

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 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

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

First Day of Religious Education Classes

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

6:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

16 Saturday, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, 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

6pm, High School Youth Group - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

18 Monday, Weekday

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

6-9pm Theology on Tap, Adeventure Brewing South - *Sponsored by the St. Mary Young Adults*

19 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr]

10am, CCW Monthly Meeting, Fr. Don Rooney Room

12pm, Senior Luncheon with Bingo, Parish Life Center

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

20 Wednesday, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

21 Thursday Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

22 Friday, Weekday

9am, Diocesan Marriage Enrichment Workshop, Parish Life Center

23 Saturday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

New Family Welcome and Registration following 10:30am Mass, Parish Life Center

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

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ **Saint Mary's fall social, the Annual Parish Ice Cream Social and Cakewalk is this Sunday from 4-7pm at Holy Cross Academy.** Join your parish family for lots of fun and delicious ice cream!
- ✂ **Emergency collection for Hurricane Harvey relief this weekend.** You can also bring or mail your donation to the parish office, or donate online at arlingtondiocese.org. *Religious Education Collection has been rescheduled to September 23 & September 24.*
- ✂ Come gather in the peace of Christ on **Monday, September 11** as we "prepare a place for unity and peace" together. This is our monthly **Taize Prayer Service** which begins at **8:15pm in the Church**.
- ✂ 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 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**."
- ✂ Stop by our **Coffee Shop every Sunday morning** to meet your fellow parishioners and enjoy coffee and donuts.
- ✂ **Save the date** for our **Annual Parish Life Weekend September 30 & October 1**. Our theme this year is "Dwell in the Heart of Jesus". Get to know about all our ministries and reflect where the Heart of Jesus is calling you to serve. Look for more information in future bulletins.

contact us stmaryfred.org

SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am M/W/F: 12 Noon Sat.: 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
DEVOTIONS	Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass, Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
CONFESSION	Wed., 6:30-8:30pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i> Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann Fr. 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
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	540-373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	540-373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	540-373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria Tatiana Beltran
OUTREACH	540-373-6491 Elena Doyle - outreach@stmaryfred.org
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 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. Thanks!

from the pastor

pax et bonum



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY



Dear Folks,

Religious Education, CCD or Faith Formation - lots of names for the same task, teaching the content of our faith to our children. This weekend at all Masses we will be commissioning the Catechists who will be sharing the faith with our future generations. We must use our best talents and energies to hand on that which is most important. I recently saw this quote from Pope Benedict in the Forward to YouCat (the youth catechism):

Study the Catechism!

This is my heartfelt desire.

Study the catechism
with passion and perseverance.
Study it in the quiet of your room;
read it with a friend;
form study groups and networks;
share with each other on the Internet....
You need to be more deeply rooted in the faith
than the generation of your parents...

The line that most caught my eye was the last, about being "more deeply rooted in the faith than the generation of your parents." This made me think, "Wow, strong words B16!" But it also evoked the sentiment that I often hear, "I just want to give my kids better than I had growing up." Really, it ends up being very revelatory of what the new parents value. Unfortunately, when I ask for some specifics the list usually ends up being financial, emotional, and educational, but almost never spiritual. We all have limited time, talent, energy, and resources. Are we handing on a fuller expression of the faith so that our children will be even more deeply rooted than we are? That should be our goal!

I want to especially thank those who teach and are aides to the Religious Education department, I know that they are pouring out their time, talents, and energy into this task. Thank you for your willingness to teach, profess, live, and teach our faith!

Pax et bonum!

Fr Mosimann

Respect Life Sunday

National Life Chain Sunday - Oct. 1

Annual Life Chain 2- 3:30pm

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.*

holy cross academy

Back-to-School Nights

First Graders are beginning their school year by developing their Growth Mindset. Their teachers are helping them to explore how they can make their brains grow. Lesson #1 – We learn from our mistakes! As emerging readers, our students will have lots of opportunities to try new ideas and to learn new things. By focusing on their ability to learn instead of simply knowing the right answer, they are becoming successful students and well-adjusted individuals.

