

**Thirty-Fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**20 November
2016**



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



*The Solemnity of
Christ the King,
King of the Universe*

what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

november

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*
7:30pm, RCIA & RCIC, Church

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 (Final Class)

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)
No Walking with Purpose Classes this Week

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

Thanksgiving Holiday, Parish Offices Closed

26 Saturday, Weekday

9am, Talleres De Oracion

27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

No Coffee Shop after morning Masses
8am-Noon, K of C Christmas Card Sales, Parish Life Center
No High School Youth Group this evening
SCRIP Sales after all Masses except 2pm, Parish Life Center

28 Monday, Advent Weekday

Religious Education Classes resume
7:30pm, RCIA & RCIC, Church

29 Tuesday, Advent Weekday

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room

30 Wednesday, Saint Andrew, Apostle

Noon, Mass, All Those in the All Souls Novena and Those Whose Names are in the Book of the Dead
6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

december

1 Thursday, Advent Weekday

7pm, Nar-Anon meeting, John Paul II House
7:15pm Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rms 100 & 204
7:15pm Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rm 203 (En Espanol)
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House (upstairs)

2 Friday, Advent Weekday

8pm, First Friday Mass followed by All Night Adoration, Church
State LARCUM Conference, Ashland VA (see express announcements for more info)



The advent season 2016 at saint mary

*One additional week of Confessions is added to the regular schedule in preparation for Christmas. All are encouraged to plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession **early** in the season to avoid the last-minute rush and crowded lines, and the risk of coming too late.*

Please note well: There will be no additional Parish Confessions after **Friday, December 23.**

Daily Mass

Monday—Friday • 6:30 , 9am & Noon (M,W,F); Saturday • 9am

December 3—14: Regular Confession Schedule

Wednesdays • 7pm (during Adoration, before Benediction at 9pm)

Saturdays • 8am & 3:30pm, or by appointment.

All are kindly asked to observe these times and arrive as near as possible to scheduled times, and to be patient if the line is not completed once Mass begins. Due to the sheer volume of Confessions, it is sometimes physically impossible to finish.

Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception, December 8

*Our Parish Feast! December 7: 6pm; December 8: 6:30 & 9am, Noon, 6 & 7:30pm
Confession/Adoration on Wednesday, December 7, as scheduled*

Additional Parish Confessions

*Religious Education Confessions will be offered during regular class times the week of November 28 and Tuesday, December 6 for those who attend class at Holy Cross Academy
Holy Cross Academy Students will be offered Confession on Tuesday, December 13.*

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Thursday & Friday, December 15-16 • 7pm until finished

Saturday, December 17 at 8am & beginning at 3:00pm until Masses begins

Tuesday through Friday, December 20-23 • 7pm until finished

Please note: there will be NO confessions on Saturday, December 24.

SAINT MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
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The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2016



S A T U R D A Y , D E C E M B E R 24

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

4pm at Saint Mary Church & **4pm** at Holy Cross Academy
6:30pm at Saint Mary Church (En Español)
6:30pm at Holy Cross Academy (English)
8:30pm at Saint Mary Church
11pm, Festival of Carols before **Midnight Mass** at 12am

S U N D A Y , D E C E M B E R 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Midnight Mass at Saint Mary Church
7:00, 8:30, 10:30am & 12:30pm at Saint Mary Church
N.B.: There is **NO 10:30 Mass** at Holy Cross Academy,
2:00pm en español/in Spanish, nor a **5pm** or **7:01pm Mass**
on Christmas Day at Saint Mary Church

F R I D A Y , D E C E M B E R 30

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

We will follow the regular Friday Weekday Mass schedule for the parish

S U N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 1

SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule for the parish

S U N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 8

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule of the parish

M O N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 9

SOLEMNITY of the BAPTISM of the LORD

We will follow the regular Monday Weekday schedule for the parish

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ The **second collection** this weekend is for the **Parish Building Fund**. To explain to newer parishioners, and as a reminder for all of us: this monthly collection is a commitment we made seven years ago when we began the renovation of our church and all buildings on the parish property. Rather than have a capital campaign with a five-year pledge, we decided to pay off the debt with a \$48K monthly mortgage payment over the next ten years. So far we have paid about \$900K thanks to this monthly collection. An easy way to remember to help with this is by giving electronically through Faith Direct. Thank you for your generosity.
- ✂ Please join us Tuesday evening, November 22 for our annual **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service** this year being hosted at St. Mary. Pastor Larry Davies from Fredericksburg United Methodist Church will preside. **All are welcome.**
- ✂ 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.
- ✂ Our annual **State LARCUM Conference** will be held on Dec 2-3 in Ashland, Virginia on the campus of Randolph-Macon College. Dr. Joseph Small will speak on the the need for a proper response to the Reformation today. Registration is still open, forms are in the parish office.
- ✂ The CCW will hold its annual Mini Bazaar on Sunday December 4, 8am until Noon. Stop by and pick up a few last minute stocking stuffers!
- ✂ **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.: 6:30am, 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 Bemaola 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,

