



## The Nativity of Our Lord

**25 December  
2016**

**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

# what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

## december

### **25 SUNDAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

No Coffee Shop after morning Masses  
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  
No Religious Education this week, classes resume January 9

### **27 Tuesday, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Parish Offices will open at 11am today.  
Office hours will be 8:30am to 4:30pm each day 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  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House (upstairs)

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

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

10am, Al Anon Meeting, Parish Life Center, Rm 204

## january

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

No Coffee Shop after morning Masses  
No CYM this evening due to Christmas break  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass

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

No Religious Education Classes this week  
7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church

### **3 Tuesday, Christmas Weekday (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)**

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

### **4 Wednesday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

9:45am, Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room  
6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House  
7pm, Adult Confirmation Meeting with Deacon Dick Delio, Parish Office Library

### **5 Thursday, Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

9:45am, Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room  
7pm, Nar Anon Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Community Room  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House (upstairs)

### **6 Friday, Christmas Weekday (Saint André Bessette, Religious)**

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House  
8pm, First Friday Mass followed by All Night Adoration, Church

### **7 Saturday, Christmas Weekday (Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)**

10am, Al Anon Meeting, Parish Life Center, Rm 204  
6-8pm, Knights of Columbus Parish Family Dinner, Parish Life Center

## nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ The parish offices will re-open Tuesday December 27 at 11am. Office hours will be 8:30am to 4:30pm each day 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!*

## contact us www.stmaryfred.org

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<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am, Noon (M,W,F) Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	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
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	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
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<b>ST. MARY PRESCHOOL</b>	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE</b>	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
<b>HEALTH MINISTRY</b>	845-3031 Lois Sullivan, RN, FCN
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
<b>MARRIAGE</b>	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
<b>JOIN US</b>	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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our parish

# 2016 at a glance





# from the pope christmas letter



## Pope Francis' 2016 Christmas Card

*Holy Father chooses 14th century fresco by Giotto, located in the lower basilica of St. Francis in Assisi*

Edward Pentin, *National Catholic Register*

Pope Francis has chosen Giotto's 14th century fresco of the Nativity in Assisi for his Christmas card this year, accompanied by a verse from Isaiah on its reverse.

The 1313 masterpiece, located in the lower basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, is the only one of its kind in the world where a nativity scene has two baby Jesuses to express the human and divine nature of Christ.

Giotto interprets the divine aspect through the blue that shines in the night of Bethlehem, and the painting itself "broadens and expands" his narration of the scene "to tell a true story, not a fairy tale," according to Enzo Fortunato, press officer of the Sacred Convent of Assisi.

He added that the use of blue "moves and captures everyone, pilgrim or tourist. Those who enter the basilica remain fascinated. A deep, luminous color, above all royal and real."

In a Dec. 6 article in *Corriere della Sera*, Fortunato explains that the Pope "is emphasizing three 'terribly human' gestures" through the image. "The first is represented by the two midwives who are located next to one of the baby Jesuses, embracing, wrapping and supporting him." The embrace, he added, is a human parable: Jesus is no longer considered to be a stranger but "a part of the humanity to which we belong."

The swaddling clothes, meanwhile, are aimed at "recalling the need to alleviate the suffering of others," the suffering of hunger through the symbolism of breastfeeding, and the suffering of the cold because Jesus has been "forced to leave his native home" and the swaddling clothes "support the fragile body."

"It's really here where we are called to perceive, through our gestures, God with us. It's Christmas," wrote Fortunato. He also drew attention to topographical points: the grotto and area of the shepherds. They represent "two signs of daily deprivation that become the center of hope," he said. "And it's these peripheries through which the Pope would like the fresco to help man to become aware of God through the gestures of everyday life."

Also significant in the painting is the adoration of 28 angels, most of whom are praying.

St. Francis founded the nativity scene tradition in 1223 because he said he wanted "to do something that will recall the memory of that Child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of his infancy, how he lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by."

It was also his own personal devotion to the baby Jesus that sparked his desire to create the first nativity scene, according to St. Bonaventure:

"The man of God [St. Francis] stood before the manger, full of devotion and piety, bathed in tears and radiant with joy; the Holy Gospel was chanted by Francis, the Levite of Christ. Then he preached to the people around the nativity of the poor King; and being unable to utter His name for the tenderness of His love, He called Him the Babe of Bethlehem."

