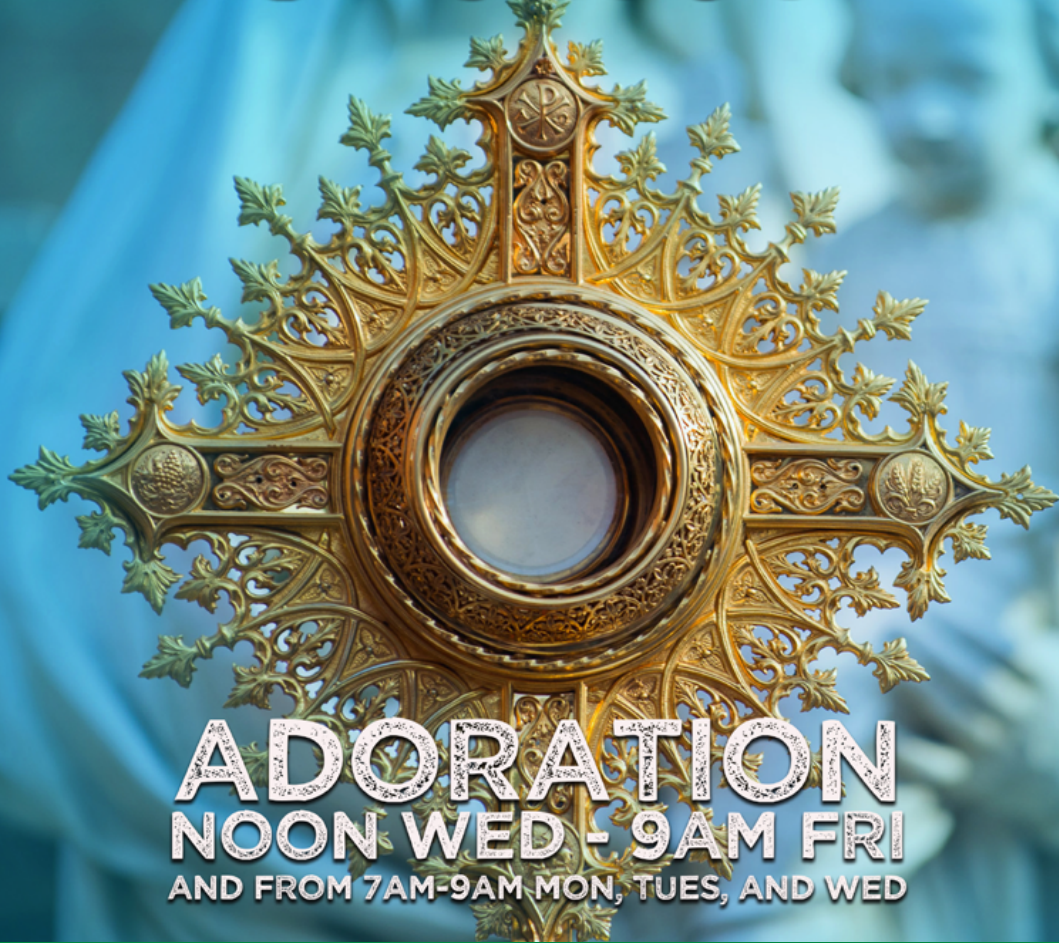


Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE PEACE & HEALING
OF JESUS



ADORATION
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AND FROM 7AM-9AM MON, TUES, AND WED

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

what's coming



**SAINT
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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

october

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

7:30pm Walking with Purpose Class at Holy Cross Academy Library

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

7:15pm Walking with Purpose in the Parish Life Center, Rooms 201, 202, 203, and Courtyard

13 Friday, Weekday

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

14 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr]

15 SUNDAY, TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses Sponsored by St Mary Youth Ministry

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

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

16 Monday, Weekday [Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin]

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

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

17 Tuesday, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

7:30pm Walking with Purpose Class, Holy Cross Academy Library

7:00pm Gospel of John Class with Deacon Dick, Parish Office Library

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

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

18 Wednesday, Saint Luke, Evangelist

19 Thursday, Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

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7pm Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center Room 202

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7:15pm Walking with Purpose in the Parish Life Center, Rooms 201, 202, 203, and Courtyard

20 Friday, Weekday [Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest]

nota bene (note well, please):

- ✂ 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 **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 9 of the bulletin.

