

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017



**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

## september

### 3 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*No Coffee Shop after Morning Masses*

12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center Room 100

### 4 Monday, Weekday

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center, Room 100

### 5 Tuesday, Weekday

*First Day of School for St. Mary Preschool - Welcome Back!*

7:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center Room 204

### 6 Wednesday, Weekday

### 7 Thursday, Weekday

9:45am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House - upstairs

7pm, Nar-Anon Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 204

7pm Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center Room 202

### 8 Friday, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### 9 Saturday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest

*Manna Food Project Collection at all Masses*

### 10 SUNDAY, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Coffee Shop after Morning Masses Sponsored by St. Mary Preschool*

*Manna Food Project Collection at all Masses*

12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary Parish Life Center, Room 100

4-7pm, Ice Cream Social and Cake Walk, Holy Cross Academy

### 11 Monday, Weekday

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center, Room 100

8:15pm, Taize Prayer Service, Church

### 12 Tuesday, Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Mary]

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit, Courtyard Meeting Room

7:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center Room 204

### 13 Wednesday, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

### 14 Thursday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15am, *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, HCA Feast Day, School Mass*

9:45am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100

6:30pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 201

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House - upstairs

7pm, Nar-Anon Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 204

### 15 Friday, Our Lady of Sorrows

### 16 Saturday, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishops, Martyrs

### 17 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Coffee Shop after Morning Masses Sponsored by American Heritage Girls*

12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary Parish Life Center, Room 100

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

✂ **The Second Collection next weekend** supports the **Religious Education Program of our Parish**. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, parish expenses for our Religious Education Program were \$37,504.29, and your generosity in supporting the faith formation of our children is sincerely appreciated.

✂ Saint Mary's fall social, the **Annual Parish Ice Cream Social and Cakewalk** is next Sunday from 4-7pm at Holy Cross Academy. Join your parish family for lots of fun and delicious ice cream!

✂ **September is National Hunger Awareness Month and The Manna Project Food Drive** will be collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations September 9 & 10 outside of weekend Masses. *See page 11 for more information.*

✂ Complete some of your shopping by purchasing **SCRIP gift cards!** Set up an account today and earn rebates for HCA. Email **Christi Greenwell** at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) for the school enrollment code.

✂ **Subscribe to the Saint Mary website, [stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org)** and receive important updates via email. The subscription box is on the homepage. Enter your email address, click "subscribe."

✂ Stop by our **Coffee Shop every Sunday morning** to meet your fellow parishioners and enjoy coffee and donuts.

## contact us [stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org)

<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am M/W/F: 12 Noon Sat.: 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass, Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Wed., 6:30-8:30pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 <a href="mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org">stmary@stmaryfred.org</a> 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. Stephen Holmes Fr. Colin Davis Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio  Operations Manager, Jim Florio Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Parish Secretary, Elizabeth Tellez Director of Music & Organist, David Uschold
<b>HOLY CROSS ACADEMY</b>	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
<b>ST. MARY PRESCHOOL</b>	540-373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE</b>	540-373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	540-373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria Tatiana Beltran
<b>OUTREACH</b>	540-373-6491 Elena Doyle - <a href="mailto:outreach@stmaryfred.org">outreach@stmaryfred.org</a>
<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 Parish Life Center 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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

# from the pastor

# pax et bonum



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY



Dear Folks,

Another Labor Day, another Summer wrapping up. I usually say, 'where did the summer go?' but this year I know exactly where it went: into the traffic jam on 95! ;-) Happy Labor Day. Rest up. Celebrate the end of summer and the easing back into the 'normal' schedule for the year.

Parents are rejoicing, and children are mourning as school bells are ringing once again. Remember that when you work and study, you are using the gifts that God has given you. He doesn't give gifts without a purpose. Work has inherent dignity, that is often lost on modern man. We store up for ourselves the fruit of our labor in order to be able to provide for the future and live in a dignified manner. Moreover, work finds its ultimate reference when directed to God and we participate in the mystery of building up civilization in love and peace. Work took on an even greater dignity in the incarnation: God himself labored and earned His food by the sweat of his brow. I pray that you find great peace in your labors, that you not be enslaved by the demands of the modern workweek, and that work always be prioritized behind your faith and family. Our worth is not determined by our job titles, but by our love.

