

**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

**18 December
2016**

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



what's coming



**SAINT
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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

december

18 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Trail Life 4034)
3:30pm, Health Ministry Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room
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

19 Monday, Advent Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Parish Life Center

20 Tuesday, Advent Weekday

7pm, until the line ends, Additional Advent Confessions, Church

21 Wednesday, Advent Weekday (Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church)

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House
7pm, Confessions as scheduled
7pm, Adult Confirmation Meeting with Deacon Dick Delio, Parish Office Library

22 Thursday, Advent Weekday

7pm, until the line ends, Additional Advent Confessions, Church
7pm, Nar Anon Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room

23 Friday, Advent Weekday (Saint John of Kanty, Priest)

7pm, until the line ends, Additional Advent Confessions, Church

24 Saturday, Advent Weekday

No Confessions TODAY
Vigil Masses for Christmas, 4 and 6pm (Holy Cross Academy) in English, 4pm (English) and 6pm (Bilingual/Bilingual), Church, 8:30pm (Church)
11pm, Carols, Concert preceeding the Midnight Mass

25 SUNDAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

No CYM this evening due to Christmas break
Masses for Christmas, 12am, 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, all in the Church
No 2pm, 5:00pm or 7:01 Masses

26 Monday, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Parish Offices Closed
No Noon Masses this Week

27 Tuesday, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Parish Offices will open at 11am and will close at 4:30pm through Friday December 30

28 Wednesday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

No YOUCAT this week

29 Thursday, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord (Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr)

7pm, Nar Anon Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room

30 Friday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

31 Saturday, Seventh Day within the Nativity of the Lord (Saint Sylvester I., Pope)

1 SUNDAY, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

No CYM this evening due to Christmas break

2 Monday, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ The Second Collection today is for the Parish Building Fund.
- ✂ **Vigil Masses, Christmas Eve:** 4 and 6:30pm (Church and Holy Cross), 8:30pm (Church), Carols concert at 11pm leading up to Midnight Mass. **Please note the 6:30pm Vigil Mass here at the Church will be in Spanish.**
- ✂ **Masses for Christmas:** 12am, 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, all in the Church. Please note there are **NO 2pm, 5pm or 7:01pm Masses.**
- ✂ Please note that there will be **no confessions on Saturday, December 24.**
- ✂ The Parish Office will be closing Saturday, December 24 at 1pm. The parish offices will re-open Tuesday December 27 at 11am and will close at 4:30pm Tuesday December 27 through Friday, December 30, 2016.
- ✂ **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.
- ✂ 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.**"
- ✂ **Saint Mary Calendars** are now available in both English and Spanish in the vestibule of the church. Please, one per family.

We wish everyone a safe and joyful Christmas holiday - may this celebration fill us with a deep and abiding sense of the nearness of God with us, and bring healing and peace to our families and to our world. Merry Christmas!

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 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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Bishop Michael Burbidge installed fourth bishop of Arlington

On Tuesday, December 6 at 2pm the Mass of installation was held at our Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. Bishop Burbidge, below left, shows the proclamation of his assignment from Pope Francis to the faithful assembled.



from the pastor

pax et bonum



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Folks,

4th Sunday of Advent. Panic Sunday for procrastinators. No that isn't the real name, but I think I like it!

I read recently a mother describing childbirth. She gladly embraced that out of this unglamorous and painful mess came the greatest blessings in her life: the precious lives of her children. Maybe this Christmas we aren't as prepared as we would like — with gifts unwrapped, house needs cleaning, baking to do and whatever other items are on your panic inducing to-do list. But in the midst of this 'mess' we celebrate the coming of our Lord. So this year I'll offer to God: my panicked last minute shopping, or my anxiety over not being ready... knowing that he can bring good from all things! I can hear Jesus saying, "Ready or not, here I come!"

And what preparations did He make for his coming? One thing: the perfect Immaculate Soul of His Mother. That's it. They didn't have a place to stay, they didn't have a fancy hospital, or a perfectly prepared baby-room. I wish that we could be likewise prepared. To that end, there are lots of confusion opportunities Tuesday to Friday of this week at 7pm. Friday is the last scheduled confessions. There are no scheduled confessions on the Saturday the 24th.

Finally, I want to thank Rick Caporali for his generous service to our parish family. This week will be his last working in the parish offices. Rick has served in a multitude of ways: event planning, facilities management, staff supervision, construction, cooking, even snow shoveling. He will be greatly missed. May the Lord bless and reward Rick for his generous service.

pax et bonum (peace and all goodness),

fr mosimann

*Please continue to page 10 to see
Rick's note of gratitude.*

From Bishop Michael F. Burbidge - December 11, 2016

My brothers and sisters,

I am very happy to be with you and greet you as your new bishop in the Diocese of Arlington. Today, is one of joy as we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and also celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent.