Thank you ALL for a wonderful Parish Life Weekend that brought us together as a parish community to consider our new 2017-2018 theme "Dwell in the HEART of Jesus". This theme challenges all of us to "look into the Heart of Jesus" and to use the gifts the Holy Spirit has bestowed on each one of us and to give back to our parish.

*By becoming more involved in the wide-ranging and diverse life of the St. Mary parish there is one commonality. You will be blessed to use the gifts the Holy Spirit has bestowed on you to give back to our parish and receive a rich abundance in return.
You become part of a community where you know you belong and feel welcomed, supported and loved.*

If you haven't already, find a home here at St. Mary. Take time to review the parish life catalog you received in the mail or review on the St. Mary website. Then make that call to find out more about one of our 84 ministries.

We hope each of you will find a place that has been calling you to serve. Joining our ministries and sharing your talents will allow you to be woven into the fabric that is our wonderful parish, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

God Bless You Always.
Donna Hart
Stewardship Chair

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

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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY



Dear Folks,

Two things: sadness and joy.

Sadness: Las Vegas. For 48 hours as news has broke I have contemplated what I might say. Articles are being written, and investigations are underway to answer: **Why?**

I can't help but recall the day that Columbine happened. I was a new priest, and the pastor called an all school assembly to speak to the children and staff. I still remember part of his message: *"Sometimes people do horrible, bad things that make us scared. But we are doing everything we can to protect you."*

A few years later, I had the difficult task of preaching to a full church on the evening of September 11.

I am deeply saddened by the harm that we do to one another, of which these are but the most dramatic examples.

And I am deeply disturbed by much of the news and politics that seek to ascribe blame to one group, or cause, or upbringing, or childhood trauma, or the instruments. Read the first chapters of Genesis, blaming one another and God Himself are the immediate consequences of sin.

I know that evil looks powerful, and frightening, and victorious. It is not. Satan has already lost, and knows it. But in his hatred of God he wants to burn down anything he can.

The Lord has shown that he can use all things for the good. Calvary proves this. Stories immediately surfaced from Vegas of acts of love and sacrifice. Spouses shielding their loved ones and even strangers with their own bodies, giving their lives to save others.

I reject blame, and I choose love. I reject curses and I choose prayer. I reject despair and I choose to look at the light illuminating the darkness. I reject Satan and all his works, and I believe in God. I pray for the victims and I pray for the victimizer. May God have mercy on us all.

Joy: Parish Life Weekend.

I have to thank you for your generous responses, and gifts of your time and talents. There are so many wonderful people in our parish family, that I look to you and your generous love to help banish the darkness.

Thank you, and may God Bless you.

Fr. Mosimann

Fr. Mosimann

Manna Project Food Drive Results

Thank you to the parishioners of Saint Mary for your kind donations to help the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank during Hunger Action Month. Manna Project volunteers collected 1,785 pounds of donations and raised \$4,852, which equates to 11,191 meals. It is important to note that our biannual collections in 2017 provided a total of over 21,490 meals to those in need in our area! We are most grateful to the Manna volunteers and to the members of Saint Mary for your generosity.



WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

holy cross academy

Manners to Go!

How many parents wish they could order good manners for their children as easily as ordering take-out! Our HCA Middle School is ordering up some good manners for our students with weekly small group classes in good manners.

Starting with establishing eye contact and learning how to introduce oneself properly, students have moved on to good posture, giving a handshake and dressing for success. There was even a class on avoiding 'like' 'um' 'ya know' and other mindless sentence fillers. Students are learning to respect themselves and others by their positive, respectful demeanors. Later classes will include table settings and manner for here and abroad. Everyone is having a good time exploring new ways to be courteous and thoughtful.