May Saint Joseph the Worker intercede for us. Have a blessed and restful Labor Day.

Pax et bonum!

Fr Mosimann

**V + J**

## **Saint Joseph Mission in Gabis**

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In 2015, we visited this mission in Namibia, providing educational supplies, toiletries, hats, gloves, washcloths and many other necessary items for the children. Since then our parish has sponsored the purchase of pillows and new toilet facilities. Our little friends in the desert are now in desperate need of new mattresses for their beds. For \$55 per child, we can take care of this need and provide these beautiful children with a fresh, clean mattress on which to rest.

If you can help us make this come true, please send a check for \$55 to  
**Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales**  
**1316 Royston Street**  
**Fredericksburg, VA 22401**  
*Memo line: St. Joseph Mission, Gabis*

Please know how grateful we are for  
your generosity!



# holy cross academy

## First Day Back to School!

Our first day of school was a day of celebration! We joyfully welcomed back old students, greeted new ones, and enjoyed seeing our HCA parents and families.

Our students came in with big smiles and crisp uniforms, laden down with school supplies for the new year. They headed to their classrooms with their parents. They were all eager to meet their new teachers and classmates. Teachers explained procedures and took out some time to learn all about their new class. Everyone settled in to begin a new year of learning and growing.

At 10am many parents returned so that we could ask God's blessings on this new school year. We are always happy to welcome alumni back for this opening Mass as well. Our school administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students all prayed:

*As we begin this very special 20th anniversary, we ask God's blessing as we pledge ourselves to be faithful to the Gospel of Christ; adhere to the principles of Holy Cross Academy; demonstrate an increased reverence for Jesus present in each person; teach our students to serve others in need so that we may provide them with hope rooted in Christ; and to lead all our students in the pursuit of academic excellence and the development of their gifts. We rededicate ourselves to work for the good of our parish and school and to serve each child and parent, and all those with whom we work, so that God may be glorified in each of us all through this coming year.*



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We hope that you will consider our parish school for your children this year. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is still open. To learn more, we invite you to visit our school website, **holy-crossweb.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.

# education religious education

## Important Dates for Catechists

**Tuesday, September 5**, from 6-9pm in the Parish Life Center, First Catechist Training

**Sunday, September 10**, Catechists make their Profession of Faith at a Mass

**Monday, September 11 to Thursday, September 14**, first week of Religious Education classes

## 2 Catechists Needed

1 for the **Monday 6:30pm** session

1 for the **Wednesday 4:45pm** session

*We also still need Prayer-aides, office volunteers, assistant catechists and substitute catechists.*

## Commissioning of Catechists

Next weekend at the Saturday Vigil Masses and Sunday Masses parishioners from our parish will be commissioned as catechists. These volunteers will share their faith with the over 950 students in the Religious Education program.

Before Mass catechists will sign their "Profession of Faith" in the vestibule. After the sermon the priest will invite Catechists to the front of the congregation to profess their faith and be commissioned. The celebrant will then invite them to offer their signed "Profession of Faith" on a table in front of the altar.

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## Registration

Registration in September will be \$60.00/child and \$175.00 for 3 or more children. First Communion and Confirmation fees remain the same.

*"Teach your kids what's good, or others will teach them what's evil"*

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parish life

# youth ministry

## YOUCAT

Starting September 6, our Wednesday night program--YOUCAT is kicking off. Join us every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm as we dive into learning more about our faith in a small group community. We meet in the Saint John Paul II House.

## Middle School Youth Group

Join us Friday, September 15 at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center as we kick off our new and improved Middle School Youth Group. Join us for a powerful night filled with fun, faith and friends. Middle School Youth Group will be meeting bimonthly. Check out the website for more info.



## CYM Registration: Please Sign Up!

Our High School registration for the 2017-18 school year is now available online. Please print one sheet per youth and submit with the \$25 fee (per child). We are super excited for another fantastic year of ministry!

# StMaryCYM



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# parish life happenings

**" C O M E A N D S E E "**

# RCIA

We invite **all who seek** a deeper life in **Jesus Christ** to consider becoming members of this Body of Christ through the Sacraments of Initiation. Please call the parish office to register.

