 503(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please contact **Rich LaRoche at 540-370-4541**.

The Documentary Film "Apparition Hill"

This documentary film will be showing, one time only, at the Marquee Cinemas in Fredericksburg on Saturday, November 5 at 10am. Admissions tickets are \$11; any additional free will offering is much appreciated, as the proceeds will be donated to St. Michael the Archangel High School. **For more info, please go to apparitionhillfredericksburg.com**

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Blood Pressure Check-In

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's, "Know the Facts about High Blood Pressure" one in three Americans has high blood pressure and this condition is within an individual's control. Activities such as food choices we make, maintaining a healthy weight, routine activity level and regular checks of our blood pressure numbers are preventative strategies that are shown to make a significant impact on the development of hypertension. By knowing and keeping track of your blood pressure numbers, you can alert your primary care physician to potential problems and make necessary changes. The Health Ministry Team at St. Mary is here to help! They will be providing a quarterly Blood Pressure **Check-In for those 18 yrs & older from 8:30am-Noon in Rm 100 in the Parish Life Center.** Stop into the Sunday Coffee Shop and get your BP checked before your coffee & donut! This Check-in will be facilitated by a nurse and parishioners will be given a written record of the findings and resource materials will be available. Come join the Health Ministry Team in taking positive steps to better health and well-being. **Our first Check-In is Sunday Nov. 13, 2016** *If you are a medical professional and would like to volunteer to help with the quarterly blood pressure program, please contact Lois Sullivan at lsullivan@stmaryfred.org

SCRIP gift cards

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

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: 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, 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, Andy Costa, Ellen Cupka, Cheryl Kellett, Jim Matarese, Hugh Fleming, Dori Sewell, Ronne Tarrell, Providence and Thomas Moeller, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, Diane Beverly, Jaiden Scelzo, Elisea Opeka, Adrian Foshay, Claire Matthews, Matt Traugh, George Dittmer, Melissa Cooper, Rosemarie Gortler, Jonathan Nogueira, Jim Mann

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, 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**october / november****31 MONDAY**

6:30am +Jeff Chuday
9:00am +Barbara Mertens
6:00pm +Eugene Wadiak
7:30pm +Marie Minasi
Phil 2:1-4, Lk 14:12-14

01 TUESDAY

6:30am +Bich Dao Le
8:15am* +Michael Caughlin
9:00am Deceased Members of the
Legion of Mary
Noon For Our Parish
6:00pm +Ana Bernaola
7:30pm Sarah Tighe
Rv 7:2-14, Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a

02 WEDNESDAY

6:30am All Souls Novena
8:15am* All Souls Novena
9:00am All Souls Novena
Wis 3:1-9, Rom 5:5-11

03 THURSDAY

6:30am All Souls Novena
9:00am All Souls Novena
Phil 3:3-8a, Lk 15:1-10

04 FRIDAY

6:30am All Souls Novena
9:00am All Souls Novena
Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 16:1-8

05 SATURDAY

9:00am All Souls Novena
5:00pm All Souls Novena
6:00pm All Souls Novena
Phil 4:10-19, Lk 16:9-15

06 SUNDAY

7:00am All Souls Novena
8:30am All Souls Novena
10:30am All Souls Novena
10:30am* All Souls Novena
12:30pm All Souls Novena
2:00pm All Souls Novena
5:00pm All Souls Novena
7:01pm All Souls Novena
2Mc 7:1-14, Thes 2:16-3:5, Lk 20:27-38

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

October 23 Offertory \$30,512

World Mission Sunday Collection

Parish Building Fund 2,506.
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box 68.

Second collection next week is for our parish building fund.

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.

Special Collection November 5th & 6th

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. The AMS is the only source of Catholic chaplains for the U.S. military and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. All told, the AMS and its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. Unlike a conventional

diocese, the AMS has no parishes or parish registries. The AMS has no weekly collections and relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Your support of the National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own diocese. Your generosity is most appreciated. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church.

Children's Charity for November

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Fredericksburg. This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Pro Life Reflection

We pray for those who have lost a loved one, that they may be comforted in praying for their loved one while trusting in the hope of eternal life. We pray especially for children who have died before birth and we entrust them to the mercy of Our Lord.

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 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.

All Souls Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your deceased loved ones. **Our All Souls Novena will begin on Wednesday, November 2, All Souls Day.** An intention envelope is included with your bimonthly envelope packet; additional envelopes are available in the Parish Office and in the vestibule of the Church. There is no collection on All Souls Day. Envelopes should be turned in early and will be placed near the altar during the Novena.



outreach help for haiti

Diocese of Les Cayes, Haiti - Devastated by Hurricane Matthew

In the beginning of July this year, our parish hosted two priests from the Diocese of Les Cayes, Haiti for the annual Mission Appeal for the Diocese. Fathers Coissy and Matthieu spoke about the needs of their diocese, especially their parish Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help which had been damaged by the earthquake several years ago. We have recently learned that their Diocese took a direct hit from Hurricane Matthew and has suffered much devastation. An excerpt from Father Coissy's recent letter:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,
I am so saddened by what I have to write, regarding the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew. The center of Cavaillon, as well as its 5 surroundings communes, were hit directly by the hurricane, which caused major damages, especially with the rising of the Cavaillon river which flooded all the town and its surrounding areas. We lost 20 people, adults and children. Churches, Community centers, houses, schools, and hospitals are damaged, or in some case completely destroyed. The Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Cavaillon, which is planning to celebrate its 300th anniversary in 2019, has been very much damaged. The roof is down, some of the walls are cracked, doors and windows broken, and the bell tower cannot hold the church bell, and need to be consolidated very quickly. 9 of the 11 parish "chapelles" are either completely down, or have roofs that are gone, and cracked walls. 3 of our 5 Parish schools have roofs that are gone, cracked walls and windows and doors broken. Because of all the gardens, on the mountains, as well as in the plains,*

have been destroyed, food is currently lacking, wells have been damaged, and there is lots of not potable water in the artesian wells. The lack of clean water is bringing forth an extended risk of cholera, malaria, typhoid fever etc. Many houses where our students lived have been destroyed, students have also lost their clothes, their shoes, their books. Reopening of schools is planned for October 18th, but this is a hypothetical date, as most students won't be able to find any food, clothing or money for tuition. We are so alarmed by that situation. We wanted to share it with you. We are with you in prayer and solidarity. (Ignace COISSY Prêtre -Curé de Cavaillon, Vicaire Episcopal de cette zone Pastorale)

Our parish will be contributing an additional \$3,000.00 to assist the Diocese of Les Cayes, Haiti. If you wish to make a donation, please mail it or drop it off at the Parish Office this week. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church.