A Blessed Thanksgiving to you! On thanksgiving day, there will only be one Mass, and it will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. So let me say that I am thankful for:

1. St. Mary's Generosity and Discipleship—too many examples to list!
2. Our Parish Staff: we have so many hard working, generous, and kind staff.
3. Spiritual Fatherhood: it is a great joy to see souls enkindled with the fire of Divine Love.
4. My Family: thanks Mom & Dad for helping to light the fire in number 3.
5. My Vocation to the Priesthood - to quote St. Augustine, "with you I am a Christian, for you I am a priest."
6. Brown Rice, Turkey, Apple Pie, Sesame Chicken, Ribeye Steaks, Chocolate Muffins - this list could go on and on!
7. Military Families - so many sacrifices to keep us safe and free.
8. Simple words of support and Kindness - You never know when your gratitude will lift someone's soul.
9. Jesus: He is everything and without Him there are no number 1 to number 9.
10. The wisdom to end this list that could go on all year.

Candlelight Masses 7:01pm Sundays in Advent:

Just for fun, and because I love candles, and to carry on a tradition that I began several years ago, the 7:01pm Mass each of the 4 Sundays of Advent will be by candlelight only. I have occasionally celebrated candlelight Masses before, and had folks say, "I wish we could do that more often." Given the emphasis in Advent on "the people in darkness have seen a great light," I figured why not give it a go. Candlelight Mass means that the lights will be off in the Church, and illumination will be mostly from the candles on the altar. These Sunday evening Candlelight Masses will only be during advent, and the 7:01pm Mass will get the lights back on after Christmas. Please check it out if you wish for a fresh and especially contemplative take on the Sacrifice of the Mass! This will begin next week!!

pax,

fr mosimann

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

holy cross academy

Chili Cook-Off Success

We had a beautiful day for our first-ever Chili Cook-Off. Six ambitious cooks entered their favorite chili recipe into the competition. Alumni parent, Sharon Babineau, was the winner with her delicious spicy chili. Our other cooks were happy to pass her the trophy for her wonderful recipe. We all considered ourselves winners as we enjoyed the various styles of chili and the cornbread.

Touchdowns for Expansion

Alumni and parents participated in the football game. We not really sure who won but we know that everyone had a great time and walked off the field smiling.

This is the first of several activities to fund our school expansion. Keep an eye on the bulletin for news of these events. Up next, a **Valentine's Day Concert** featuring the **Rappahannock Pops** and guest musicians at Riverside Theatre on **Feb. 14**. Come be a part of our expansion!

Our HCA faculty, staff, parents and students wish each of you a most Blessed Thanksgiving as we thank God for your support and friendship.

Our School Invites You

We invite you to visit our school website, 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 giantfood.com/aplus and enter our school code 02320. Every time you use your Giant member number, our children benefit.



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Religious Education Classes

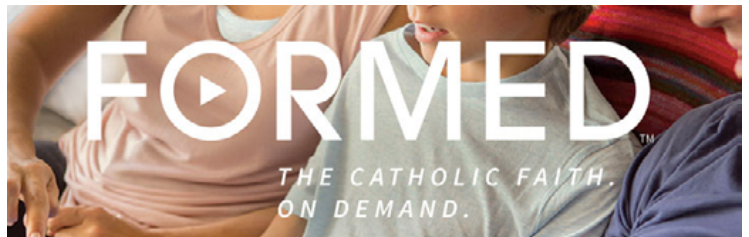
There will be **no Religious Education classes** this week for Thanksgiving Break, classes resume next week, Nov. 29 to Dec. 1.