**You are welcome. Begin 9/11**

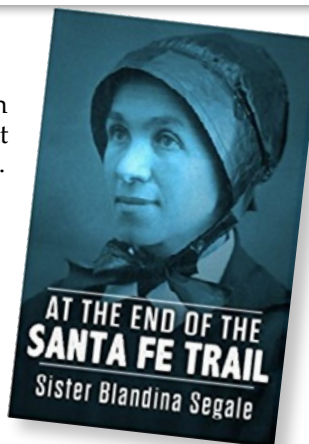
## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Program begins at Saint Mary on Monday, September 11 and lasts until the Easter Vigil. We meet on Mondays from 7:30pm until 9:15pm with a 45 minute class (all in the parish are welcome to attend), then refreshments and small group discussion

follows about the topic of the evening and other formation topics. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church and receiving the sacraments of Baptism (or make a Profession of Faith if already baptized), Confirmation and Eucharist, please contact the parish office to register or email us at: **RCIAstmaryfred@gmail.com.**

## Parish Book Club

St. Mary's Book Club will begin its Fall meeting September 12 at 10am in the John Paul II House. Our book selection is "*At the End of the Santa Fe Trail*" by Sr. Blandina Segale. It is the true autobiographical account of Sister's adventurous life in the Wild West and Cincinnati. She is now called Servant of God. We welcome back all our old member and especially new members. Welcome all!



## Parent Information Meeting

Trail Life Troop VA-4034, chartered through Holy Cross Academy and supported by KofC Council 4034, and American Heritage Girls Troop VA0128, chartered through St Mary's CCW, are having a parent information meeting at **Holy Cross Academy on Thursday September 7 at 7:15pm.** TL and AHG are Christian adventure, character, integrity, and leadership programs for young men and women, respectively. The K-12 programs build skills and allow growth on a personal level and as a role model and leader for peers and to support the Church. For more information visit [traillifeusa.com](http://traillifeusa.com) or [americanheritagegirls.org](http://americanheritagegirls.org)

Questions? Email [troopmasterva4034@gmail.com](mailto:troopmasterva4034@gmail.com) for Mark Gardner (Trail Life) and [ahg-va0128@yahoo.com](mailto:ahg-va0128@yahoo.com) for Maureen Siegmund (American Heritage Girls)"

## Teams of Our Lady

"The couple that prays together, stays together" - The Teams of Our Lady ([teamsofourlady.org](http://teamsofourlady.org)) are 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 monthly to pray and share with the other couples over dinner.

A second Fredericksburg team is in the works! contact us to learn more. **Helene (540 361 5662) and Gonzague (540 361 5673) de Bonfils, or [hdebonfils@gmail.com](mailto:hdebonfils@gmail.com).**

# knights of columbus

## Council 4034 Bowling League

We invite Knights, non-knights, and community members 16 years & up to join us for bowling fun. The KofC 4034 Bowling League will begin Monday, September 11 at the AMF Fredericksburg Lanes on Route 3. We're currently forming teams, the cost is \$17 per week, per person with four bowlers on a team. Teams can have male, female, and teenagers (16 & up).



The league starts September 11 at 7pm every Monday through March 2018. At the end of the season, there's an awards party with prize money presented. For more info contact **Rick Reschick** at 540-368-9345 or rez55@cox.net or Steven Young at stevenmyoung86@yahoo.com or 540-841-3630.

## September Family Dinner

The September Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 6 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Life Center. The dinner is open to the public and is 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.

## Knights of Columbus 5K Run/Walk

In January 2018, your Council, 4034, will be conducting a 5K Fun Run/Walk as a fund raiser for the many charities we support. We will be mirroring another wonderful charitable organization, The Moss Free Clinic, but at a different time of the year. If you would be interested in being part of the development team for this, please let me know. You will be an inaugural member and will have a large say in how we build and work this to fruition. Even if you have never done this, but love to run, we could use your insight and assistance. If we start now, we can create a wonderful experience for those participants and develop a new strategy for charitable fund raising for our Parish and this community. Please contact Grand Knight Stephen Stoecker at sjstoecker@yahoo.com if you are interested.

