

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017



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

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

# what's coming



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## october

### 1 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SIXTH 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

**4pm, Homeschool Group Special Mass - All are Invited to Attend**

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

### 7 Saturday, Our Lady of the Rosary

10am, Blessing of the Animals, Blessed Mother Prayer Garden

2pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center Room 204

### 8 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Coffee Shop after Morning Masses Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 1410*

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

6pm, High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

### 9 Monday, Weekday [Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest]

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

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

8:15pm Taize Prayer Service, Church

### 10 Tuesday, Weekday

*Religious Education Teaching Masses at 5pm & 6:30pm*

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

### 11 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint John XXIII, Pope]

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

### 12 Thursday, Weekday

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

### 13 Friday, Weekday

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

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ This weekend is **Parish Life Weekend!** Get to know about all our ministries and reflect where the Heart of Jesus is calling you to serve! After all Masses, all are welcome.
- ✂ There will be two Religious Education Teaching Masses at 5pm & 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 10.
- ✂ Complete some of your shopping by purchasing **SCRIP gift cards!** Set up an account today and earn rebates for HCA. Email **Christi Greenwell** at **scripcordinator@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 11 of the bulletin.
- ✂ **Parish Renewal Handbook Correction**  
Birthright is located in the Paul's Bakery building at 2006 Lafayette Blvd, Ste 202 Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-898-8558  
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<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 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
<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 - outreach@stmaryfred.org
<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. Thanks!



from the pastor

# pax et bonum



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY



Dear Folks,

If you are reading this over a cup of coffee at IHOP, then thank you for participating in our Parish Life Weekend. (And for all of you who read the bulletin during Mass .... you have no excuse for not stopping on the way out this morning).

Purely for your entertainment, and knowing that I have no future career as a comedian, here are this year's top excuses given for not signing up for a ministry today:

"I was busy texting during Mass, what are you talking about?"

"I have to pray for the Nats playoff chances."

"If I sit in the back of the Church and Father can't see me...then he isn't speaking to me."

"A unicorn told me to chill out this year."

"If I can't instgram it, I don't do it."

"If I can get past the tents and Father's gaze, I won't feel guilty about doing nothing."

"I love volunteering, especially when others do it."

"I have no worries, and no responsibilities."

"I see these appeals every year, why rush?"

"I had a vision of Jesus, he told me to pick up my pillow and follow Him."

With a smile,

Fr. Mosimann

## Welcoming David Uschold

St. Mary Church welcomes our new Director of Music and Organist David Uschold. A native of the Cleveland, Ohio area, Mr. Uschold comes to us from Holy Family Catholic Church, Parma, Ohio, where for the past eleven years, he held the position of Director of Music and Liturgy. He led a comprehensive program of choirs, cantors and musicians as well as all liturgical aspects of the church. Prior to Holy Family, David served Ridge Road United Church of Christ, Parma, Ohio, Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio and Nativity of the Lord Jesus Catholic Church, Akron, Ohio. In addition to his responsibilities at St. Mary, he continues a performance career as an organist as well as a vocalist and is a member of the vocal ensemble Contrapunctus.



In 2001, David was first-place winner of the American Guild of Organist's Regional Competition for Young Organist at the Chapter Level and in past years has also been awarded several awards for excellence in church music and organ performance from various organizations. He holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in organ from the Cleveland Institute of Music where he studied organ and church music with organ virtuoso Todd Wilson.

On Friday, October 20, at 8pm, David will present a concert as part of the St. Mary Concert Art Series. The program which will include works of Bach, Bovet, Cook and Wright will feature Sonata No. 1 in d minor, Op. 42 by Alexandre Guilmant. Mark your calendars now for the opportunity to hear David Uschold play the wonderful St. Mary organ and meet him at the reception following in the Parish Life Center.

# holy cross academy

## Students Helping Others & Learning

Our Holy Cross Academy families donated generously to help the victims of the hurricanes. Our students participated in the National Catholic Education Association's Student-to-Student campaign with donations totaling \$864.36. Along with our gifts of money, we are praying for all the victims of the hurricanes and those who are working to help them recover and rebuild. We want to "Shine the Light of Jesus's love on the victims of the hurricanes."

For these past few weeks, our 3rd graders have been learning about the Water Cycle and how important it is to conserve and clean our water supply. Students learned that many things, such as erosion, fertilizers, oil, litter, salt, and soap, contribute to polluting our waterways and aquatic life. The students worked in groups to create a plan for filtering "polluted" water that we created for the lesson. They then engineered their own water filtration systems and determined which materials best cleaned the water.