Catechist Training

On **Tuesday November 8** we held our Catechist Training session. Chris Kaila presented the first of three sessions on Church History. He will explore the major people, places, and events. The first session explored the first 900 years which he divided into 4 periods (Mustard Seed, Persecutions, Conversion and Councils, Missionaries and Emperor)

Teaching Masses

Two Teaching Masses were celebrated. One was celebrated on **Wednesday at 5pm by Fr. Colin** and the other on **Thursday at 6:30pm by Fr. Mosimann**. Both were well attended and enlightening. A parent commented that the Teaching Mass was good him and his child.



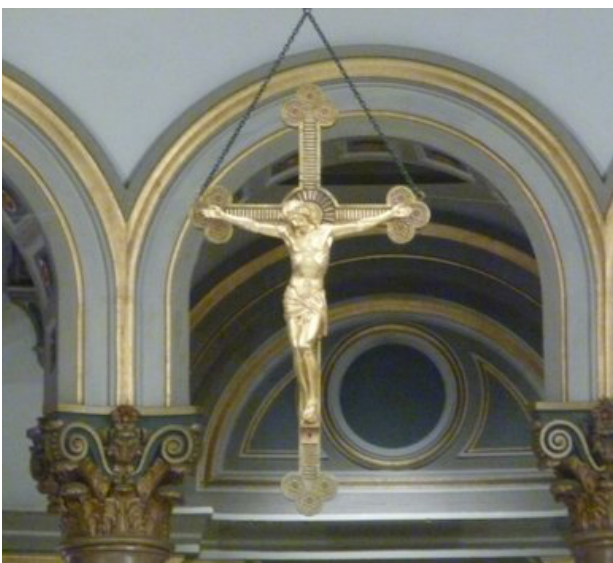
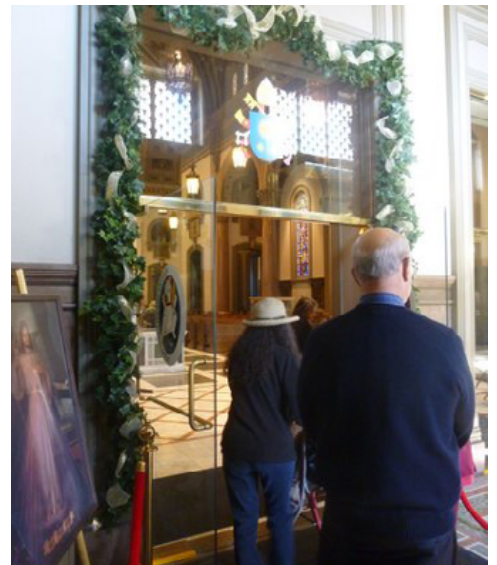
youth ministry



parish pilgrimage

St. Mary Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Richmond

A robust group of 55 pilgrims from St. Mary walked through the Door of Mercy, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond on Saturday, November 5 and enjoyed a historical presentation about the Cathedral, viewed Mother Theresa and Pope Benedict XIV relics in the museum. Fr. Colin and Deacon Dick Delio joined the group and Fr. Colin celebrated Mass. They enjoyed a delicious lunch at Lewis Ginther Cafe and had time to stroll the beautiful Gardens at thier leisure.



parish life happenings

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-brisbencenterv.org

Senior Luncheon

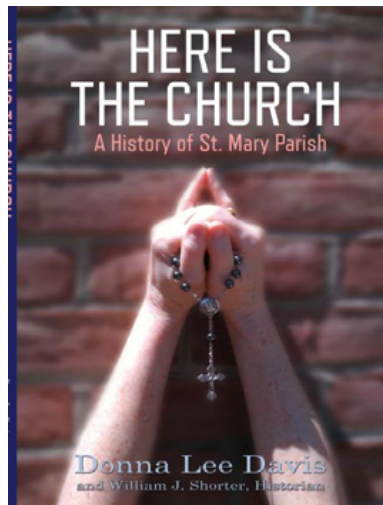
The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday November 22. Doors open at noon and lunch is served at 12:15pm.** All Seniors in the parish are invited and admission is free. Entertainment will be provided until 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish. No reservation required. **Questions? Call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580**

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception will begin **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John** on **January 4 or 5, 2017 at 9:45 am.** To register, contact the **Parish Office at 540-373-6491.** The cost is \$15.00. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

A History of St. Mary

Did you know St. Mary's old site building was a hospital in the Civil War? That we have a Mosby "Gray Ghost" connection? That a parishioner brought home Olympic gold? Where was our first parochial school, Montfort Academy? What was a "trailer mission," and who was Patrick McCracken?



