

**Thirty-Third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**13 November
2016**

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



St. John Lateran Basilica, Rome, Italy

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13 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Preschool)
8:30am-Noon, Health Ministry Blood Pressure Screening, Parish Life Center, Rm 100
9:30am-Noon, St. Mary Preschool Open House, Parish Life Center
9:30am, St. Mary "Believe" Cancer Support Group, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room
SCRIP Sales after all Masses except 2pm, Parish Life Center
3:30pm, Health Ministry Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center

14 Monday, Weekday

Religious Education Classes resume

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

15 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

9-10am, Holy Cross Academy Open House, Holy Cross Academy
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room

16 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin)

7:00pm, The Gospel of Mark with Deacon Delio, Parish Office Library

17 Thursday, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:15pm, Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study, Parish Life Center, Rms 100 & 204
7:15pm, Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study, Parish Life Center, Rm 203 (En Espanol)

18 Friday, Weekday (The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin)

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House
7pm, Bunco, Parish Life Center, Rm 100
8pm, Adult Choir Free Organ Concert, Church

19 Saturday, Weekday

8am, Manana De Reflexion 1, Parish Life Center
9am, Telleres De Oracion, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room

20 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Troop 1410)
8am-Noon, K of C Christmas Card Sales, Parish Life Center
3:30pm Health Ministry meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room
SCRIP Sales after all Masses except 2pm, Parish Life Center

21 Monday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Religious Education Classes this week
7:30pm, RCIA & RCIC, Church

22 Tuesday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Noon-2:00pm, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center
7pm, Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service, Church ~ All Are Welcome

23 Wednesday, Weekday (Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr)

No St. Mary Preschool or YOUCAT due to Thanksgiving Holiday
7:00pm, The Gospel of Mark with Deacon Delio, Parish Office Library

24 Thursday, St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Thanksgiving Day, Parish Offices Closed
10am, Thanksgiving Mass (there will be no 6:30 or 9am Mass today)

25 Friday, Weekday (Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr)

Thanksgiving Holiday, Parish Offices Closed

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ **Saint Mary Preschool Open House** is today in the Parish Life Center, 9:30am to Noon. Please stop by and say hello.
- ✂ **Holy Cross Academy Open House** is this coming Tuesday, November 15, from 9-10am in the school library.
- ✂ Please join us for our monthly **Taizé Prayer Service this Monday, November 14, at 8:15pm**. Now in our 9th year, we have met each month to pray for Christian unity in our community and in the world. All Christians are warmly invited; invite your friends!
- ✂ **Second collection this weekend** is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Our diocese retains 25% of the collection to fight poverty right here in the diocese. Please donate prayerfully and generously. More information is available at **povertyusa.org**.
- ✂ **St. Mary Adult Choir** will be offering a free organ concert, **Friday, November 18 at 8pm** in the Church. Please join us!
- ✂ **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.
- ✂ Don't forget we have one, very special **Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10am** when we all gather and give thanks to God. As a sign of our gratitude we have a Food Collection for the Fredericksburg Food Bank. Bring bags of nonperishable foods, keep them with you in the pews and at the Offertory everyone brings the food forward and it is placed all around the altar as our offering. There will be no 6:30-9am Masses on Thanksgiving.

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 (M,W,F) 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; students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Colin Davis Deacon Alberto Bernalola 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 have recently had the occasion to have some deep conversations with folks about the purpose of funerals. And I have been impressed by the answers that have arisen. What does the Church propose as the real purpose?

First: Yes, it is obvious, but the purpose of a funeral perspective is to give sacred context and meaning to the most basic of works of mercy: burying the dead. It is a event filled with pain and grief, but with expectant hope in the resurrection. In the words of Psalm 126, "Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy."

Second: Praying for the Dead. Listen to the prayers of the funeral liturgy. They are all directed to this purpose. If we fail to pray for the soul of the faithful departed, then we have failed as badly as if we don't accomplish the first purpose. It is a sin of omission to fail to do for the deceased what we can truly accomplish for them with our prayers. Hence you will never find me claiming to be the Pope and pronouncing someone to be in heaven.

Third: Consoling the living. Yes a legitimate purpose. But not the only, and not the primary purpose. In fact, in the funeral liturgy it takes a distant third place in terms of attention given to this explicitly. Our consolation comes from union with Christ, and finding strength in his redemptive mission and message.

