

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

what's coming



**SAINT
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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

september

24 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses Sponsored by St. Mary Youth Ministry
New Family Welcome and Registration following 10:30am Mass, Parish Life Center
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary Parish Life Center, Room 100
6pm, High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

25 Monday, Weekday

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center, Room 100
7:30pm, RCIA, Church

26 Tuesday, Weekday

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

27 Wednesday, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:30pm, CYM YOUCAT, John Paul II House - All High School Teens Welcome

28 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs]

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

29 Friday, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

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

30 Saturday, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Parish Life Weekend — After All Masses

october

1 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Life Weekend — After All Masses
Coffee Shop after Morning Masses Sponsored by St. Mary Youth Ministry
Respect Life Sunday - Join us and take a stand for the unborn
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary Parish Life Center, Room 100
6pm, High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

2 Monday, The Holy Guardian Angels

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center, Room 100
7:30pm, RCIA, Church

3 Tuesday, Weekday

7:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center Room 204
7:30pm Life in the Spirit, Courtyard Meeting Room

4 Wednesday, Saint Francis of Assisi

6:30pm, CYM YOUCAT, John Paul II House - All High School Teens Welcome

5 Thursday, Weekday [Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest]

9:45am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100
7pm Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center Room 202
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House - upstairs
7pm, Nar-Anon Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 204

6 Friday, Weekday [Saint Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin]

8pm, First Friday Mass

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ Out **Annual Parish Life Weekend** is next weekend! 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.
- ✂ The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** has asked for an **emergency collection to be taken up on September 23-24** for the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma. We will take up this collection, together with the Religious Education Collection, as the Second Collection on September 23-24. **All gold Religious Education envelopes will go toward the Religious Education collection. All loose checks and cash will support Hurricane Irma.** While this request comes so soon after the emergency collection for Hurricane Harvey, we truly appreciate your generosity, and most of all your prayers, for all those affected by Hurricane Irma.
- ✂ 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.
- ✂ Volunteers needed for morning Adoration. Details on page 12 of the bulletin.

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,

Next Week is Parish Life Weekend!

The Stewardship Catalogue should have gone out in the mail Friday (printing as I type!), so look for it. We did simplify some things this year in order to reduce the costs. If you do not receive one, some will be available next weekend.

In this bulletin, you will find a pull-out page highlighting some new and renewed ministries that are especially in need of your generous gifts. New this year: we will be asking you to sign up at the tables in to capture your immediate enthusiasm. We will not be turning in commitment cards, so please be prepared to jump on the bus immediately! If you are reading this online from Italy, contact info for your ministry of choice via is in the bulletin and on the website.

Finally, I share with you this quote that I have read about 10 times:

"The more you get involved in the groups that are doing wonderful work in the church the more you will be filled with joy in being a Catholic. The corruption, scandal and heresy will fade away like shadows. You will see clearly what you should be doing and it will be positive, life filled and life giving. You will soon see all the good that is going on and the bad you see will fade in importance....

The complainers and protesters never accomplished very much. The saints did. The saints confronted corruption with radiant lives of simplicity and power. They skewered scandal with radiant lives of purity and goodness. They overwhelmed indifference with radiant lives of zeal and joy. At times they spoke out against the scandal, indifference and corruption, but they always did so based on the authority of their own powerful sanctity.

In other words, overwhelm the world with the light, life and beauty of Christ alive in you.

Don't curse the dark.

Set alight a life ablaze with glory and goodness."

-- originally from a blog by Fr. Dwight Longenecker.

Pax et bonum!

Fr. J. Mosimann

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.**

It's Not Too Late!

Join in the fun! St. Mary Preschool has a few openings for the 2017-2018 school year. We have openings in both our morning and afternoon classes for 3 and 4 year old children.

Contact Mrs. Nanci Scharf at 373-7553 or email atnscharf@stmaryfred.org.

We would love to have your child join us!

holy cross academy

School Feast Day!