Yet, like Juan Diego, you may have fear or worry in your hearts especially at this time in our nation.

So please know that my brother bishops and I will continue to be your voice to our elected officials as we strongly advocate for a comprehensive immigration plan that is fair and just and respectful of families and of the dignity of each person.

Please pray for your bishops and remember what Mary told Juan Diego: have courage and trust in her prayers and protection.

Thank you for the gifts you are to our Church and our nation.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe watch over and protect you always.

En Espanol

Hermanos y hermanas,

Estos muy complacido de estar con ustedes y de saludarlos como su Nuevo Obispo en la Diócesis de Arlington.

Hoy es un día de gran alegría cuando honramos a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y celebramos er tercer domingo de Adviento.

Así como Juan Diego, podemos sentir miedos o tener preocupaciones en nuestro corazón especialmente en este momento que vive nuestra nación.

Confien en que mis hermanos Obispos y yo siendo sus voces con los oficiales elegidos mientras les pedimos la implementación de un plan de inmigración que sea justo y respetuoso para sus familias y la dignidad de todas las personas.

Por favor recen por sus obispos y recuerden lo que Maria le dijo a Juan Diego: sean valientes, confien en sus oraciones y en su protección.

Gracias por ser un regalo para nuestra iglesia y nuestro país.

Que la Virgen de Guadalupe los guie y proteja siempre.

holy cross academy

Carols, Gifts, and Joy

As our chorus led us in Christmas Carols, our HCA students carried their gifts for needy babies up so that they could be placed around our Giving Tree. Each year, our children help Catholic Charities, Birthright and Mary's Shelter by bringing in lots and lots of diapers, baby wipes, lotions, formula and everything that is needed for our babies.

Seeing the children carry up their gifts with so much delight reminded all of us what a great gift we receive in teaching God's precious children each day.

After our Giving Tree, our 8th graders presented their Nativity. Each year they read the story of the first Christmas for us. We are blessed by their love and joy which they share with our community.

As we continue to prepare for the great feast of Christmas, we are praying for all of you and for your families.



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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/plus and enter our school code 02320. Every time you use your Giant member number, our children benefit.



education

religious education

Last Week of Classes

This week, **December 19-22**, is the last week of Religious Education classes before our Christmas Break. **Classes resume the week of January 9-12.** This is Family Week and parents are to attend class with their children. This year's Family Week will again be uniquely different and we look forward to sharing with you this wonderful experience.

Deacon Alberto with Spanish Speaking Parents

On Tuesday, December 5, Deacon Alberto, had his second session with parents of children preparing for sacraments. Just over forty parents were present.



The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christ.

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youth ministry



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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.



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

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.

Mens Group Meeting

Gentlemen – No topic or reading this month, but we should still get together -- just because. Because it's great to get together with our fellow men of the parish each month. Because we learn a lot of from each other. Because beer. Let us plan to meet on **Friday, December 16 at 7:30pm at the Red Dragon Brewery** downtown and just hang out. The address is: 1419 Princess Anne St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

We can get back into the groove in the new year where I think we will pick up where we left off before the election – the Sacraments.

Thanks, may God bless you, and I look forward to seeing you at the meetings or around the parish.

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.

A Note of Gratitude

As many of you may already know, or soon will know, that I am leaving my position here at St. Mary. My decision has not been without prayerful discernment over these last few months, I am sorry but it is time.

I would like to thank so many of you who have tirelessly given of your time, talent and treasure to make St. Mary the beautiful, welcoming and prayerful parish that it has become through those gifts you have been called to share.

Some have asked me "What about Easter? What about this ministry or that project?" Know that the work and service of our parish has/is not done in a vacuum. We have one of the finest staffs in the Diocese, capable and willing to serve, ministry leaders who continue to witness their faith through their good works, and a Pastor and clergy that will continue to form us and lead us closer to Christ - life will continue.

We all are part of the mosaic that we call St. Mary and each of us plays a role in creating this image of Christ within the parish community, our parish school and the wider community. It is through our witness that St. Mary inspires, invites and serves others, ultimately for the glory of God.

Although I may be changing my employment I will, as I am able, continue to call St. Mary home and this community my family.