Thus I'd like to exhort and remind you of the importance of praying for our friends and relatives who have passed away. The whole month of November takes on a aspect of this character from the beginning feasts of All Saints and All Souls. In the church we have set up a book for you to write down the names of your deceased friends and family. This book will be here for the entire month of November, so that we can keep before our minds this great work of praying for the souls of the deceased. I will often stop and check the book and say a prayer for the repose of these souls. At the end of the month, a Mass will be offered for all of them as well.

Praying for the dead is one of the most basic acts of charity that we can possibly do. Often when we miss somebody, we grieve for them, and we feel sharply the pain of their loss. But that pain can have a purpose in God's salvific plan. When we give it back to Jesus, offering it up to Him for the benefit of our loved ones, then it becomes meritorious. It becomes for us a share in Christ's own sufferings, and hence is able to assist those whom we love by our freely embracing this cross. Jesus said that the greatest act of love is to "lay down one's life for one's friends." Indeed we do this when we pray for the repose of the souls of those who have passed away, and for the consolation of those who love them.

pax,

fr mosimann

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



TAIZÉ

**Monday
November 14, 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

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Our Little Saints

When we think of November, our thoughts go right away to the multitudes of saints that will soon be filling our hallways. Each year, our students in kindergarten through 5th grade are challenged to learn about a new saint and to share this information with their classmates.

After celebrating Mass together on All Saints Day, our classes prepare for the All Saints Parade. After processing in front of the school, we gather in Father Brisson Hall where some of our 5th grade students share information about their chosen saint and what they admire about them.

The students enjoy learning about the saints who loved animals and cared for creation. They are amazed by the many martyrs who so willingly gave their lives for Christ and his Church. As they learn about our saintly fathers and mothers in the faith, our children think about how they can emulate their virtues and live as friends of God today.



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Preschool Open House

This Sunday, November 13, St. Mary Preschool will hold an Open House for families who would like to learn all about our program. Stop in our Parish Life Center any time between 9:30am and noon to meet our teachers and see our preschool classrooms.



Come and see what our school has to offer!

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY
invites you to



VISIT OUR SCHOOL

November 15, 2016 9:00-10:00am
February 5, 2017 1:00-3:00pm

We invite you to come learn about our school and all it has to offer. Tours of the elementary and middle schools are available on request. Named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2012.



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www.holycrossweb.com | 540-286-1600 HCA | 540-373-7553 preschool

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Religious Education Classes

There will be Religious Education classes this week. Students who have not yet contributed to the *Thanksgiving Food Drive* should bring their contributions to class.

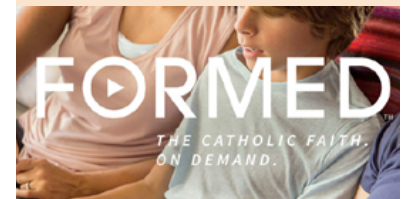


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WorkCamp 2017

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.**



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.

A Band of Brothers and Friends of Christ: The Essential Witness of Catholic Men

With the end of year holidays rapidly approaching we are going to do something a little different for our November meeting and I believe you will be greatly blessed if you can make it.

We have been invited to attend a men's talk on **November 18 led by Father James Hudgins** of the nearby St. Jude Parish. The event is entitled, "A Band of Brothers and Friends of Christ: The Essential Witness of Catholic Men" and there is no cost to attend. More details below. After the talk by Fr. Hudgins and the follow-on reception we can pick up a few sodas/pints after the event at a nearby establishment if anyone is interested.

Inspirational men's talk by Father James Hudgins, Pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church. All are welcome, but the evening is targeted toward men - whether single or married, father or not. Free to attend. Refreshments will be provided for a fellowship reception after the talk. Sponsored by the St. Jude Knights of Columbus.



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

Knights of Columbus Citrus Sale

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), 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.