On September 14th, our school community joined together to celebrate our school feast day, the Exaltation of the Cross. At our school Mass, we all prayed together that God would continue to bless our parish school and that we would share with others the great love that Jesus expressed for each of us on the Cross. May Jesus be seen in all our words and actions! Fr. Mosimann extended the celebration by treating everyone to ice cream. As you can imagine, that was a big hit.

Our Middle School students serve our school and our community in many ways. Each semester, we elect officers for our Student Council. Our students gathered this past week so that our candidates could explain how they would serve if they were elected. We are proud of our students who show their willingness to accept leadership positions and who challenge one another to make a difference in our school and in our world.

If you have not yet done so, this is a great time to sign up with Giant so that your regular purchases will benefit our parish school. Go to **giantfood.com/school-rewards**. Our school number is **02320**. Thanks for supporting us in providing Catholic education for our children.



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We hope that you will consider our parish school for your children. To learn more, we invite you to visit our school website, **holycrossweb.com**. If you would like to see what we can do for your child, please call our HCA office at 540-286- 1600 or St. Mary Preschool at 540-373- 7553 to arrange for a tour or to let us tell you all about Holy Cross Academy, our parish school.

education

religious education

First Week of Classes

The first week of classes went well. Parents, students and catechists got to know each other and what the school year would be like. Catechists were impressed with their students and are ready to assist in the formation of their students.



Our two Teaching Masses will be held on Tuesday, October 10 at 5pm and 6:30pm

Chapter 1: The Importance and Dignity of the Celebration of the Eucharist

"16. The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and of the People of God arrayed hierarchically, is the center of the whole of Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful individually. For in it is found the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit. In it, moreover, during the course of the year, the mysteries of redemption are celebrated so as to be in some way made present. As to the other sacred actions and all the activities of the Christian life, these are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it.

17. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance that the celebration of the Mass or the Lord's Supper be so ordered that the sacred ministers and the faithful taking part in it, according to the state proper to each, may draw from it more abundantly those fruits, to obtain which, Christ the Lord instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of his Body and Blood and entrusted it as the memorial of his Passion and Resurrection to the Church, his beloved Bride."

Sited from uscbb.org/prayer-and-worship

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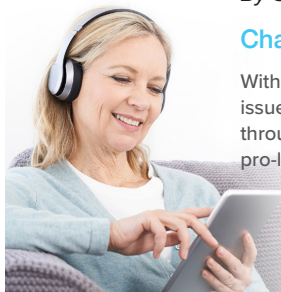
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The New Conversation

By Stephanie Gray

Change Hearts and Minds on Abortion

With her unique ability to speak to people on either side of a pro-life issue, Stephanie Gray talks about the dignity of the human person through a biblical lens, bringing compassion and truth to pressing pro-life issues.



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—Phil, Becker, MN

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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
youth ministry

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 29

Middle School Youth Group

7TH & 8TH GRADE

6:30-8PM
PARISH LIFE CENTER



#GetInvolvedBeTransformed



High School Rally

Join us for the Diocesan High School Rally on Sunday, October 22 from 10am-9pm. This event is a celebration of our faith and love of the Lord. We will gather for over eight hours of live music, games, inspirational speakers, and Sunday Mass with Bishop Burbidge. **Cost is \$35 and a permission slip. RSVP by no later than Monday, October 16.**

WORKCAMP 2018

Applications available online

Sunday, November 5th
2pm | Parish Life Center

We will discuss the requirements, cost, expectations. Please see our website to download the application. Anyone interested in participating in our WorkCamps must attend this meeting.

<https://stmaryfred.org/workcamp/>



Walking with Purpose women's Bible study is beginning a new session this fall: Opening Your Heart. This foundational, 22-week course is designed for women who are new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience. We welcome past participants and invite new women to join us! Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper relationship with Christ. The course involves personal study and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

We will have two sessions beginning this fall

Tuesday 7:30-8:45pm

Holy Cross Academy (begins October 3)

Thursday 7:15-8:30pm

Parish Life center (begins October 5)

Preregistration is not required; book information will be given at the first meeting. Come and see what we're all about!

For more information contact Lori Mattson at lori@acumen-ea.com or go to walkingwithpurpose.com.