Down the hall, our 5th graders were creating suspension bridges. Using everyday materials, they designed and constructed bridges that could serve as prototypes for the future.

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.





## INCOME STATEMENT

Account Title	Church	School	TOTAL
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
Collection Income	2,396,526	-	2,396,526
Liturgical & Sacramental Income	96,004	-	96,004
Other Operating Income	18,127	-	18,127
School Tuition Related Income	-	-	-
Other School Income	-	-	-
Parish Subsidy to School Income	-	-	-
Religious Ed & Youth Ministry Income	95,212	-	95,212
Other Ministry & Program Income	62,992	-	62,992
Other Income	88,709	-	88,709
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,757,571</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,757,571</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Salary & Benefits	1,021,668	-	1,021,668
Facilities Expense	280,853	-	280,853
General Operating Expense	437,396	-	437,396
Liturgical and Sacramental Expense	135,419	-	135,419
School Expense	-	-	-
Parish Subsidy to School Expense	221,798	-	221,798
Religious Ed and Youth Ministry Expense	101,488	-	101,488
Other Ministry and Program Expense	155,797	-	155,797
Other Expense	379,214	-	379,214
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 2,733,632</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,733,632</b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 23,939</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 23,939</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME &amp; EXPENSE</b>			
Extraordinary Income	216,944	-	216,944
Extraordinary Expense	424,315	-	424,315
<b>NET OTHER INCOME &amp; EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (207,371)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (207,371)</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (183,432)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (183,432)</b>
<b>As of June 30, 2017</b>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Operating Accounts	76,837	-	76,837
DIAL Savings	324,284	-	324,284
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Other Assets	11,393	-	11,393
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 412,514</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 412,514</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	-	-	-
Loans Payable	3,135,044	-	3,135,044
Deferred Income	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	19,621	-	19,621
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 3,154,665</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,154,665</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Unrestricted	(2,894,331)	-	(2,894,331)
Temporarily Restricted	152,180	-	152,180
Permanently Restricted	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ (2,742,151)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (2,742,151)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 412,514</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 412,514</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

INCOME STATEMENT

Account Title	Church	School	TOTAL
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
Collection Income	-	-	-
Liturgical & Sacramental Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Income	-	-	-
School Tuition Related Income	-	2,617,732	2,617,732
Other School Income	-	259,176	259,176
Parish Subsidy to School Income	-	221,798	221,798
Religious Ed & Youth Ministry Income	-	-	-
Other Ministry & Program Income	-	-	-
Other Income	-	150,691	150,691
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,249,397</b>	<b>\$ 3,249,397</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Salary & Benefits	-	2,592,145	2,592,145
Facilities Expense	-	237,275	237,275
General Operating Expense	-	104,682	104,682
Liturgical and Sacramental Expense	-	-	-
School Expense	-	204,728	204,728
Parish Subsidy to School Expense	-	-	-
Religious Ed and Youth Ministry Expense	-	-	-
Other Ministry and Program Expense	-	-	-
Other Expense	-	24,500	24,500
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,163,330</b>	<b>\$ 3,163,330</b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 86,066</b>	<b>\$ 86,066</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME &amp; EXPENSE</b>			
Extraordinary Income	-	49,548	49,548
Extraordinary Expense	-	17,979	17,979
<b>NET OTHER INCOME &amp; EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 31,569</b>	<b>\$ 31,569</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 117,636</b>	<b>\$ 117,636</b>

As of June 30, 2017

BALANCE SHEET

<b>ASSETS</b>			
Operating Accounts	-	100,155	100,155
DIAL Savings	-	1,292,160	1,292,160
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Other Assets	-	35,551	35,551
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,427,866</b>	<b>\$ 1,427,866</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	-	6,717	6,717
Loans Payable	-	5,000	5,000
Deferred Income	-	30,878	30,878
Other Liabilities	-	7,743	7,743
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 50,338</b>	<b>\$ 50,338</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Unrestricted	-	410,371	410,371
Temporarily Restricted	-	901,371	901,371
Permanently Restricted	-	65,786	65,786
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,528</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,528</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,427,866</b>	<b>\$ 1,427,866</b>

# education

# religious education

## Enrollment as of September 22, 2017

Grades K-8 "Christ Our Life"	RCIC - Students Preparing for Sacraments	
	First Communion	Confirmation
K - 11	Grades 3-5 (year 1)	Grades 10-12 (year 2)
1 - 120	27	1
2 - 100	Grades 4-6 (year 2)	Grades 9-11 (year 1)
3 - 60	12	18
4 - 57	Grades 6-8 (year 1)	Grades 10-12 (year 2)
5 - 76	9	17
6 - 85	Grades 7-9 (year 2)	
7 - 123	5	Total: 94
8 - 124	Grades 9-11 (year 1)	
	5	87
Total: 756		Catechists, Assistants & Substitutes

On September 23, last year, 912 students were registered. On September 22, this year 850, were registered.