Find all the answers and so much more in *Here Is The Church: A History of St. Mary Parish*, an engaging read, a great resource for facts about our parish and Catholicism in Virginia, and an ideal keepsake or gift book. Online bookstore: store.bookbaby.com/book/Here-Is-the-Church or reserve your copy for \$25 through the Council of Catholic Women (StMaryCCWNews@aol.com or 540-752-5502)

Parish Book Club

The book club has a busy agenda for its **Monday, December 12**, meeting at the St. John Paul II House at 10am. Members will first make a short report on their free choice selection from the parish library. It has been a ministry tradition that, rather than everyone reading the same title in December, members sample something from our own excellent library. Second, members will develop their reading list for the 2017 year. The group always welcomes title suggestions from parishioners of good works of Christian fiction and non-fiction.

Finally, the club will celebrate another successful year of reading and fellowship with a cooperative luncheon. To make the required reservations for lunch or for more information, contact **Kathleen Mahoney** at bmah761569@aol.com or 540-371-2073.

Raffle Tickets

The Council of Catholic Women urges you to get your raffle tickets in before the drawing which will happen at the Mini Craft Bazaar on Sunday, December 4. First prize is \$500, second \$250 and third \$100. If you still have the tickets that were mailed to you, they can still be mailed or taken to the church office. The drawing will be sometime after the 10:30am Mass.

happenings

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.

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**.

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 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.

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

November 13 Offertory \$25,481
Religious Retirement Fund \$7,111

Military Services (add'l) \$2,348
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$84

November Faith Direct

Offertory \$46,610
All Saints \$1,510
Religious Retirement Fund \$2,268
Parish Building Fund \$3,898
Human Development \$1,295

*Second Collection next week is for
our Parish Building Fund*

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. 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

The Thanksgiving Legend of the Five Kernels

It was very cold for the Pilgrims that first winter. Food was in short supply. Some days, they had only five kernels of corn. When Spring came, the Pilgrims planted the remaining corn. The sun and rain helped the seeds to grow and much food was harvested in the Fall. Every Thanksgiving thereafter, the Pilgrims placed five kernels of corn beside each plate to remind them of their blessings:

The first kernel reminded them of the autumn beauty. The second reminded them of their love for each other. The third reminded them of their family's love. The fourth reminded them of their friends, especially their Indian brothers. The fifth kernel reminded them of their freedom.

*At your Thanksgiving celebration,
may The Legend of the Five Kernels
always remind you of God's many
blessings.*

All Night Adoration

"The Divine Child whom we will worship in the Nativity scene is Emmanuel, the God with us Who is really present in the Sacrament of the Altar" (Saint John Paul II). All Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 8pm First Friday Mass on December 2. O Come Let Us Adore Him in the Eucharist! Please sign up today.

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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 Szydal, 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, Darlene Guinn, Boyd Woodside, Lillian Held, 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, Thomas Moeller, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, Diane Beverly, Jaiden Scelzo, Elisea Opeka, Adrian Foshay, Claire Matthews, Matt Traugh, Rosemarie Gortler, Jonathan Nogueira, Jim Mann, Charles Nickols, Ted Major, Maggie Lampman, Chuck Boyert, Adrienne Foshay, Stephanie Downing, Ray Heath

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, Josue Bermudez

Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.

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Daily Mass intentions and readings**november****21 MONDAY**

6:30am +Bon Van Than
9:00am +Emilia Quiles
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

22 TUESDAY

6:30am Louis and Carolyn Farrell
9:00am +Georgette Astier
Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

23 WEDNESDAY

6:30am +Sarah Galligan
9:00am +Richard Lee Asher
Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

24 THURSDAY

No 6am or 9am Mass
10am In Thanksgiving for Our Blessings
Sir 50:22-24/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19

25 FRIDAY

6:30am Maria Marta Santa Cruz
8:15am* No HCA Mass
9:00am The Nguyen Family
Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33

26 SATURDAY

9:00am +Daniel Hartwick
5:00pm +William Marlow
7:00pm +Gina Marie Lenox
Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

27 SUNDAY

7am +Mary Lou and Paul Jochum
8:30am +Lucy Jenkins
10:30am +John Arvai
10:30am* Edward Holzworth
12:30pm Our Military Living & Dead
2:00pm +Gertrudes Lipsitt
5:00pm +Robert Edward Portmess
7:01pm For Our Parish
Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy