

**Second Sunday
of Advent**

**4 December
2016**

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



what's coming



**SAINT
MARY**

of the
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

december

4 SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (CCW)
8am-Noon, CCW Mini Bazaar during morning Masses, Parish Life Center.
3:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center
4pm, CYM Core Meeting, Parish Life Center
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass

5 Monday, Advent Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.

6 Tuesday, Advent Weekday (Saint Nicholas, Bishop)

7 Wednesday, Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6pm, Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Church
7pm, Confession and Adoration as scheduled
6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

8 Thursday, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—Holy Day of Obligation

No Religious Education Classes.

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 6:30am, 9am, Noon, 6pm and 7:30pm (bilingual)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100
7:15pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rooms 100 & 104
7:15pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Room 203 (En Espanol)
7pm, Nar Anon Meeting, John Paul II House
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

9 Friday, Advent Weekday

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

10 Saturday, Advent Weekday

Handcrafts from the Holy Land on sale after 5 and 7pm Masses.
8am-3pm, Young Adults Advent Day of Prayer, John Paul II
10am, Al Anon Meeting, Parish Life Center, Rm 204
10:30am, Family Holy Hour, Church
6pm-8pm, K of C Family Dinner, Parish Life Center
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass

11 SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Youth Ministry)
Handcrafts from the Holy Land on sale after all Masses.

New Family Welcome after 10:30am Mass
4pm, CYM Core Meeting, Parish Life Center
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass

12 Monday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mañanitas, 5:30am, Church, followed by coffee in the Parish Life Center
7pm, Bilingual Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, (this week in the Parish Life Center)
8:30pm, Taize Prayer Gathering, Church

13 Tuesday, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

10am, CCW General Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Meeting Room
Noon, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Fr. Don Rooney Meeting Room

14 Wednesday, Saint John on the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House
7pm, Adult Confirmation Intro Meeting w/ Deacon Dick Delio, Parish Office Library,
first of six classes; registration required



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
1009 Stafford Avenue + Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401 + 540-373-6491 + www.stmaryfred.org

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2016



S A T U R D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 4

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 2 5

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 3 0

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*):

- ✂ Celebrate our **Parish Feast Day and Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception, December 8**. Vigil Masses at 6pm on Wednesday evening and Masses throughout day on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30am, 9am, Noon, 6pm and 7:30pm (bilingual).
- ✂ There will be **no Religious Education Classes on December 8** in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Classes will resume on Monday, December 12 as regularly scheduled.
- ✂ **Handcrafts from the Holy Land** will be on sale **after all Masses December 10 and 11**. A perfect Christmas gift from Bethlehem will complete your shopping list for Christmas giving and help people in great need in the land where Jesus was born.
- ✂ Complete some of your holiday shopping by purchasing **SCRIP gift cards!** Set up an account today and earn rebates for HCA. Email **Torie Baldwin** at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code.
- ✂ **Subscribe to the Saint Mary website, stmaryfred.org** and receive important updates via email. The subscription box is on the homepage. Enter your email address, click "**subscribe**."

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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; <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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from the pastor

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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Folks,

This weekend we have the blessing of a dozen new altar servers which is always an inspiration to see the enthusiasm with which they undertake this service. Let me share with you a story of a young man serving at the altar. His mother asked me if he could go through the training, despite his only being in third grade. And so he did with great enthusiasm. Over the course of his first year, he couldn't stand still, would fidget, and sometimes when holding the missal it was impossible for me to read. As the next years training arrived, I thought, "never again a third grader...too much of a distraction." But the next day his mother came to me and told me this: He had just had a dream. He was in the church with me, dressed in his 'priest clothes,' fighting off the 'bad guys' who were trying to attack Jesus. She also related that on their 3 hour drive to Grandma's, he would pray the rosary non-stop. She thanked me for being a positive influence on her son.

This was 10 years ago. Now this young man is joining the marines. Despite his family moving across the country, we have kept in contact, and he was excited to let me know how his life journey is progressing.

Being a pastor means being a spiritual father. I thank God for the privilege of serving you in this way, and look forward to the graces that God will work in our lives together.