Inserting in today's bulletin you will find an HCA information card with 5 easy ways to support our parish school. We appreciate the generosity of our parish community all through the year.

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.

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Religious Education Teaching Masses

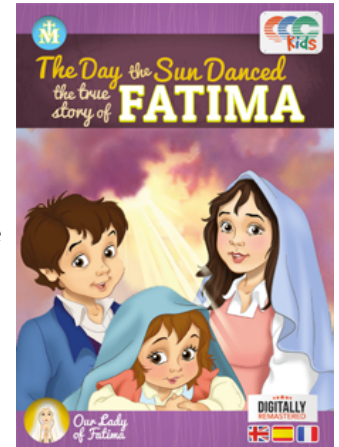
The two Teaching Masses will be on Tuesday, October 10. The first will be at 5pm and the second will be at 6:30pm. Instead of attending classes, Religious Education students are to attend one of these two Teaching Masses. Students are to bring along the attendance card they got from their catechist.

The Day the Sun Danced

In 1917, three children named Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta experienced a great miracle. While herding a flock of sheep outside the tiny village of Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Mother visited them, not once, but many times, telling the children great and wondrous secrets that would affect all of creation.

When the children tried to share the joyous news of Our Lady of Fatima, no one believed them, until the day the sun seemed to dance in the sky. It soon became clear that they had been chosen by the Blessed Mother to share her message.

The Day the Sun Danced is the inspiring true story of Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, whose great faith and courage brought the message of Our Lady of Fatima to the entire world.



JOIN FORMED 1. formed.org 2. click register 3. enter parish code: **F6F228**
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

LECTIO: Philippians by Dr. Tim Gray

Make the Scriptures Come Alive with *Philippians: Life in Christ*

Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Tim Gray uses insight and practical guidance to explore the power of life in Christ, the key to Christian friendship, joy amidst suffering, and the partnership to which we are called in sharing the Gospel.



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"Dr. Tim Gray is a masterful teacher! This study is a gift for the Church."

—Austin, Kansas City, KS

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.

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youth ministry

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



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.

Stay Up-to-Date

Be sure to stay in the know with St. Mary CYM by visiting stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry



Confirmation Year I meeting (2019 candidates):

Friendly reminder to all parents of first year Confirmation candidates and parents that we will be having our first meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm in the Church. We will discuss the entire Confirmation process so that you are aware of all that your child has to do. I cannot stress enough how important it is for you and your child to be at this meeting!

Confirmation Year II Meeting (2018 candidates)

All current Confirmation candidates due to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018 are invited to a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, October 24. at 7pm in the Church. We will go over what remains of the confirmation process.

StMaryCYM



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getting involved

Our Parish Life Weekend was a Wonderful Success!

Thank you to all who reached out to get involved. If you were unable to make it or still pondering a specific ministry, please review the listing below. For more information on each ministry, visit our website at **stmaryfred.org**.