At our Back-to-School nights, parents returned to the classroom and took the place of the learners. They were thrilled to meet the teachers and learn all about the new school year which is just beginning. Some of them left little notes which their children were delighted to find the next morning. There is nothing like a note from Mom or Dad to bring a smile to a child's face!

We hope to see you this weekend at our parish Ice Cream Social and Cake Walk held at HCA. It is always fun to see what new cakes will be entered into the Cake Design Contest. Come enjoy some ice cream and march along the Cake Walk with your parish family.

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.



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religious education

Commissioning of Catechists

In preparation for Religious Education classes, our parish is this weekend commissioning our catechists. Catechists voluntarily help us mature in the Catholic faith. Enlightened by God's Word and the teaching of the Catholic Church they impart to us, through word and deed, the truths to be followed in living and celebrated at Mass.

Religious Education Classes Begin Tomorrow!

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

Volunteers Needed

The Religious Education still needs Prayer-aides, office volunteers, assistant catechists and substitute catechists.

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

FORMED®

Go to formed.org and sign up using our Parish Code F6F228 and your email.

Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away. That's why the time is right for Symbolon: Knowing the Faith. It explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts.

Symbolon: Knowing the Faith is now available in Spanish at:

formed.org/study/56ab98231c03820c20afcdf6



youth ministry

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 bi-monthly. Check out the website for more info.



StMaryCYM    
#GetInvolvedBeTransformed

"COMES AND SEE"

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.

Teams of Our Lady

"The couple that prays together, stays together" - The Teams of Our Lady (**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**.

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.

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!



parish life happenings

Manna Project Food Drive

This drive is set for September, which is Hunger Awareness Month. This weekend, 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. 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!

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

Senior Luncheon with Bingo

Come on out to the Parish Life Center on Tues. Sept. 19 at noon and join us for a light lunch and Bingo. We've had so much fun at the last bingos, so come on out and see what you've been missing. There will be prizes too! Best of all, IT'S FREE. No RSVP is requested. Questions? Call **Maria D'Amico 540-785-3580**.

CCW Monthly Meeting

All parish women to join us for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 19 at 10am in the Father Rooney Room. Our speaker will be Father Mosimann so please come. You do not want to miss hearing, about his awesome cross and crucifix collection as well as his plans for the upcoming year.

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.

STORM VICTIMS NEED HELP

HOW TO HELP HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

Holy Cross Academy is participating in The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Student to Student program. All are welcome to join them. Please visit ncea.org/STS to make a donation or for more information.

The Micah churches are participating in a Flood Bucket Kit collection and are accepting donations through Monday, September 18. Please bring to St. Mary Church office. Contact Elena Doyle outreach@stmaryfred.org for more information.

Packing & Shipping Instructions

Box Weight: Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.

Complete 2 packing lists: one for your records and one to put on the shipping box.

Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.

Processing & Shipping Costs:
Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1.50 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need.

WHAT'S IN A FLOOD BUCKET KIT

5-Gallon bucket with resealable lid

- Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned
- Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner
- Advertisements on the outside are acceptable

Liquid laundry detergent

- One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only

Liquid household cleaner

- 12-16oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
- No spray cleaners

Dish soap

- 16-28 oz. bottle any brand

1 can air freshener

- Aerosol or pump

1 insect repellent spray

- 6-14oz. aerosol or spray pump w/ protective cover

1 scrub brush

- Plastic or wooden handle

7 sponges

- No cellulose sponges due to mold issues
- Remove from wrapper

5 scouring pads

- Remove from wrapper
- No stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

50 clothespins

Clothesline

- One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines
- Cotton or plastic

24-roll heavy-duty trash bags

- 33- to 45-gallon sizes
- Remove from the box

5 dust masks

2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves

- Should be durable enough for multiple uses
- Remove from packaging

1 pair work gloves

- Cotton with leather palm or all leather

18 cleaning wipes

- Handi Wipes or reusable wipes
- No terry cleaning towels
- Remove from packaging

Assembly Directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket, fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins, and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

Important Notes

- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.
- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers.
- No powders, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.

parish life happenings

Join us for our Annual Parish Ice Cream Social & Cake Walk

Sunday September 10, 2017
Holy Cross Academy
4:00pm-7:00pm

Cake Contest

Bring a homemade decorated cake to
enter in one of the following categories:

Best Family Effort
Most Skilled or Unique
Prettiest Cake
Most Delicious Looking

Contest Registration
3:30pm-4:00pm

Father Brisson Hall at Holy Cross Academy
Judging starts promptly at 4pm. Registration

Cake Walk game to win cakes will start at
approximately 4:15pm after judging is completed.
Please only 1 cake winner per family.