The verse from Isaiah on the Pope's Christmas card is an abridged version of 9:5, and reads: "For a child will be born to us, Prince of Peace."

from the pastor

# pax et bonum



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Dear Folks,

Merry, Merry Christmas!

I can't help but powerfully recall the powerful memories of childhood. So much of our character and personalities are shaped in the heart of our families. It is no wonder that popes have called the Holy family "the school of Nazareth." To quote Pope Emeritus Benedict, "The house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where we learn to listen, to meditate, to penetrate the deepest meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God, drawing our example from Mary, Joseph and Jesus."

May the Virgin Mary and St Joseph help us to live the Mystery of Christmas with renewed gratitude to the Lord. In the midst of the frenetic activity of our day, may this Season give us some calm and joy and enable us to feel tangibly the goodness of our God, who became a Child to save us and to give new encouragement and light on our journey. This is my wish for a blessed and merry Christmas. To each and every member of our parish family, to your relatives and to your friends, in particular to the sick and the suffering, as well those who have no one to celebrate this feast with.

Be assured of my prayers for you and my prayers of thanksgiving for the work that the Lord is doing in our lives.

pax,

Fr. Mosimann

**Join us this Monday at 8:15pm**



**Monday  
January 9, 8:15pm**

**You are invited to a monthly gathering of  
prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the  
Taizé community in France.**

It is our hope that this monthly prayer gathering brings together Christians of all churches as we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one."

This Unity, which embraces all people, stands at the very heart of Christ's mission. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and accomplish this plan for us.

*Praying with one voice, let us ask God to  
bring healing to our world and end the  
divisions that separate peoples.*

***Saint Mary Catholic Church***



# holy cross academy

## Merry Christmas!

The Oblate Sisters, faculty, staff, parents and students of Holy Cross Academy and St. Mary Preschool thank you for your support throughout the year and wish you and your families a blessed, peace-filled Merry Christmas!



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# religious education

## Christmas Gifts for Families

Religious Education families provided Christmas gifts for sixteen parish families. We deeply appreciate your spirit of sharing and making Christmas more enjoyable for so many children and their families.



## Family Week

Religious Education Family Week will be the **first week of class in 2017, January 9-12**. Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S is again assisting us, ensuring that families will once more share an enlightening experience. Parents should accompany their children to Religious Education classes that week.

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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.**





# knights of columbus



## Merry Christmas

Your Knights would like to thank you for your support. We have been very active supporting the community and our Church. We have assisted parishioners in paying rent, maintaining electricity, helping them have a family Thanksgiving, and we worked with Saint Mary, Toys for Tots and local agencies to provide a Christmas celebration for children in the local area. We could not have provided that charity without your support for our fundraisers. Thank You!

## January Family Dinner

The January Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Saturday, January 7 from 6-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center**. The menu includes homemade pork bbq sandwiches, Tater Tots, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and bread pudding. The net proceeds will be used to defray the cost of the March for Life buses. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Take outs 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**

## Winter Care Collection for Our Troops

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Saint Mary's parishioners who donated to the Winter Care Collection benefiting our men and women in uniform. Over 85 pounds of snack, hydration, protein, and hygiene items were collected, as well as books, magazines, playing cards, and encouraging letters and notes. In addition, \$90.00 was also collected for the program. The items and money were provided to the Fredericksburg Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America. Your generosity will help to make the Christmas season a little brighter for our those who are serving our country overseas. – Thank You!



## Celebrate Religious Freedom Day

January 8, 2017, the Knights of Columbus Rappahannock Assembly will proudly sponsor the 240th Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's drafting of the Act of Religious Freedom for Virginia. It is a freedom that we must not take for granted! With Religious persecution growing throughout the world and in our own country, we urge everyone who is able to turn out to march or just support this observance by attending the ceremony. A parade will begin at 1:30pm at the VRE Station in Fredericksburg, followed by a ceremony at 2pm at the religious Freedom Monument on Washington Avenue. All parishioners, their families, friends and neighbors are invited to join in celebrating this very important event in Virginia's history. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact **Rick Recheck at 540-368-9345 or rez55@cox.net**.