## Teaching Masses

Religious Education Teaching Masses will be on Tuesday, October 10. The first will be at 5pm and the second will be at 6:30pm. All Religious Education students are expected to attend one of these Teaching Masses.

## Volunteers Needed

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

**JOIN FORMED** 1. [formed.org](http://formed.org) 2. click register 3. enter parish code: **F6F228**

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Angel in the Waters

Share the Wonder of Life with Your Children

Invite your children to celebrate their own journey from conception to birth during pro-life month! These beautiful illustrations and wise words tell the story of a baby growing, exploring, and speaking with its guardian angel in its mother's womb.

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)

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"I watched this with my 5-year-old and she loved it. Such a wonderful way of explaining pregnancy and birth and our connection to God!"

—Irene K, Huron, OH

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary on **Monday, October 9** 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.

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491



# parish life youth ministry



## 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 Now  
Available Online**

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 5  
2PM  
PARISH LIFE CENTER**

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

**[STMARYFRED.ORG/WORKCAMP](http://STMARYFRED.ORG/WORKCAMP)**



## Stay Up-to-Date

Be sure to stay in the know with St. Mary CYM by visiting [stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry](http://stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry)

# StMaryCYM



## #GetInvolvedBeTransformed

SAINT MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION [www.stmaryfred.org](http://www.stmaryfred.org)

# parish life happenings

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday 12:30pm-Friday 9am**

*"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight."* – St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Feast Day October 1

Come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and honor His Holy Mother by saying the Rosary in His Divine Presence. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7am to 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Blessing of the Animals

The traditional blessing of animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on **Saturday, October 7 at 10am** in the Blessed Mother Prayer Garden in front of the Church. Please park away from the area to allow space for our "ram-bunctious" pets. Please also come prepared to clean up after your pet in case of "accidents". All animals should be contained or leashed.

## Senior Luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on Tues. Oct. 17, 2017. Doors open at noon and lunch is served at 12:15pm. All Seniors in the parish are invited and admission is free. Entertainment

will be provided till 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish. No reservation required. Questions? Call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580.



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)

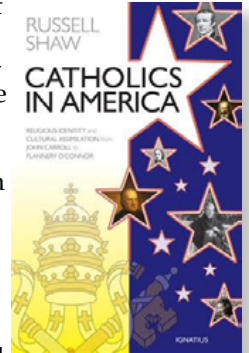
**Preregistration is not required;** book information will be given at the first meeting. Come and see what we're all about!

For more information contact Lori Mattson at [lori@acumen-ea.com](mailto:lori@acumen-ea.com) or go to [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com).

We hope to see you in October!

## Parish Book Club

Our next meeting of the St Mary's Book Club will be on **Tuesday October 10 in the John Paul II House**. Our book selection is *Catholics in America* by Russell Shaw. This book is a collection of popularly written profiles of some of the leading figures in American Catholic history. The group includes Archbishop John Carroll, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Orestes Brownson, Cardinal James Gibbons, Al Smith, Dorothy Day, Cardinal Francis Spellman, President John F. Kennedy, and others.



## CCW Invites You

We invite all women of the parish to join in our activities during this very busy month of October!

- Parish Life Weekend – September 30 and October 1 – stop by!
- Board Meeting – October 3, 10am, Room 100, Parish Life Center – help plan!
- Monthly Meeting – October 17, 10am, Father Rooney Room – Speaker, Marcia Grimsley, Life Coach: "Meaningful Life, Happier You"
- Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale – October 28-29, Parish Life Center

To all crafters: We need your creations! Please bring them to Room 100, PLC, any Thursday morning in October or call Wanda Cushing at 538-6978 (cell) to arrange a more convenient time.

## happenings

**Respect Life Sunday****October 1 - Annual Life Chain  
2:00 - 3:30PM**

St. Mary Parish welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well to participate in the Annual Life Chain. We will meet outside the Parish Life Center at 1:45pm 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.

**Call to Evangelization**

Empower your witness! Every day we have opportunities to share our story about why we love being Catholic, but do we? Or, do we hide our light under the proverbial bushel?

In July, Father Colin lead an engaging series on evangelization. That gave birth to a small group whose purpose is to support and encourage each other in our efforts to share our faith. We discuss opportunities we've had to evangelize, what worked and what didn't, or what prevented us from trying. If you want to engage others in conversation about our faith, join us. We meet every 4th Sunday between the 10:30am and the 12:30pm masses (except on holiday weekends) in the Courtyard Meeting Room. **For more information contact Bryan Richardson at br22406@cox.net.**

**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](mailto:youthdirector@kofc4034.org).

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

**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, 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.

**Adult Confirmation  
Classes**

We will begin Adult Confirmation classes for all those who have already been Baptized and have received First Communion, but have not been Confirmed; as well as for those who might want a short refresher course on the Catholic faith. There will be an introductory meeting and then six class sessions led by Deacon Dick, each lasting about one hour on Tuesday nights. **The tentative schedule is: January 9, 2018 (introduction), 16, then April 3, for 5 weeks ..** If you would like to sign up for these classes, or to just come to the introductory meeting to hear more, please call the Parish Office to register, leaving your name, phone number and email address.

**Gospel of John**

Deacon will lead a class on the Gospel of John beginning October 17 for 6 weeks. The discussion will follow the commentary on John's gospel by Fr. Stanley Marrow SJ with whom I attended his class on John for my graduate degree in Theological Studies. If you would be interested, could you please call the Parish Office and give them your name, telephone number and email address.



# parish life happenings

## Disaster Relief

Thank you to all of our St. Mary parishioners and members of Holy Cross Academy who joined together to assist with the Disaster Relief efforts for the victims of the Sierra Leone mudslides and Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Together our generous family collected over \$40,000 and donated many Flood Buckets in conjunction with our Micah community churches. Thank you for your generosity and goodness ~ May God reward you. Donations are still be accepted.



## TOTUS TUUS

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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage)

## A PILGRIM EXPERIENCE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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

# our neighbors 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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"*

**Space is limited**  
**Please RSVP early**  
[admin@paulstefanhomes.org](mailto:admin@paulstefanhomes.org) or  
540-854- 2300.

Complimentary wine and cheese hour, piano music, sit down dinner, auction, DJ and dancing

Make checks payable to  
**Paul Stefan Home, PO Box**  
**754 Locust Grove, VA 22508**

Rooms are available at the Fair Oaks Marriot for the PSF at a discounted price  
(844) 225-0052

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# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

*Collections for Sunday, September 24*

Offertory	\$29,958
Hurricane Irma	12,035
Religious Education	1,367
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	96

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Pro Life Reflection

"God's infinite love for each one of us helps us to grasp our identity and our worth. The recognition of this dignity leads us to respect and protect each person's life..." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities) *We pray for the world that all people may recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God's creation.*

## 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.

## 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.**

## October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

By Apostolic Brief at the Eucharistic Congress of Bologna, in September 1927, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who recite the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for veneration or reserved in the Tabernacle.

## A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abor-

tion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.



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## 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](http://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](mailto: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:** 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, Deanna Uperti

**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

### october

#### 2 MONDAY

6:30am Margaret Holmes+

9am Kevin Murphy+

Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-10

#### 3 TUESDAY

6:30am Frank Woodhead+

9am Lila Matthews+

Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

#### 4 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Bishop Michael Burbidge

9am Marie Di Pretore+

Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

#### 5 THURSDAY

6:30am The Palmer family

9am Roseanne Burke+

Neh 8:1-12/Lk 10:1-12

#### 6 FRIDAY

6:30am Raymond & Barbara Stauble

8:15am\* Marie Savage+

9am Charles Stewart

8pm Barrett family

Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

#### 7 SATURDAY

9am Francois Astier+

5pm For Our Parish

7pm John Birkofer+

Bar 4:5-29/Lk 10:17-24

#### 8 SUNDAY

7am Tiem Vu+

8:30am Margaret Dougherty+

10:30am Sally Murphy+

10:30am\* Ronald Huber+

12:30pm Leon Paul Braid Sr.+

2:30pm Bon Than+

5pm Thomas Leavitt+

7:01pm Kathryn Deering

Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

*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*