Because altar serving has long been connected with promoting vocations, I want to continue to emphasize this. St. Mary's is blessed with very capable female altar servers. In order to make the vocational encouragement even more explicit, we are going to add a black scapular to the vesture that female altar servers wear. This is being done to visually make the connection with the religious life to which young ladies are called. Boys will still dress like priests, girls like religious sisters.

If you were at the server installation ceremony today (10:30am), you also noticed another way to make the connection more explicit. Each of the male servers was vested by me with their surplice, while Sister Susan Louise vested the female servers with the scapular. It is an important day for each as they embark on this journey of service, and I am hopeful they will remember this day with joy.

Please encourage vocations. Generous prayer, faithfulness, and service are the fertilizer that make vocations grow in our families.

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fr mosimann

Sister Frances Carol Eder

Sr. Frances Carol Eder is a 6th grade teacher at Holy Cross Academy with a specialty in science. She is one of our three Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales assigned to St. Mary. She professed her final vows on August 28, 1987. Sister was influenced mostly through the daily example and strong faith of her family. She was also encouraged within her family to look for and pursue where God would call her to serve Him. Most people in this parish are aware that there are three of them within her family who are Religious Sisters, all Oblate Sisters. In her family there are also two brothers and one more sister. Sr. Frances Carol likes to say hers was a loving and caring family which enjoyed being together, cherishing each other, and living a joy-filled life. Their family was rooted in the faith of the Catholic Church and her parents taught them through example how to be people living and developing morals and values that have formed them today. In addition to being assigned to St. Mary and Holy Cross Academy, she has been assigned to the main house of the Oblate Sisters in Childs, Maryland and their school-Mount Aviat Academy. She has also taught Religious Education at Sacred Heart Parish in Oxford, PA and Immaculate Conception Parish while living and teaching in Maryland. When asked what the best part of being an Oblate Sister is she said "to be there for so many who are in need and to feel that I am doing God's will in serving Him daily." As far as advice for young people discerning their vocation she advises them to "be willing to take the risk and just do it. Many who have vocations never accept the vocation call. It really is a matter of asking God to show you what his will is and then listen to what he is saying and follow his will." Sr. Frances Carol's favorite prayer is one she does daily in praying the Liturgy of the Hours. As she says this prayer, she realizes that throughout the world it is being said 24 hours a day. It is a universal prayer and unites her with so many throughout the world. She also really enjoys the Psalms which are recited daily with the Liturgy of the Hours. We at St. Mary and Holy Cross Academy are very blessed to have Sr. Frances Carol in our parish and school. She has a wonderful sense of humor, is very adventurous and is such a wonderful role model for all the children. Thank you Sister for all the gifts you share with our school and parish!

holy cross academy

Thanksgiving Harvest Activities

Our St. Mary Preschool and HCA Kindergartners celebrated Thanksgiving with a harvest feast. As the children learned about the origins of this special American holiday, they enjoyed a meal together thanking God for the many gifts in their lives. As you can imagine, their families are at the top of their gratitude lists.

In first grade, the children participated in a Fall Learning Festival. Autumn games and activities allowed them to learn all about this beautiful season and our annual commemoration of Thanksgiving. At the same time, they were practicing the Math and Reading skills that are so important to a first grade classroom.

Our second graders visited Jamestown and followed this with their Colonial Days Celebration. Learning about the foods, games and customs of children from early America gave the children a rich appreciation of our shared history.



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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

Children's Content Now Available

Your children will love the new content we have for them on FORMED — programs, ebooks, movies, and talks that will entertain, engage, and inspire them with the beauty and wonder of their faith.



Be sure to watch

"Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message" before December 12, feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Learn more about one of Mary's apparitions and how it converted a people and changed their culture from a culture of death to a culture of life. There is also a Spanish version.

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

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Life is VERY Good & March for Life Rally

On January 27, St. Mary Youth Ministry is heading to the Eagle Bank Arena and Washington DC for a morning of prayer and praise at the Diocesan Life is Very Good Rally. We will have Mass with our Bishop, hear musical performances by The Afters and Ben Walthers Band and inspirational speaker Mark Hart, Sr. Miriam James Heldland, and Fr James Searby. Then we will head to the March for Life in Washington DC in prayerful protest and March to the Supreme Court for an end to Roe vs. Wade. **Permission slips are available on our website.**



Join us Sunday, December 18th for our Annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party at High School Youth Group

knights of columbia

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus will continue the annual Keep Christ in Christmas card sales. Sales will continue after most Sunday Masses beginning Thanksgiving weekend until the weekend before Christmas.