	MINISTRIES	MINISTRY LEADERS	CONTACT INFORMATION
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Liturgy	Altar Servers Senior Altar Servers Altar Society Contemporary Ensemble Extraordinary Ministers EM to the Homebound/Sick Hospitality:Greeters Hospitality:Ushers Hospitality:Ushers (Spanish) Magnificat Choir (Grades 7-12) Parish Choir St. Cecilia Choir (Grades 2-6) Spanish Choir Seasonal Decorators	Jack & Vicky Kopcak Ann Graf Peggy Murphy Donna Green Fr. John Mosimann Chris Lanzarone Pat Fish Chris Lanzarone Mario Alias David Uschold David Uschold David Uschold Baltimore Diaz Sr. Susan Louise Eder, OSFS	test08vic265@gmail.com altegraf@aol.com pmurphy96@ymail.com dgreen@stmaryfred.org frmosimann@stmaryfred.org clanzarone@stmaryfred.org patfish53@gmail.com clanzarone@stmaryfred.org wingsco5@gmail.com duschold@stmaryfred.org duschold@stmaryfred.org duschold@stmaryfred.org balmoritodiaz@gmail.com principal@holycrossweb.com
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Birthright
Book Club
Called & Gifted Program
Council of Catholic Women
Circle of Love
Craft Group
Cursillo
Funeral Reception Committee
Gardens Committee
Global Prayer Ministry
Homeschoolers Group
Knights of Columbus
Legion of Mary Mon. Morning
Legion of Mary Mon. Evening
Legion of Mary Spanish
Lenten Small Groups
Life in the Spirit Gathering
Magdalenes
Mary's Shelter
Men's Group
Mom's Group (Sisters in Faith)
Over 40 Singles
Parish Food Chain
Prayers & Squares
Respect Life Ministry
Retreats
Secular Franciscan Order
Senior Luncheons
Spanish Prayer Groups
Vocations Committee
Welcoming New Parishoners
Young Adults
Youth - American Heritage Girls

Youth - Boy Scouts of America

Youth - Girl Scouts of America

Youth - Trail Life Usa Troop

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Lily Alarcon
Maureen Guilfoyle
Mary Podlesny/Mary Jo Medosch
Donna Davis/Denise Whatley
Kathy Saladino/Lori Ibarra
Wanda Cushing
Tammie Chute
Mary Ellen Wheeler/Ann Duhamel
Kayla Weaver
Gail Russell
Heather Gardner
Steve Stoecker
Mary Felts
Gregg Carneal
Luisa Slaughter
Needs Leader
Walter & Claire Matthews
Susan Huthmaker/Nell Allen
Kathleen Wilson
Michael Bostain/Kevin Wilkinson
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Kathy Saladino
Margaret McMillen
Kathleen Sihrer
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parish life get involved

Senior Luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday October 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.

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.

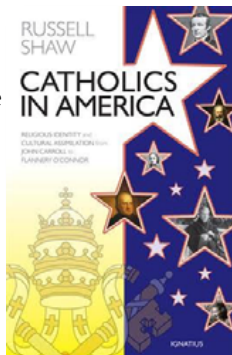
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:30pm-Friday 9am

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.

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!

- 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.

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

happenings

Gardner at 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.

Wellness and Prayer - Connecting the Dots

Sometimes we pray, and then we wait. We may ask, "Why is this taking so long?" As people of faith, it is good to remember that God is always guiding and offering us the grace to move forward, even if we don't understand everything at the moment.

Wellness is similar. Just because we suffer disease or disorder doesn't mean we are without resources to adapt and prosper. And this is where prayer and wellness connect. Just for today, let us pray for the grace to work with our challenges. Just for today, look for the gifts in your life, thanking God for the people and resources that lend a hand.

Then, reach into your reservoir of spiritual treasures, praying for the faith to move forward. Your Health Ministry Team is praying for you too. Each day, we pray for our parish community, especially those who may be experiencing health challenges. Join us! October prayer is from Romans 15:13 "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Spiritual Enrichment Class for Adults

Please join Sr. Susan Louise for a four-week course on our parish theme, Dwell in the Heart of Jesus, according to the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. Salesian spirituality is often referred to as a spirituality of hearts. With his emphasis on both the Heart of God and the heart of man, St. Francis de Sales guides each person into a life of union with God and others, foreshadowing the teachings of Vatican II on the 'universal call to holiness'. We hope that you will join us! Dwelling in the Heart of Jesus and the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales October 23 & 30; November 6 & 13

Fr. Don Rooney Community Room, 7-8pm, No cost

Please email Sr. Susan Louise by October 20 if you plan to attend so that materials can be prepared: principal@holycrossweb.com.