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 _____

Red Grapefruit

4/5 Bushel:	\$30	Qty Ordered _____	Cost _____
2/5 Bushel:	\$19	Qty Ordered _____	Cost _____

Tangelos

4/5 Bushel:	\$29	Qty Ordered _____	Cost _____
2/5 Bushel:	\$19	Qty Ordered _____	Cost _____

Sunburst Tangerines

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

(8 Oranges/8 Tangerines/8 Grapefruit)

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

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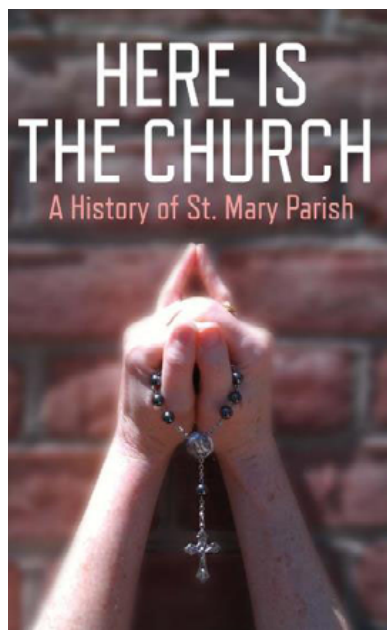
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Phone: _____

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A History of St. Mary

Can you identify Fredericksburg's old site St. Mary Church building, used as a hospital in the Civil War? What was our Mosby "Gray Ghost" connection? How many of our pastors went on to become bishops? Which St. Mary parishioner brought home Olympic gold? Ever wonder how to make that main dish served at Senior Luncheon? What was a "trailer mission"? Where was our first parochial school, Montfort Academy? And what is the story behind all our beautiful sanctuary furnishings, the new and the old? You'll find all the answers and so much more in *Here is the Church: A History of St. Mary Parish*, by Donna Lee Davis and historian William J. Shorter. **An engaging read, a great resource for facts about our parish and Catholicism in Virginia, an ideal keepsake or gift book:** Online Bookstore: store.bookbaby.com/book/Here-Is-the-Church



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.

Our Annual Giving Tree: Why so many gift cards?

Every year we have a Christmas tree in our Church filled with ornament tags that represent the various groups we serve through this ministry. When you look at some of the ornaments you will find things such as baby clothing or items for new mothers (Mary's Shelter or Hope House). Sometimes you see things like lotion, bed sheets, slippers or clothing for Woodmont or Greenfield (nursing homes). In the last few years it has become more common to pick up tags that request a \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 gift card. There are many people who have asked us, "Why are agencies asking for gift cards instead of toys like they use to?" This is a great question and we want to explain.

Some of the agencies we work with have told us that as wonderful as it is for their families to have lots of toys to give to their children on Christmas day, the reality is toys don't fill bellies with food, or help get diapers, or shampoo, and many other necessary things families need. Many of these agencies who work directly with families such as St. Vincent de Paul and Refugee Resettlement Services have stopped asking for toys because the families they represent have asked them to. The gift cards that they now request can be used to pay for food and other necessary items the family need, as well as a toy or two for the kids.

Micah Ministries utilize the gift cards we provide for various needs that they have for the people they serve. The list is extensive. Catholic Charities Family Services serves people in our community, including adults, children, families, couples and a few groups. They are able to serve clients on a sliding scale fee, taking into account the annual income as well as dependents in a

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Join Fredericksburg area Christian Churches for a **Thanksgiving prayer service Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm** at Saint Mary Catholic Church

1009 Stafford Ave,
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

You are welcome.

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family. Fees for sessions range from \$15-\$100 per session. By providing a check to Catholic Charities Family Services you are able to help families, individuals and couples who desperately need counseling and otherwise could not afford it.

We hope this helps to explain the reason why there are so many ornament tags requesting gift cards or checks. There are still many ornaments that have particular items that can be bought if giving a gift card doesn't seem personal enough for you. However, the reality is that these gift cards and checks are allowing these incredible organizations to go beyond making Christmas day a joyful memory. After the Christmas lights are put away and the New Year has passed these gift cards and checks are continuing to provide much needed help.

Sunday Traffic

The Fredericksburg Sheriff's Office graciously assists our parish with traffic entering and exiting our parking lot on Sunday mornings. We have been asked to remind everyone to please be careful exiting the parking lot, especially from the William Street driveway. There is a stop sign and cars exiting must come to a full stop. When a Sheriff's Deputy is on duty, please follow his instructions and use your turn signals to let the deputy know whether you are going left or right. There have been a few "near misses" recently involving both the deputy on duty and oncoming traffic. So please be extra careful, and patient, as you leave the parking lot after Mass, for everyone's safety and your own.