Trail Life & Wreaths Across America

In October the Trail Life and American Heritage Girl Troops were honored to support the Honor Flight at Quantico Museum. The boys and girls enthusiastically cheered for our cherished veterans of the Korean, Vietnam, and World War II. If you would like to support our veterans, please consider sponsoring a wreath as part of Wreaths Across America. Go to <https://goo.gl/zrUaHh>.



Coats for Kids

Last November, the Knights of Columbus partnered with generous parishioners of St Mary's and the City of Fredericksburg to provide 130 coats to needy kids in the Fredericksburg area. Please consider donating again. More info: charity@kofc4034.org.



December Family Dinner with Santa Claus

The December Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Sat. Dec. 10 from 6-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center**. Santa Claus will be our special guest but he can only stay for the 1st hour or so because he has a very busy schedule. The menu includes smokey mountain chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed cheesy broccoli, icecream sundae. The net proceeds will be donated to the Christmas Party for Disadvantaged Children. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. **The cost is Adults:\$7, Seniors (60&up):\$6, Teens:\$6, Children (7-12):\$5, Children (under 7): Free. THE MAX COST PER FAMILY IS \$25.**

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales

Our annual Christmas tree sales are under way! These are freshly cut Virginia grown Fraser Firs. Tree are being sold at **St Jude Catholic Church - 10725 Courthouse Rd. (rte. 208)**. Tree prices are based on tree height. **Sales are on weekdays from 3-8pm and on weekends from 8am-8pm, but not during Mass.** We also will be glad to work with church groups or individuals interested in fulfilling service requirements in volunteering to help with set-up and/or sales. Questions? Trees@kofc4034.org

Religious Education Assistance Program (REAP) Grants

Fredericksburg Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the award of six \$1,000 need-based grants to help pay part of the tuition of Saint Mary parish students who attend Holy Cross Academy, John Paul the Great High School, and Saint Michael the Archangel High School. Six families applied and all were found to meet the criteria for a grant award. Each of the three schools received two grants each. Since its inception in 2011, a total of \$36,000 have been awarded.



parish life happenings

Bethlehem Handmade Olive Wood Carvings

Please be sure to visit the display of handmade olive wood carvings and other articles outside the Church after all the Masses on December 10-11! Any purchase you make supports our Bethlehem Christian families who continue to endure much hardship in the Holy Land. Thank you for your support!

Religious Oil Paintings Exhibition

All are invited to enjoy a wonderful exhibition of religious art in the Parish Life Center on Sunday December 11, after all the Masses. The paintings are framed in hand-carved wood and are exclusively about religious images: The Virgin, alone or with the Child, The Holy Family, Madonnas, Archangels and Angels, etc. The paintings are available for sale at reasonable prices. A percentage of all sales will go towards the support of St. Mary Parish, and the remaining proceeds will be used to encourage artists who paint works which give glory to God.

Senior Luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the **Parish Life Center on Tuesday, December 13**. 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 till 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish. No reservation required. Questions? Call Maria D'Amico, 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.

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**.

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.

Council of Catholic Women

The next meeting of the Council of Catholic Women will be held on **Tuesday, December 13**. Please join us in the Father Don Rooney courtyard meeting room at 10am. Our featured guest speaker is Vivian Mestey who will be telling us about her ministry of Our Lady of Guadalupe's Image which should be a very interesting talk. Refreshments will be served and there will be a very short business meeting.

Teams of Our Lady

This is a fantastic way for couples to grow closer together and closer to the Lord. Couples take time to pray and prepare spiritual material together, and then meet with the other couples monthly for the team meeting (and dinner). Please contact us for more information! You cannot be disappointed with the Teams of Our Lady. **Helene (540 361 5662) and Gonzague (540 361 5673) de Bonfils, or hdebonfils@gmail.com.**

YA Advent Retreat

Joyful Anticipation - December 10th Young adults are invited to our Advent day retreat. The day will focus on "Joyful Anticipation". We'll start with 9am Mass at the church. There will be talks, a family holy hour (kids are welcome!), lunch, discussion and personal prayer. Come for some or all. Kids are welcome for adoration and lunch. Our retreat will conclude at 3pm with the option of confession at 3:30pm. Check out our Facebook event or contact **stmaryya@gmail.com** with questions.

**Annual Christmas
Collection
December 10-11**



Together, We Are All Transformed



nearly

1,000,000
pounds of food
given to the poor



of every dollar
spent goes to
programs and services



28

babies placed through
our adoption services



Catholic Charities
shared more than

18,000
meals with the
hungry in 2016

Sheltered and
empowered

113
people

with transformational
housing and associated
life skills services



1,000 people
helped
with
emergency
assistance

Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: Dec. 5
Food Pick-Up: Dec. 19

This is a food cooperative program with a community service requirement. Package Pick-up is typically the fourth Saturday of the month at the Parish Life Center between 8-9am. The following month's menu will be available at the time of pick-up.

Please contact Rick Caporali for more information and details,
rcaporali@stmaryfred.org.

Value Package

(\$22 + 2 hrs community service)

- Whole Roasting Chicken – 5 lb average, Gwaltney Ground Pork Sausage Meat – 1 lb, Pollock Fillets – 1 lb, Holiday Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Elbow, Macaroni, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Plus fresh seasonal produce such as sweet potatoes, onions, apples or oranges

Holiday Dinner

(\$33 + 2 hrs community service)

- 10-16 lb. Butterball Turkey, Sweet Potato Casserole, Holiday Pie, Collard Greens, Green Beans, Wax Beans & Carrots

Value + Turkey

(\$44 + 2 hrs Community Service)

- 10-16 lb Butterball Turkey, a Whole Roasting Chicken, Ground Pork Sausage Meat, Pollock Fillets, a Holiday Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Elbow Macaroni, Stove Top Stuffing, Fresh Seasonal Produce Such As Sweet Potatoes, Onions, Apples Or Oranges

Holiday Produce Box

(\$16 + 2 hrs Community Service)

- 8-14 lbs of the Season's Freshest Bounty

Spiral Ham

(\$22 + 2 hrs Community Service)

- 7lb Average w/ Spiced Glaze Packet

Menu items are always subject to change. When we must substitute, we try to give better value.



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$22)

_____ x \$22. = \$ _____

Holiday Dinner (\$33)

_____ x \$33. = \$ _____

Value + Turkey (\$44)

_____ x \$44. = \$ _____

Holiday Produce Box (\$16)

_____ x \$16. = \$ _____

Spiral Ham (\$22)

_____ x \$22. = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ zip _____

email _____

cell/phone _____

Community Service Hours:

____ hrs Church	____ Host site
____ hrs Youth	____ Transport
____ hrs Shelter	____ Comm. Dinner
____ hrs Seniors	____ Vincent de Paul
____ hrs Micah	____ MW Hospital
____ hrs School	____ Parish Ministry
____ hrs Community Service	
____ hrs Other	____ hrs Other

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH or MONEY ORDER.

No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed.

Money Orders should be made to:
SHARE FOOD NETWORK.

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Weekly Offertory

November 20 Offertory	\$38,992
Offertory November 27	\$32,553
Retirement Fund for Religious (add'l)	\$3,744
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$6,916
Military Service (add'l)	\$1,383
Parish Building Fund	\$7,921
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul (Nov. 20/27)	\$337
Thanksgiving Food Bank Donations	\$1,504

Second Collection December 11 is for the Annual Catholic Charities Collection

Children's Charity for December

Our Children's Charity for the month of December is the Office of Migration & Refugee Services (MRS) in Fredericksburg, which assists refugee families and children, who have fled their homeland in fear of persecution and in fear for their lives. After a lengthy resettlement process through the US Government, approved families arrive with no material possessions other than the clothes on their back. With only 1 to 2 weeks' notice, MRS "Welcomes the Stranger" and assists families with housing, food, employment, schooling for their children and many other urgent needs. For more information, visit arlingtondiocese.org/mrs.

Christmas Flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office.