We hope to see you in October!

St. Mary Council of Catholic Women

Heavenly Father, we are the women of this parish. We are your life bearers, your nurturers. Under the guidance of Our Lady of Good Counsel, we are tireless workers for your Kingdom. Please grant us the grace to be as generous as Ruth, as faithful as Mary and Martha, as loyal as the women who watched at the cross. Please bless us and prosper the work of our hands and hearts. We ask this through Christ, who is our way, our truth, and our life. Amen.

- Open Meetings with guest speakers, September through May
- Craft Group – fun and fellowship
- Circle of Love – helping parishioners in crisis
- Prayers and Squares Ministry
- American Heritage Girls Troop VA0128
- Scholarship Program
- Mother-Daughter Events
- Parish (Day Trip) Pilgrimages

In 2017 we donated OVER \$18,400 to our church and area charities, thanks to YOUR support of our major fundraisers:

- Fall and December Craft Bazaars and Bake Sales
- Annual Yard Sale
- Annual Charity Baby Shower
- Annual Raffle

Become Active with us!
StMaryCCWNews@aol.com



parish life happenings

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

All Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools grades 8, 9,10,11 and 12, are invited to participate in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of: **Going to the Peripheries.**

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the contest with prizes distributed to the top 3 in each grade. Participants are required to furnish written parental consent. Top Winners will be sent to the state level for further judging.

For entry forms and additional information contact: Mr. Mark Gardner at youthdirector@kofc4034.org.

Essay and Consent Form must be emailed or turned in by October 31.



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Become a Knight

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

Facebook:
fb.com/kofc4034

E-Mail: Info@
kofc4034.org

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

Dinner: 6:30pm
Rosary: 7:10pm
Meeting 7:30pm

There is always time to be a Knight

For more information, Contact our Council's Membership Director at: MembershipDirector@kofc4034.org

parish life happenings

Call to Evangelization

In July Father Colin provided an engaging series of talks on evangelization. We'd like to continue that dialogue of helping others to understand our Catholic faith. Each day we have dozens of opportunities to share our story about why we love being Catholic, but do we share that story, or do we stick to the "safe topics" that won't cause others to be uncomfortable?

If you are curious about how to engage others in the crucial conversation about our faith or if you are feeling the deep call to evangelize others, then please join us. We'll meet every 4th Sunday between the 10:30am and the 12:30pm masses (except on holiday weekends) in the Courtyard Meeting Room. It is an informal support group designed to encourage you and promote the often difficult task of sharing your faith in a non-confrontational conversation. We will also provide you with some tools to share your Faith.

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Visit smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1889183, or sign up and choose Holy Cross Academy from the list of charitable organizations. Thank you!

Our Parish will have a bus going to the Shrine for the Pilgrimage, which will leave from St. Mary at 7:30am and return to the parish by approximately 5:30pm. A donation of \$25.00 is suggested to assist with the cost of the bus.

If you wish to attend, please sign up in the Parish Office no later than Friday, October 6.

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WE ARE TOTALLY YOURS, MARY

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
invites you to the biennial
Diocese of Arlington Pilgrimage

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2017

BASILICA OF THE
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
IN WASHINGTON D.C.

More info at
arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage

9:00 A.M.

Opening Music

9:30 A.M.

Welcome & Rosary

10:00 A.M.

Confessions

Seek and Find Family Activity

11:00 A.M.

Holy Hour with Reflections on the
Message of Fatima

12:00 P.M.

Lunch

1:30 P.M.

Mass with Bishop Burbidge
Blessing of Religious Articles

2:30 P.M.

Eucharistic Procession to
Saint John Paul II National Shrine

3:00 P.M.

Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet
at Saint John Paul II National Shrine

ourneighbors happenings

Want 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).

Afterschool Tutoring

Stafford Junction is starting up its Brain Builders Afterschool tutoring program the first week of October and is in need of volunteers to help out. Brain Builders is help at 6 Elementary schools 2 times a week. Monday & Wednesday OR Tuesday & Thursday from 3:30-5pm.