*The Knights of Columbus Council #4034 is comprised of Catholic men and their families, united in service with our Church, schools and neighborhoods. Along with our community non-profit organizations, we have a common core objective to help and serve those in need.*

*We are part of the Parish Life Ministry at Saint Mary and this is our 60th year of support.*

**Website:**  
[kofc4034.org](http://kofc4034.org)

**Facebook:**  
[fb.com/kofc4034](https://fb.com/kofc4034)

**E-Mail:** [Info@kofc4034.org](mailto:Info@kofc4034.org)

**Business meeting**  
2nd Wednesday of each month  
at the Fredericksburg Columbus Club.

Dinner: 6:30–6:45 Rosary: 7:10  
Meeting 7:30–8:30

**There is always time to be a Knight**  
For more information, Contact our  
Council's Membership Director at:  
[MembershipDirector@kofc4034.org](mailto:MembershipDirector@kofc4034.org)



**KNIGHTS  
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# happenings

## Communication & Prayer Workshop

**Saturday, September 23**

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

**Register**

\$55 per couple

[arlingtondiocese.org/communicationandprayerworkshop](http://arlingtondiocese.org/communicationandprayerworkshop)

*No registration at the door.*

### Speakers

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### Mary's Birthday Celebration

All are invited to a breakfast celebration sponsored by the Legion of Mary and the Council of Catholic Women on September 9 after the 9am Mass in the Parish Life Center.

### Cursillo Upcoming Events

**Women's Cursillo Weekend:** San Damiano - September 14-15

**Men's Cursillo Weekend:**

San Damiano - October 26-29

**First notice for Fall Ultreya** Sunday, November 19 - 3pm

**What is Cursillo?** A short 3-day course with lay leaders and Spiritual Directors of the Arlington Diocese. The weekend focus is on Jesus and His grace and mercy. There might be a bit of fun that happens while you are there! Go and see for yourself! Come and join us. Call **Tammie or Doug Chute** at 540-785-0570 for information.

### Global Prayer Ministry

With faith in the power of prayer, the Global Ministry acknowledges the Power of Praying Together. The Ministry works through social media to connect people to pray for a common interest. Simply text "Prayer" to 845-76 to join! As a member of Global Prayer, you will receive the week's intention from the Coordinator each Wednesday and Friday. Then, at noon on Friday, wherever you happen to be, we ask that you spend 10 minutes or so with our online community, praying for the week's intention. Our prayers are now being expanded beyond global faith concerns to include prayers for the health and healing of our local parishioners and faith community. We are reaching out for you to join. Become part of the Global Prayer Ministry with others throughout our Parish and community. For those that do not text but wish to join, you can do so via the internet. To sign up, please visit: [app.flocknote.com/stmaryfredericksburg](http://app.flocknote.com/stmaryfredericksburg).

# our neighbors happenings

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary on **Monday, September 11** as we “prepare a place for unity and peace” together.

**You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taizé Community in France, the second Monday of every month at 8:15pm.**

It is our hope that this monthly prayer brings together Christians of all churches, pastors and flocks, as together 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.” It is something we are unable to do ourselves.

This Unity which embraces all people stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...and belongs to the essence of our community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and fulfill his plan for us.

## Many Thanks!

To all our volunteers and donors who made our community's **School Dressing Days** event such a great success this year. A special thanks also to our great CCW group for their generous support and to Fr. Colin for taking time out to visit and to see what this event contributes to our Fredericksburg area community. This year, with the combined effort of all members of the Interfaith Community Council, we were able to help get 1174 kids ready for school. Way to go St. Mary parishioners!

## Manna Project Food Drive

This drive is set for September, which is Hunger Awareness Month. On September 9 and 10, Manna Project Volunteers will collect non-perishable food and monetary donations outside of Mass for the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, a member of Feeding America. 1 in 7 Americans turns to Feeding America for food assistance and households often survive on limited budgets.

Needed items include: canned meat/fish, peanut butter, pasta/sauce, canned goods, instant potatoes, rice, and personal items such as paper towels. The Food Bank currently feeds over 20,000 people monthly. For each \$10 donation, they are able to provide 20 meals for hungry families. Please help us support them during Hunger Awareness Month!