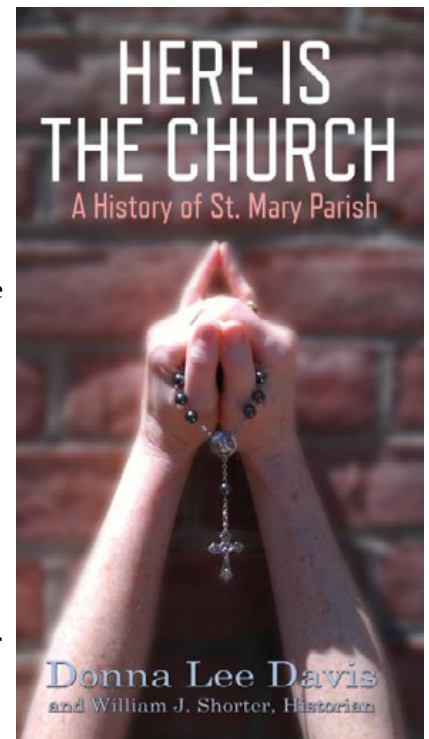
May God continue to bless us abundantly and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide us to do his will, through faithful service with unwavering love, hope and charity.

- Rick

A History of St. Mary

"Fredericksburg's St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church is steeped in history, from its antebellum roots in overwhelmingly Protestant Virginia through the carnage of the American Civil War and its aftermath to the modern age which finds its congregation nearly 17,000 strong. Its story comes alive in *Here Is The Church: A History of St. Mary Parish* through the chronicling of local newspapers and first person accounts." Our parish history book is a celebration of all that we have been and all that we are today.

Reserve your copy for \$25 at StMaryCCWNews@aol.com or 540-752-5502 or visit the online bookstore at store.bookbaby.com/book/Here-Is-the-Church



happenings

Making Room for our Children to Learn and Grow

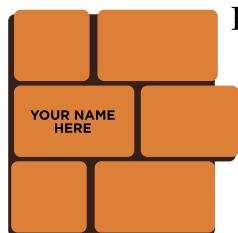
After nearly twenty years Holy Cross Academy is going to make more room to grow— not for more students, but for the learning and growth of our families' children.

This much needed expansion of our facility will allow us to add on a cafeteria, world language classroom, full-sized computer lab, athletic flooring for our gym, new music and art rooms, new science lab, and enlarged honors math and reading resource rooms. We will also be able to expand our kitchen and library.



- 1. CAFETERIA**
expanded kitchen (G)
additional restrooms
Aviat Care office
additional storage
- 2. MUSIC ROOM**
- 3. COMPUTER/IT LAB**
- 4. SCIENCE LAB (6th Grade)**
- 5. ART ROOM**
- 6. Glass-covered COURTYARD**
- HALLWAY TO LEARNING
- A. LIBRARY** (expanded)
- B. Math Skills Room**
- C. World Languages**
- D. CHAPEL**
- E. Teacher's Resource Room**
- F. Counselor's Office**
- G. Expanded Kitchen**
- H. GYM** (new floor)
- I. Foyer** (facelift)

We need your help to make this happen



Help fund our

Hallway to Learning



Become part of this expansion by purchasing a commemorative brick for our new Hallway to Learning. Middle School students will enjoy our glass-covered Hallway to Learning as they go to their next class and our entire community will appreciate the facelift to our foyer and our new Saint Joseph Chapel.

Our Hallway to Learning Campaign allows you to be part of this expansion as you memorialize loved ones or commemorate special events such as graduation.

With your name or that of a loved one inscribed in this hallway you will always be part of the learning experience at Holy Cross Academy.

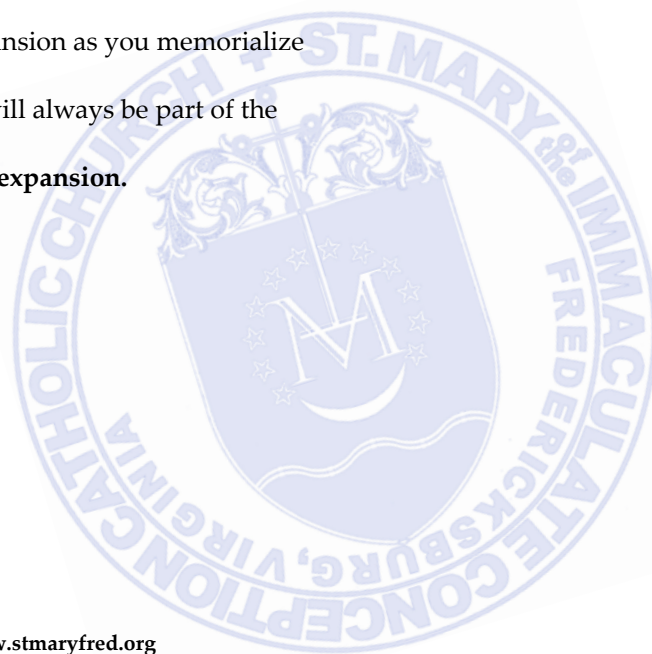
To order your brick and learn more visit holycrossweb.com/buildingexpansion.