Concerts at St. Mary

On Friday, October 20 at 8pm, St. Mary's Director of Music and Organist David Uschold will present a concert as part of the St. Mary Concert Art Series. The program which will include works of Bach, Boet, Cook and Wright will feature Sonata No. 1 in d minor, Op. 42 by Alexandre Guilmant. The concert is free and open to the public. Following the concert, there will be a reception in the Parish Life Center. Mark your calendars now for the opportunity to hear Mr. Uschold play the wonderful Robert William Wallace organ at St. Mary.

parish life happenings



You are still welcome to join us in our Walking with Purpose Women's Catholic Bible study. The group helps us to examine the basic tenets of the faith and how they relate to us personally. No preregistration is necessary. There are two days/locations from which to choose:

Tuesday 7:30-8:45pm, Holy Cross Academy library

Thursday 7:15-8:30, Parish Life Center

For questions or more information email Lori Mattson at lori@acumen-ea.com. You can also visit walkingwithpurpose.com.

Craft Bazaar

If you have worked on items for our craft bazaar please consider bringing them in by October 26 so we can price them. Items left at church office should be marked craft bazaar.

The CCW annual craft bazaar is **Saturday October 28 (8-2pm) and Sunday October 29 (8-noon)**

We are also asking for baked goods for the bake sale. Baked items should be left at the Parish Life Center kitchen on Thursday October 26 or Friday October 27. **Contact Wanda 540-373-9184 for information.**



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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.

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 held 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.

Celebrating 10 Years!

Join in the celebration of 10 years with Saint John Paul the Great High School! On November 5 from 1-4pm, there will be a celebratory open house with presentations at 1:15 and 2:15pm. The first 100 8th graders to RSVP receive a free t-shirt! **RSVP today at jpthegreat.org or email admissions@jpthegreat.org.**

Third Annual St. Patrick Charity Golf Classic

This tournament benefits St. Patrick's capital campaign for a new church and middle school. Monday, October 23 at 8:30am, Fawn Lake Country Club. To register or for more information, contact **Melody Kelley at 540-379-6756 or StPatrickGolf@gmail.com**

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

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(includes 8 tickets)

Keynote speaker

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Weekly Offertory

Collections for Sunday, October 1

Offertory	\$35,559
Porto Charities	2,891
Religious Education (add'l)	2,943
Hurricane Irma (add'l)	4,794
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	141

Thank you for your generosity!

Pro Life Reflection

"When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities) *We pray for couples who are experiencing difficulty in conceiving a child that the Holy Spirit may fill them with trust in God's loving plan.*

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.

All Souls Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your deceased loved ones. Our **All Souls Novena will begin on Thursday, November 2, All Souls Day.** An intention envelope is included with your bimonthly envelope packet; additional envelopes are available in the Parish Office and in the vestibule of the Church. There is no collection on All Souls Day. Envelopes should be turned in early and will be placed near the altar during the Novena.



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: 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 Fabrinkis, 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 Snelings, 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, Gabriela Mason, Maria Stine, Joy & Larry Kligman, David Duke, Dennis Morris

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

9 MONDAY

6:30am Mark Whitney+

9am Ann Conti

Jon 1:1-2:11/Lk 10:25-37

10 TUESDAY

6:30am Elise M. Powis+

9am Barbara Mertens+

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

11 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Victor A Gonzalez+

9am Rosaria Sbaraglia+

Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

12 THURSDAY

6:30am Linda Kaila+

9am Charles White+

Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

13 FRIDAY

6:30am Special Intention (Dagnon)

8:15am* Joseph we Himeyer+

9am Providence Moeller+

Jl 1:13-2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

14 SATURDAY

9am Margaret Mary Storck+

5pm John Murphy+

7pm For Our Parish

Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

15 SUNDAY

7am Marion Vonnegut

8:30am All Discalced Carmelites

10:30am Glen Sturtwart

10:30am* Joseph Roberts

12:30pm Michael Ryder+

2:30pm Olga Martinez+

5pm John Wood+

7:01pm Mark McKeown+

Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-20/Mt 22:1-14

*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*