## New Cemetery Plots

Saint Isidore the Farmer in Orange, VA has a new cemetery. Plots for parishioners of parishes other than St. Isidore are \$1000 each. Effective January 1st, 2018, the price for each plot will be raised to \$1500. Each plot can hold one casket, or one casket and one cremation urn, or two cremation urns. Please feel free to contact Valencia Bowman with any questions via email, [stisidore2001@gmail.com](mailto:stisidore2001@gmail.com) or by telephone, 540-672-4933, ext. 10.

## 11th Annual Young Adult Diocesan Mass & Reception

All Young Adults (ages 21 -39, single and married) are invited to join us for the 11th Annual Diocesan Mass & Reception for Young Adults at 6pm on Sunday, **September 10 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Arlington.** The Principal Celebrant of the Mass will be Bishop Burbidge; concelebrated with Diocesan Priests. A reception with Bishop Burbidge, local priests, and young adults will immediately follow the Mass.

## Help Increase Your Faith in Your Marriage

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: **Sep 15-17, 2017 in Herndon, VA and Oct 27-29 in Gaithersburg, MD.** Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: **RenewMarriage-VANorth.org** or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

**Offertory Collection August 27**

Offertory Collection \$28,519

Food Bank Children's Programs  
(add'l)

\$961

*The Second Collection next weekend supports the Religious Education Program of our Parish. Thank you for your generosity!*

## Children's Offertory Envelopes for September

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of September will be donated to the Stafford Junction HUGS Program. Stafford Junction is a faith-based nonprofit organization that serves high-need children, youth and their families residing in Stafford County. Their mission is to transform lives through faith and action. They partner with residents, local churches, service agencies, and businesses to connect lives, build relationships, and foster understanding across socio-economic lines. Partners share the love of God by meeting the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of those we serve. HUGS (Helping Us Grow Strong) is a program uniquely designed to complement the success of the Brain Builders after school program by working with children ages zero to five. Offering activities to enhance children's social and emotional development, HUGS helps to prepare these children for the school environment. Additionally, their partnership with the YMCA Massad Pre-school allows the children to participate in structured preschool learning to further enhance their school readiness. For more information visit their website at [staffordjunction.org](http://staffordjunction.org). Children's

Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

## Respect Life Sunday

**National Life Chain Sunday - Oct. 1**

**Annual Life Chain 2- 3:30pm**

*"But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in depth, so also grace might reign through righteousness."*  
- Romans 5:20-21

### What is a Life Chain?

The first Life Chain, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by Please Let Me Live, a small pro-life ministry in Yuba City, California. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that claims over one million American lives annually, and has claimed over sixty million lives worldwide, through surgical abortion. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration. Hundreds of Christians – clergy and lay people -- stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs reading Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: The Loving Option, Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation, Life: The First Inalienable Right. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives. Consider the words of Pope John Paul II who said, "When life before birth is attacked, we will stand up. No one ever has the authority to destroy unborn human life."

St. Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on **Sunday, October 1** and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. **We will meet in the Parish Life Center at 2pm** to pick up our signs and walk up to Route 1, where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Route 3 to College Avenue. **Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.**

## Pro Life Reflection

*"A child is God's greatest gift to the family, to the nation, to the world. The child is a life from God, created in the image of God, created for great things, to love and to be loved" (Saint Teresa of Calcutta). Saint Teresa of Calcutta died twenty years ago on September 5, 1997. She saw in each person – no matter how sick or depraved – the image of God. She spoke boldly to those in power about the evil of abortion. In her Nobel Peace Prize lecture, she said that the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. She led women away from abortion clinics and toward alternatives. Let us honor her by imitating her. "Saint Teresa, pray for us so that we may defend life as you did."*

*O Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for the life of Saint Teresa of Calcutta and her extraordinary service of love, especially to the poor, the unwanted, the sick and the dying. On the anniversary of her death, we ask You, Beloved Father, to flood our lives with the light and spirit of Christ. Allow us to always light the way for others with the same deep faith and love that Saint Teresa showed. Let our actions resemble her generous and humble ways. May she rejoice forever in the Light of Your Love for she dedicated herself unselfishly in the service of Your Holy Name. Amen.*