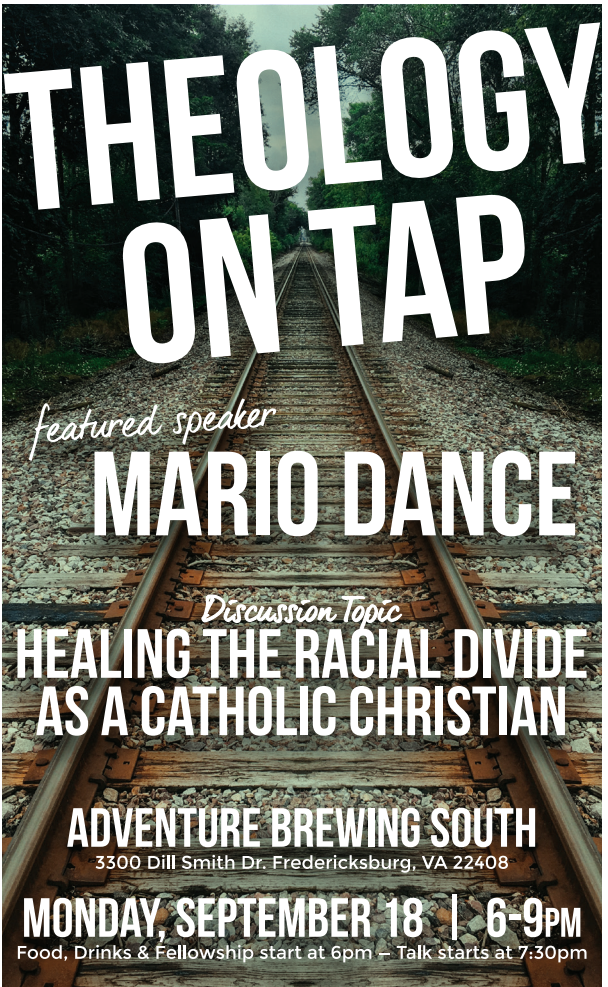
For more cake walk information, please contact
Jennifer Bliven at blivenclan@gmail.com

**Join your parish family for lots of
fun ... and delicious ice cream!**

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THEOLOGY ON TAP

featured speaker
MARIO DANCE

Discussion Topic
**HEALING THE RACIAL DIVIDE
AS A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN**

ADVENTURE BREWING SOUTH
3300 Dill Smith Dr. Fredericksburg, VA 22408

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 6-9PM
Food, Drinks & Fellowship start at 6pm – Talk starts at 7:30pm

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 or by telephone, 540-672-4933, ext. 10.

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 or 703-646-1521.

Volunteer to Teach English

Help your immigrant and refugee neighbors learn English and improve their employment outcomes! ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) teachers are urgently needed in Fredericksburg. Classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm. Classes begin on Monday, October 2 and end on Tuesday, December 12. The ideal candidate will have some background in teaching ESOL and be able to commit to the whole semester, both nights per week. You will receive ample curriculum and resources, training, professional development, and additional support from

Catholic Charities staff throughout the semester. Co-teachers are strongly encouraged to apply! No foreign language necessary. **Contact Courtney at (571) 208-1572 x. 102 or clord@ccda.net** for more information!

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1967 or 1992? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the **2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15 at 2:30pm at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church** in Potomac Falls, Va. Contact the parish office to register no later than September 22nd. For more info, visit arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

Week of Prayer & Fasting

The 25th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition in collaboration with the Marian Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Oct. 1-9) of prayer and fasting for the following goals:

Conversion of all Peoples and Nations, to Build a Culture of Life, to Defend the Sanctity of Marriage and Family Life, to Pray for Peace and to Implore God's Mercy. Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours, recitation of the Rosary, Masses and some kind of sacrifice or penance during these nine days.