Health Ministry Health Link Newsletter

The Health Ministry is reaching out to parishioners who would like to receive current information on topics of health prevention, healthy-lifestyle disease prevention, and general resources of interest to all family members. We want to include you on our email list. Please send an email to lsullivan@stmaryfred.org so that you are ready to receive our next newsletter. Please remember that you can make suggestions/requests for specific topics of interest to you and your family. We will certainly try our best to get you current information!

Senior Luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday November 22. 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. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish. No reservation required. **Questions? Call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580**

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 this weekend. More info about the Blue Star Mothers can be found at bluestarmothersva4.org.

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.**

Operation Medicine Cabinet

Drop off your expired or unused medications and sharps! Drive up, drop off and drive out! No questions asked.

Locations Near You:

- Mary Washington Hospital
Tompkins Martin Medical Plaza
1101 Sam Perry Blvd
- Fire Company #10 - Salem
Fields 11201 Gordon Road
- Mary Washington Healthcare
Emergency and Outpatient
Center - Lees Hill 10401
Spotsylvania Avenue
- Spotsylvania Regional Medical
Center 4600 Spotsylvania
Parkway

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Cold Weather Shelter Now Open

The Cold Weather Shelter will re-open for the winter season on November 15 and will remain open each evening until mid-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (white socks, small toiletries, etc.). Saint Mary will be collecting donations of men's boxer underwear sizes medium and large. Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that the temporary shelter will be available during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit **Micah Ecumenical Ministries**, dolove-walk.net or **Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter**, thurman-brisbencenters.org

Time to talk Unity

The State LARCUM Committee invite you to attend our annual conference. **This year's conference will be held in Ashland, VA on December 2 & 3, starting at 2:30pm on Friday and ending at 2pm on Saturday.** The conference is a wonderful program of talks, praise, fellowship, and opportunities to get to know our ecumenical partners in the Commonwealth. The speaker this year is The Dr. Joseph D. Small, who will speak on "Reformations, Then and

Now" on the eve of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Dr. Small will challenge our State LARCUM Conference to consider the need for a proper response to the Reformation today as we approach the upcoming observance. **The conference fee is \$35, students are free but asked to register.** Conference brochures, registration forms can be found in the vestibule information center in the church. **For more information, contact Fr. Don Rooney, frrooney@stbernpar.org, Director of Ecumenical Affairs for the Diocese of Arlington. Registration deadline is Friday, November 18.**

"Optio Secundus" Catholic Men's Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Optio Secundus or "Second Option" of the Catholic Men's Group will be **Wednesday, November 16 at the Adventure Brewing South formerly the Blue and Gray Brewpub at 3300 Dill Smith Drive, Fredericksburg.** "But the spiritual man has insight into everything, and that bothers and baffles the man of the world, who can't understand him at all." *1 Corinthians 2:15.* Deacon Alberto will be there to continue his guidance, fellowship and just good camaraderie. We are grateful for the Deacon's willingness to guide the Optio group as we struggle in today's secular world as men, Dads and some of us Granddads of good Catholic faith. The Optio Group strives to bring Catholic men together to discuss daily applications of our faith, duties and responsibilities to our families and communities. Social half/hour begins at 6:30pm, followed by an open discussion and optional dinner from 7-9pm. This will be our last meeting for 2016 since December can be so hectic. If you

are new to the Parish or have never joined us before, you are very welcome!

If you have any questions call Kevin Wilkinson at 540-898-8353 or email kwilksn@yahoo.com.

Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter

Please join us in the Father Don Courthouse Meeting Room on **Tuesday, November 15 at 10am** to hear a talk by Deacon Don Perusi. Deacon Perusi is head of the volunteers at the Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter. He will speak to us and share a slide show on the life at Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter. If you can please stay for a short business meeting and refreshments following the talk. Thank you!