## Al Anon Surviving the Weekend Group

All 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. It's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. **Al Anon meetings are every Saturday at 10am in Room 204 of St. Mary's Parish Life Center.**

## Nar Anon Support Available

Nar-anon is a program that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with substance abuse. All Information and discussion is non-judgemental, informative and strictly confidential. Our meetings are in **Room 204 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8pm** and are open to the community at large. **Contact Cathy at 703-2018821, burgh757@gmail.com or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**



## Saint Mary prayer list

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Thomas Moeller, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, Jaiden Scelzo, Elisea Opeka, 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, Mike Pabrinkis, Zachary Payne, David Nimmer, Adrienne Foshay, Maggie Lampman, Keri Nelson, Marc Wood, Jack Brush, Sandra Frietas Smith, Elise Velez, Virginia Gannon, Daisy McGuiney, Russell McGuiney, Robert Yednock, Kari Nelson, Ellen GilHool, Patricia Russo, Gail Russell, Urbano Negre, Nimfa Cloud, Daniel Burke, Prudy Tarpey, Barbara McCoy, Lee Bishop, Nora Ellen Lloyd, Tanh Lam, Joseph Mikulka, Lillian Kendall, Martha Clements, Judy Diehl, Terry Givens, Rose St. John, Jason Sully, Danny Thiebolt, Mary Rau, David Phillips, Anna MacArthur, Theresa Petrill, Bob Rekowski, Gerard Fitzpatrick, Christina Wiley, Maureen Mizzles, Charles Dittmer, Bernice Douglas, Miles Wood, Bruce Mattern, Maria Wood, Shannon Triola, David Marcs, Roseanne Mash, Jeanne Burke, Indira Murillo, Christie Greenwell, Holly Smith, Anthony Yantiss, Jerome Murphy, Larry Dillman, James Evans, Gabriel Galarza-Torres, Keith Kovalefsky, Joaquin Perez, Amber Moser, Stan Guzik, Barbara Butler, Mary Walsh, Elizabeth Murray, Jacqueline Murray, Robert Gomer, Carla Gomer, Robert Wayne Thompson, Robert Arthur Ouellette, Douglas Meyer, Betsy Murray, Monica Hannan, Eldon Ulmer, Linda Jamison, Karla Dorsey, Maria Eliza Franca Maciel, Eileen Bourne, Marty T., David A, Pedro Rios, Cathy Burgh, Roger Dewayne, Rose Anne Sharpe, Angus Johnson, Peter Wood, Jude Murphy, Paula Snellings, Mary Jean & Don Williams, Harold Gardiner, Gerald Gardiner, Tina Ott, Michael Carr, Stephen Daley, Deanna White, Maria Stein, Elizabeth Davis, Jeanette Williams, Deborah June King, Ann Gallagher, Robert & Brittani Horner, John D. Zaloudek, Maria Erlinda Ferrer, Roger Sharpe, Mary Ulmer, Antonio Christianson

**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, Bob Harter, Monica Hannan, Brian Mahoney, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez

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

## Daily Mass intentions and readings

### september

#### 4 MONDAY

6:30am

9am John & Virginia Gannon  
1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

#### 5 TUESDAY

6:30am Bishop Michael Burbidge

9am Louise Green+

1 Thes 5:1-11/Lk 4:31-37

#### 6 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Brigid McAskill Chaconas

9am Jeff Farley+

Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

#### 7 THURSDAY

6:30am Daniel McAskill

9am Salvatome De Trane+

Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

#### 8 FRIDAY

6:30am Andy Pytko+

8:15am\* James Johnson+

9am Ruth Stellina+

Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-23

#### 9 SATURDAY

9am Pedro E. Bernaola+

5pm Candace & Marie Cochran+

7pm Myung Jaki DiFilippo+

Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

#### 10 SUNDAY

7am Deacon Don McAskill

8:30am Alma Bonner+

10:30am Victor Depretore+

10:30am\* Patricia Hitcho+

12:30pm For our Parish

2:30pm Rev. Edward Murphy

5pm Sarah & Raymond Hart+

7:01pm Adam Clageh

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

*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*