## Essay Contest

The council sponsored a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest to encourage young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in the Faith.

The topic this year was "the importance of religious freedom." As Catholics we are called to participate in the political life of our country. This can be difficult at times because our beliefs are often misunderstood and unpopular. Also, laws and regulations from our governments can be contrary to our beliefs and threaten to force us to violate our conscience. We asked the participants to discuss the challenges we face in this area, the importance of religious freedom, and the idea of the Catholic in the public square.

## The following students participated in the contest:

Drew Withers

Rachel Startzel, Jacob Hellman, Edwin Carlson, Isabella Daniel (3rd Place), Angelie Nguyen (3rd Place), Samatha Liffert (2nd Place), Bruce Gilkerson (1st Place), Andrew Schalk (1st Place), and Robert Domingue (1st Place).

## Trail Life

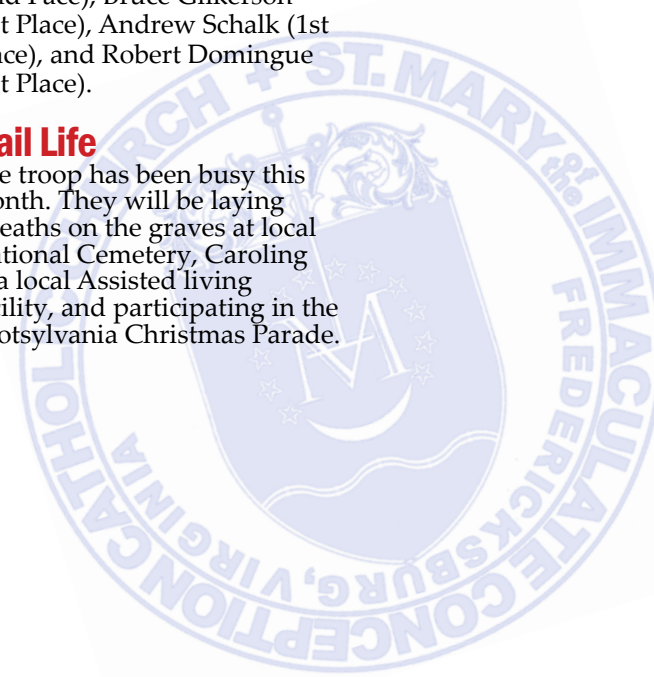
The troop has been busy this month. They will be laying wreaths on the graves at local National Cemetery, Caroling at a local Assisted living facility, and participating in the Spotsylvania Christmas Parade.

## November Knight of the Month

Michael Kasey

## November Family of the Month

Ralph Misener family



# 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.

## Diocesan Women

Please Join Us for the **Annual Women's Conference on March 11, 2017** at St Joseph Herndon VA. This year conference is entitled "Breaking Free Through Forgiveness" with speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza, author and survivor of Rwandan Genocide. The day also includes, confession, breakfast, lunch and Mass with

Bishop Burbidge. **More info at [arlingtondiocese.org](http://arlingtondiocese.org) — registration begins January 1, 2017**

## 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 History of St. Mary

The recently published history of St. Mary parish, *Here Is the Church* by Davis and Shorter, is the selection for discussion at the book club when it meets on January 10 at 10 AM in the St. John Paul II House. For more information, **contact Kathleen Mahoney at [bmah761569@aol.com](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com) or 540-371-2073.**



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## From Bishop Michael F. Burbidge - Christmas Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
It is a great privilege for me to greet you on this first Christmas as your bishop. I am so very grateful for the gracious welcome you have extended to me and for the assurance of your continued prayers.

At Christmas, we sing "Joy to the World." However, this is more than a seasonal carol. It is the hope and prayer that we hold deep within our hearts. Genuine and lasting joy is found only in an intimate relationship with Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of Mary, the Savior of the World.

As we celebrate the great feast of Christmas, may we be renewed in our commitments to stay close to the Lord by faithfully attending Mass, by frequently celebrating God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance, by praying daily and by imitating the Lord's humble and sacrificial service especially in our compassionate care of those in most need. When we live in such a way, we will know genuine joy and will be instruments in bringing that precious gift to all the world.