Upcoming Play

The O'Connell Players at Bishop O'Connell High School present their fall comedy, "Southern Hospitality," Nov. 18-20. Show times are Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 2pm and 7pm and Sunday at 2 p.m. General admissions tickets are \$10; students and seniors are \$5. Find out more and reserve your tickets at bishopoconnell.org/OCPlayers or call 703-237-1448. Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

Advent Day of Prayer

Saturday, December 10 - Held at San Damiano in White Post, VA. This year the retreat is led by Fr. John Cregan, the theme is Jesus our Hope. The day begins at 9:15am and ends with Mass around 3pm. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch. To register contact **Heather, 540-868-9220 or h.esparza@arlingtondiocese.org.**

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Special Mass for Thanksgiving

There will be a Special Mass at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 24, to celebrate Thanksgiving. As we have done for so many years, we ask all those attending to bring non-perishable food items with them for Thanksgiving, to be donated to the Food Bank for those in need. We hope you will join us and begin your day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, giving thanks to Our Lord. Please note there will not be a 6:30 a.m. or a 9 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

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!**

End-of-year tax savings through a gift of stock

You may make a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or our diocese. **In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation.** For more information, call (703) 841-3896 or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx.

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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 Kovalesky, 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 Brannham, 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, Melissa Cooper, Rosemarie Gortler, Jonathan Nogueira, Jim Mann, Charles Nickols, Ted Major, Maggie Lampman, Chuck Boyert

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, Andrew Dowdy, Sean McCullum

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**november****14 MONDAY**

6:30am +Carmen Reynolds

9:00am +Patrick Hagans

Rv 1:1-4;2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

15 TUESDAY

6:30am +Williams James

9:00am Ted and Lorette Major

Rv 3:1-6,14-22/Lk 19:1-10

16 WEDNESDAY

6:30am +Joseph Hellmann

9:00am +The Trinh Family

Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

17 THURSDAY

6:30am +Walter & Christine Kiwall

9:00am MaryAnn Holzworth

Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

18 FRIDAY

6:30am Harris Moriarty

8:15am* The Wolf Family

9:00am John & Virginia Gannon

Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

19 SATURDAY

9:00am Mary Clair Murray

5:00pm +Mary Lou Novac

7:00pm +Mr. & Mrs Victor Schirmer

Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

20 SUNDAY

7am +Lourdes & Sefafin Palacios

8:30am +Deloris Ross

10:30am +Barbara Mertens

10:30am* +Michael J. Caughlin

12:30pm Connie Sielicki

2:00pm +Albina Cisernos

5:00pm For Our Parish

7:01pm +Peter & Marija Ugincius

2Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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

November 6 Offertory \$34,514
Archdiocese for Military \$7,911

Hurricane Matthew (add'l) \$2,266
All Souls Novena \$7,004

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$118

Masses were offered in October for the following unscheduled intentions: All Souls, Mark & Anne Doherty, +Johanna M. Sweeney, Walter Jessup, Jr., Emma Doherty, and +Florence Powell.

Children's Charity for November

Children's Offertory 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Each year, Religious Education families donate food to make Thanksgiving Food Boxes. The items are packaged along with other donations from the parish and distributed to families a few days before Thanksgiving. Last week, our children took home a list of the items each grade is to donate. The Food Drive is runs from November 7-17. Donations will be accepted in the Parish Life Center prior to either of the teaching Masses on 9 and 10 November or during the classes the week of November 14.



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

"Today, too, children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a diagnostic sign, a marker indicating the health of families, society and the entire world. Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for and protected, the family is healthy, society is better and the world is more human." (Pope Francis, Homily during Holy Mass at Nativity Square in Bethlehem, May 2014)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development November 19 & 20

"The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need" —Pope

Francis, World Youth Day, 07/25/2013.

During his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis said, "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need" (World Youth Day Address, July 25, 2013). With these words, Pope Francis continues to bring our attention back to the poor and our responsibility toward them. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) responds directly to his call by addressing the root causes of poverty in the United States. CCHD funds programs in communities across the United States. By giving a hand up, rather than a handout, CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. The CCHD is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and you are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Our diocese retains 25% of the collection to fight poverty right here in the diocese. Please donate prayerfully and generously. More information is available at povertyusa.org

List of Thanksgiving Food Drive Items by Grade

Kindergarten

Canned Cranberry Sauce

1st grade

Boxed Cake or Brownie Mix

2nd grade

Canned Corn, Black, Kidney or Pinto Beans

3rd grade

Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes

4th grade

Boxed Biscuit or Muffin Mix

5th grade

Boxed or Bagged Rice

6th grade

Boxed Potatoes

7th grade

Canned Green Beans

8th grade

Boxed Stuffing Mix

9th-12th grades

Canned Cranberry Sauce

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adult choir

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