Other ways to help

Consider making a tax free donation to our school! Your tax-deductible charitable donation will help to ensure the future of Catholic education, the mission of our school and to enrich our exceptional academic programs.

Also, attend our Riverside Pops supports Holy Cross Academy Evening on February 14th at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts - more information coming soon.

To find out more about our school visit holycrossweb.com



operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

December 11 Offertory	\$32,878
Annual Catholic Charities	
Christmas Collection	\$9,237
Immaculate Conception	
Collection	\$7,630
Parish Collection for Special	
Charities (add'l)	\$3,133
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul	
	\$247
Faith Direct - December	
Offertory	\$47,508
Building Fund	\$3,871
Parish Special Charities	\$2,886
CC Christmas Collection	\$2,325
Immaculate Conception	\$1,757
Christmas Offertory	\$4,268

Masses were offered in November for the following unscheduled intentions: All Souls, Father Colin,+Lawrence Herfurtner,+Edith Fleming, Father Cummings,+Annie Gracik, Father Holmes,+Sean Bolton, Peggy Murphy,+Irene Greshko, and+Anna Stanford.

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/mr.

All Night Adoration - First Friday, January 6

Join us immediately following the 8pm mass, January 6 for All Night Adoration.

O Come Let Us Adore Him in Eucharistic Adoration!

"The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger" (Lk 2:16). "We fall down in adoration before the Son of God. As we adore Christ, born in a stable....we feel the shepherds' same amazement and their same joy" (Saint John Paul II). Sign-up sheets for All Night Adoration are in the vestibule of the Church, and our newborn King awaits you. Adore Him and honor His Blessed Mother – Come to Eucharistic Adoration!

Al Anon Surviving the Weekend Group

Al Anon is for those who have been affected by someone else's drinking, and members come together to learn a better way of life and how to find happiness. Especially at this time of year, it's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. There is an Al Anon meeting every Saturday at 10am in Room 204 of St. Mary's Parish Life Center.

Pro Life Reflection

Christmas, for which we are now preparing, is not simply the feast of the birth of Christ; it is the feast of His becoming human, the reality called the Incarnation. Jesus was an embryo, a fetus. Life in the womb, which was already sacred because it comes from God, is now made even more holy and worthy of our every sacrifice. *Lord Jesus, You lived for nine months within the body of the Virgin Mary. Give success to the efforts of all who believe in Your Incarnation to protect every life in the womb.*

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.

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 faithdirect.net. Our parish code is **VA635**.

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SCRIP gift cards

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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 Druett, Margaret Gralton, Cheryl Wood, Barbara McCoy, Leroy Spangler, Francine Ochman, Veronica Johnson, John Storm, Joshua Oltman, Gladys Bowen, Frances Schwab, Martha Clemens, Lynn Dennis, Anne Shelton, Barbara Gillette, John Gannon, Maureen Mizzles, Miles Wood, Smoot Major, Marian Wolinski, Holly Smith, Mike Harwich, Larry Dillman, Jerome Murphy, Jim Evans, Keith 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 Hegdey, Josephine Kreider, Darlene Guinn, Lillian Held, Duska Green, Mary Jean and Don Williams, O'Neta Shorter, Melvyn Schreckinger, Mary Ulmer, Mary Brannham, 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, Anna Marie Johnson, Emma Gilbert, Tracey Hansen, Bill Herr, Richard Fadden, Michelle Williams, Diana and Mike Pabrinkis, Zachary Payne, David Nimmer, Linda Kaila
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.

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.

Daily Mass intentions and readings**december****19 MONDAY**

6:30am Rina Galdamez
 9:00am Sr. Mary Eileen McCarthy
 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

20 TUESDAY

6:30am Robert Alfredo Galdamez
 9:00am Helen Novick+
 Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

21 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Bon Van Than+
 9:00am Brian and Judy Hellmann
 Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

22 THURSDAY

6:30am Theresa Boehringer+
 9:00am Addie Comerford+
 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

23 FRIDAY

6:30am Rose Genuario+
 9:00am Patrick Leo Petro, Sr.+
 MI 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

24 SATURDAY

9:00am Annie Hocter
 4:00pm Elaine Wheeler
 4:00pm* Patrica Gasper+
 6:30pm Mary and John Difilippo+
 6:30pm* Christopher Ducic
 8:30pm Lorraine Ryan+
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
 Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 (Vigil)

25 SUNDAY

Midnight For Our Parish
 7:00am Gina Mari Lenox+
 8:30am The Sambat Family
 10:30am Robert Kaila+
 10:30am* Ann Sanford+
 12:30pm Mark Allen & Theodora Smolen+
 Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (night)
 Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (dawn)
 Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 (day)
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