Our goal is to have a 2 to 1 ratio (or in a perfect world 1 to 1) 2 Students per 1 tutor. With that ratio we find that real progress can be made with our kids that are struggling in school.

Time will include basic homework help and extra time spent on reading and basic math skills.

A total of 75-100 volunteers are needed each year. Don't pass the buck, can you be the one that will offer to make a difference in a child's life and their education and really help them make a change for the better.

Contact Lynn at Stafford Junction – info@StaffordJunction.org or call.

Paul Stefan Foundation

10th Annual Black Tie Optional Gala

"Thy Will Be Done"

Friday, October 27
Waterford in Fair Oaks, VA.
\$40.00 per ticket

Baby Paul Sponsor:
\$1,000

(includes 8 tickets)

Keynote speaker
Jeanne Mancini, President
"March for Life"

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Weekly Offertory

Collections for Sunday, September 17

Offertory	\$30,841
Building Fund	8,747
Hurricane Harvey (add'l)	2,614
Sierra Leone Mudslide (add'l)	650
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	278

Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Offertory Envelopes for October

The month of October has been designated as Disabilities Awareness Month, and Bishop Burbidge has enthusiastically endorsed Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. Next Sunday there will be a second collection to assist special need programs such as the Paul VI High School, Saint John Paul the Great and St. Mark's School Special Education Options Program, the Helen Keller Institute, Gabriel Home, Special Olympics, and the "Keyboard for Kids" program which provides audio visual communication capability to special needs students in the diocese. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, their families and this entire diocese. Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church.

Pro Life Reflection

"The angel said to her do not be afraid, Mary" – Luke 1:30. Such is Gabriel's message today to every pregnant mother. "Do not be afraid" to welcome new life, even when it upsets your plans, changes the

direction of your life, and requires you to mature in unexpected ways. If God creates a life in the womb, He is making you ready, and has plans for that child and for you. *Lord, remove all fear from the hearts of those who are pregnant, and fill them with Your peace and joy.*

Children's Charity for October

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Open Adoration Slots

There is ongoing adoration from noon on Wednesday through Friday at 6am. This is to make a special request for the **periods between 1-2am and 2-3am Thursday and Friday mornings**. We are in need of people to cover these slots. If you are able to commit to a one-hour time period during, please contact Christi Greenwell or Johanna Merino. Of course, if you can commit to an hour at any time that is very appreciated. Please contact **Christi at 703-994-**

2142 (text is okay) or greenwell1956@cox.net or Johanna Merino at 703-209- 3124 johanna_merino@hotmail.com. Your commitment to adoration will reap rewards beyond anything you can imagine. You will have time to spend alone with our Lord without any distractions. Your thoughtful consideration to adoration during this time is very appreciated.

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 scripcordinator@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: 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, Re 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, Roger Sharpe, Mary Ulmer, Antonio Christianson, Thomas Moeller, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, Maryann Seidlinger, William Hackbarth, John Michael Ides, Sylvia Pressley, Tamlyn Leaf, Matthew Roberts

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

25 MONDAY

6:30am Margaret Birkofer+
9am Jeane Burke
Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

26 TUESDAY

6:30am Cecilia Toriano+
9am John Doherty+
Ezr 6:7-20/Lk 8:19-21

27 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Theresa A. Boehringer+
9am Don Hart, Sr.+
Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

28 THURSDAY

6:30am Edgardo Guacena+
9am Edward Holzworth
Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

29 FRIDAY

6:30am Marie Savage+
8:15am* Felix E. Lopez+
9am Walter & Marie Jessup
Dn 7:9-4/Jn 1:47-51

30 SATURDAY

9am Sister Susan Louise
5pm Stefan Wolanski+
7pm Peg Verna+
Zec 2:5-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

1 SUNDAY

7am Agnes Horrigan+
8:30am Henrietta Potter+
10:30am Those who died in September
10:30am* Timothy Henlon+
12:30pm Joan Ryan+
2:30pm Ana Cecilia Fernandez De Riva
5pm Keneth Laming
7:01pm For Our Parish
Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

*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*