It is my hope and prayer that through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, our Lord Jesus will abundantly bless you with His peace and joy throughout the Christmas season and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington

## De obispo Michael F. Burbidge - letra de la Navidad

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Para mí es un gran privilegio saludarlos en esta primera Navidad como su obispo. Estoy sumamente agradecido por la amable bienvenida que me han dado y por el ofrecimiento de sus continuas oraciones.

En la Navidad cantamos el himno "Alegría al mundo". Sin embargo, este es mucho más que un villancico navideño. Representa la esperanza y la oración profundamente arraigadas dentro de nuestro corazón. La alegría verdadera y perdurable se encuentra solamente en una íntima relación con Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, el Hijo de María, el Salvador del Mundo.

Al celebrar la gran fiesta de la Navidad, renovemos el compromiso de mantenernos cerca del Señor al asistir fielmente a la Misa, celebrar con frecuencia la misericordia de Dios en el Sacramento de la Penitencia, rezar a diario e imitar el servicio humilde y sacrificial del Señor, particularmente con nuestro cuidado compasivo de los más necesitados. Al vivir de esa forma, conoceremos la verdadera alegría y seremos instrumentos para llevar ese precioso don a todo el mundo.

Elevo mis oraciones con la esperanza de que por la intercesión de María y José, nuestro Señor Jesús los bendiga en abundancia con su paz y alegría en toda la temporada de la Navidad y siempre.

Fraternalmente en Cristo,

Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge  
Obispo de Arlington

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

Due to early bulletin deadlines for the Christmas Holiday, the next financial report will be published in the January 8, 2017 Bulletin

The Second Collection on January 8, 2017 is for the Parish Building Fund.

## Pro Life Reflection

Thanks to Christmas, all the earth has seen the saving hand of God! A new and radiant vision of His glory has shone upon us, because human life has been joined to Him. He has raised human life to a greater dignity than it had before. Life was always sacred, because it is God's creation. But thanks to Christmas, human life is forever united to Divine Life in and through the Infant King of Bethlehem. *Lord, may all Your people continue to marvel at Your love for human life and reverence this gift as You do.*

## 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.

## 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!*

## Children's Charity for January

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in January is the local Hospice Camp Rainbow. Camp Rainbow is an overnight, weekend bereavement camp for children ages 5 to 12 who have experienced a loss or are currently living with a loved one with a terminal illness. The Camp is organized by Hospice Support Care, a non-profit, non-medical volunteer hospice support organization providing spiritual, practical, and emotional support to patients and their families. The primary goal of Camp Rainbow is to teach children how to grieve in a healthy manner, while building fond remembrances. Like Kids Helping Kids, Camp Rainbow also strives to normalize grief, understand death and dying, and improve social skills. For more information, go to [hospicesupportcare.org](http://hospicesupportcare.org).

## 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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife).

## Electronic Offertory

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## happening here

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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 Kovalsky, 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, Jonathan Nogueira, Jim Mann, 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, Adrienne Foshay, Maggie Lampman

**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 Mass intentions and readings****december****26 MONDAY**

6:30am Tohil Galdamez

9:00am Dominick Delio+

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

**27 TUESDAY**

6:30am Dorothy DiVintantonio

9:00am Robert Kaila+

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a and 2-8

**28 WEDNESDAY**

6:30am Marija Tejada

9:00am Dr. John Prohaska

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

**29 THURSDAY**

6:30am Martin P. Laraia+

9:00am Ann Ban Nguyen+

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

**30 FRIDAY**

6:30am Salvadore DeTrane+

9:00am Lori Barlow

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**31 SATURDAY**

9:00am Len and Sylvia Fontenot

5:00pm Dr. and Mrs. Sambat

7:00pm Freddy Aravalo+

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

**01 SUNDAY**

7:00am For Our Parish

8:30am Salvatore De Trane+

10:30am For those who died in

December

10:30am\* Chancellor Argall+

12:30pm Providence Moeller+

2:00pm Maria de Jesus Villan-

ueva+ Jesus+

5:00pm Nick Sochanchak+

7:01pm Lottie Hauncher+

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

*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*