Parish Christmas Collection for Special Charities

As many of you know, every year at Christmas we take up a special collection for charity. None of the money collected stays at St. Mary, but is distributed as a gift from our Parish to different charities. The collection this year will be taken up on December 5 and 6 for the following charities:

The Holy Land Christians Society for the benefit of the Creche Orphanage in Bethlehem in the Holy Land. The orphanage, managed by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, has a long history in Bethlehem and has welcomed orphans since its foundation in the late 19th century. The Creche provides services of high quality for children and people of the Palestinian Authority Area and continues to function thanks to the support of its benefactors.

The Oblate Sisters of Sr. Francis de Sales lost two schools in Ecuador due to the earthquakes – St. Francis de Sales School in Rocafuerte and St. Leonie Aviat School in Tarqui. The Sisters would be most grateful for your support to help rebuild these two schools.

The Fredericksburg Office of Catholic Charities, located next to the Parish, provides Family Counseling Services for Fredericksburg and the surrounding counties. Many times the children and adolescents who come in for counseling are in financial need, and contributions from our parish will be used to assist with the financial cost of their counseling.

We know you will be generous, as you have always been, and we thank you for sharing the joy of this holy season with those who are less fortunate.

For Unto Us a Child Is Born, Christ the Savior! Give a Gift for Life

This Advent, include a Gift for Life on your Christmas List, by supporting Project Rachel or the Gabriel Project. It is easy to make a small, tax-deductible contribution as a gift in the name or memory of a family member or friend, and it will make a big difference in a woman's life. You have the opportunity to assist a frightened young woman who has just learned she is pregnant, or a woman who opted to abort her child and is now experiencing the after effects of her choice. Your gift directly supports the cost of an expectant mother's prenatal vitamins, or counseling for a woman who is experiencing the emotional distress of an abortion. Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the Church and follow the directions, or go to the following link to donate online: arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

Annual Report of St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary and St. Jude

October 2015 – September 2016

We disbursed funds in the amount of \$139,624.73 for 1,165 families from the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George and Caroline as well as the city of Fredericksburg. Clothing, food and other store items were also provided. St. Mary Catholic Church donated \$16,279.33 for the year. St. Jude Catholic Church donated \$21,144.02 for the year.

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Pro Life Reflection

Mary was full of grace from the first moment of her conception. She was not exempt from the need of a Savior; He simply shared with her in a unique way the victory over sin that He offers all of us. For those tempted to abort, there is always sufficient grace to do what is right. *Mary, pray for us and for all tempted to abort, that they may say yes to life.*

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God!

O Virgin Immaculate, who, after the Ascension of thy Divine Son, didst console thy exile on earth by the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament, and didst spend before the Tabernacle the greater part of thy days and even thy nights, make us comprehend the treasure we possess on the altar. Inspire us to visit often the God of Love in the Sacrament in which He abides to receive the homage that He deserves by so many titles, and to guide, protect, and console us in this exile! Amen.

Daily Advent Prayer

O Jesus, little child, come into my heart on Christmas morn, to wash away my sins and remain there in eternity. O Mary, Mother of my Savior, prepare for Jesus a cradle in my heart. Amen.

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, 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, 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, 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.

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**december****05 MONDAY**

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory+
9:00am Helen Kozyra+
Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

06 TUESDAY

6:30am Thomas Dart+
9:00am Thomas & Vincent Eastman
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

07 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Terry Givens
9:00am Teri Rose+
Noon Jessica Dowling
6pm Richard Broyles+
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

08 THURSDAY

6:30am Louis Farrell
8:15am* The Pollock Family
9:00am Maria Esquibel+
Noon Peter & Marija Ugincius+
6:00pm Elaine Wheeler+
7:30pm Roseann Taormina+
Gn 3:9-20/Eph 1:3-12/Lk 1:26-38

09 FRIDAY

6:30am Fr. Keith Cummings
9:00am Barbara Mertens
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

10 SATURDAY

9:00am Christopher Beall
5:00pm Andrew Mullady+
7:00pm For Our Parish
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

11 SUNDAY

7:00am Sr. Anne Kelly
8:30am Joseph & Frances Cascio+
10:30am Barbara Carneal
10:30am* John Carneal, Sr.+
12:30pm Benjamin Velis+
2:00pm Alexa Hernandez+
5:00pm Michael Coughlin+
7:01pm Henry Eastman

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