For more information visit iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).

Art Contest

On September 16, American Heritage Girls VA 0128, Chartered by St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women, is holding an Art Contest at the local Stafford Animal Shelter in honor of AHG's National Day of Service. Please arrive with art around 10am, Judging begins around 11am, Prizes/Certificates awarded at 12pm.

Parishoners are invited to participate. Please bring pre-mounted artwork, no Larger than 20x20 in. Theme Suggestions: are "Get Better", "Adopt not Shop", "Grooming", and "Animal Prints".

Only 2 pieces of Artwork per person can be entered in contest

**Art will be donated to the shelter, to decorate their facility

For more info please email Pioneers0128@yahoo.com

John Paul Golf Tournament

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is hosting "Golfing with Wolves" on Thursday, September 21, at the spectacular Potomac Shores Golf Club. This is the only publicly accessible Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course in the DC area! Join friends and make new ones while enjoying a beautiful day on the greens in support of Catholic education. Sponsorship opportunities also available! For more information, and to register, please visit saintjohnpaulthegreatgolf.org, call 703.445.0306, or email: golf@jpthegreat.org.

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Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection September 3

Offertory Collection \$36,453

Catholic University of America \$4,522

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$186

Thank you for your generosity!

Religious Education Collection

The Second Collection the weekend of September 23-24 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.

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 Preschool allows the children to participate in structured preschool learning to further enhance their school readiness. For more information visit their website at stafford-junction.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.

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.**



SCRIP Helping HCA

SCRIP provides wonderful financial support for Holy Cross Academy. The support the SCRIP program provides has averaged over \$9,400.00 for the past six years. Even if you do not have children who attend HCA you are encouraged to participate. These funds go directly to HCA for such costs as assistance for books, supplies, and our upcoming school expansion.

How it works: Most of us shop at various local vendors that are supported through SCRIP. These include Giant, Weis, Wawa, Starbucks, Wal-Mart, Target as well as popular restaurants like Olive Garden, Red Lobster, IHOP and Outback. Complete list at shopwithscrip.com

There are several ways you can order/purchase gift cards through the SCRIP program. One is to visit a SCRIP table after most Masses (including HCA). There is a volunteer who will provide info and help you purchase gift cards. Checks or cash accepted. You can also order online for delivery to either HCA (after 10:30am Mass or during school hours when school is in session) or for pickup after Saturday or Sunday Masses at the Church. And the most convenient way, set up a Presto Pay account and order gift cards online. You will need St. Mary's enrollment code to set an account. For the enrollment code and assistance, please contact Christi Greenwell at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com or 703-994-2142. She will help get you started.

Your thoughtful consideration for this wonderful program is much appreciated. Remember, your shopping can provide direct benefits for HCA.

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, Adrianne Foshay, Stephanie Downing, Ray Heath, Anna Marie Johnson, Emma Gilbert, Tracey Hansen, Bill Herr, Richard Fadden, Michelle Williams, Mike Pabrinkis, Zachary Payne, David Nimmer, Adrianne 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, 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

11 MONDAY

6:30am Paul Thayer Newton+
9am Garrett & Chipman Clare
Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

12 TUESDAY

6:30am Jerry Harper's Father+
9am Ruth Stellino+
Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

13 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Glen Sturtevant
9am Evelyn Derovin+
Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

14 THURSDAY

6:30am Cecelia Vavricka+
9am Tiem Vu+
Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

15 FRIDAY

6:30am Joseph Corvese Jr.+
8:15am*
9am Ruth Quade+
1 Tm 1:1-14/Jn 19:25-27

16 SATURDAY

9am Mauricio Chavez+
5pm Patricia Laughton+
7pm Angel Carrion
1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

17 SUNDAY

7am Agnes Horrigan+
8:30am Sister Francis Canve
10:30am Owen Lea+
10:30am* Mary Ann Holzworth
12:30pm Roger Okas+
2:30pm For Our Parish
5pm Leo & Jess Chavarria
7:01pm Sarah Martinez
Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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