

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

upcoming events



**SAINT
MARY**
of the
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

December

17 SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Coffee Shop after morning Masses sponsored by St. Mary Youth Ministry
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 100

Candle Light Mass at 7pm

11:30am, Evangelization Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room
6pm, High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

18 Monday, Advent Weekday

6:30-7:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions

6-9pm, Theology on Tap sponsored by the St. Mary Young Adults - more information on page 8

19 Tuesday, Advent Weekday

6:30-7:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions

No Walking with Purpose Classes

20 Wednesday, Advent Weekday

6:30-7:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions

6:30pm, YOUCAT, Parish Life Center

21 Thursday, Advent Weekday [Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church]

6:30-7:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions

No Walking with Purpose Classes

7-8pm Nar-Anon Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 204

22 Friday, Advent Weekday

6:30-7:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions

No Middle School Youth Group

23 Saturday, Advent Weekday [Saint John of Kanty, Priest]

Advent Confessions, 7:30-9am & 2:30-5pm

Saint Mary Vigil Masses — 5pm & 7pm (Bilingual)

Holy Cross Academy Mass — 5pm

24 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT — Christmas Eve

No Coffee Shop after Morning Masses

Saint Mary Masses (Fourth Sunday) — 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

Holy Cross Academy Mass (Fourth Sunday) — 10:30am

Saint Mary Vigil Masses — 4pm, 6:30pm (Spanish) & 8:30pm

Holy Cross Academy Vigil Masses — 4pm & 6:30pm

Carols at 11pm before Midnight Mass

25 Monday, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — Christmas Day — Holy Day of Obligation

Parish Office Closed in honor of Christmas

Mass Times - Midnight, 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

Please note, there will be NO 10:30 (HCA), 2pm (Spanish), 5pm or 7pm Masses

26 Tuesday, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Parish Office Closed in honor of Christmas

No Walking with Purpose Classes

27 Wednesday, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

28 Thursday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

No Walking with Purpose Classes

express announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

▪ **Christmas Flowers** are now available. Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church, and in the Parish Office

▪ 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.**"

Next Weekend Mass Schedule:

Fourth Sunday Vigil - December 23

Saint Mary — 5pm & 7pm (Bilingual)

Holy Cross Academy — 5pm

Fourth Sunday - December 24

Saint Mary (Fourth Sunday) — 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

Holy Cross Academy Mass (Fourth Sunday) — 10:30am

Nativity of the Lord Vigil

Saint Mary — 4pm, 6:30pm (Spanish) & 8:30pm

Holy Cross Academy — 4pm & 6:30pm

Christmas Day - December 25

Saint Mary — Midnight, 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

Please note, there will be **NO 10:30 (HCA), 2pm (Spanish), 5pm or 7pm Masses**

contact us

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm
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;
students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

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, 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 our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

3rd Sunday of Advent. This year the Panic Sunday for procrastinators when we realize there is only one more week until Christmas. No that isn't the real name, but I think I like it! In fact, I am celebrating procrastination by keeping this space to a simple reminder:

What preparations did the Lord make for His coming? Only one thing: the perfect Immaculate Soul of His Mother. That's it.

They didn't have a place to stay, they didn't have a fancy hospital, or a perfectly prepared baby-room. I wish that we could be likewise prepared.

This week confessions will be available:

Monday and Tuesday 6:30pm to 7:30pm (we will try to finish all that come and arrive before 7:30pm).

Wednesday 12:30pm to 1:00pm (After the Noon Mass) These are not listed on any other schedule — your secret bonus time for reading the bulletin, and for the elderly who have difficulty coming in the evening.

Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30pm — (because they are normally scheduled here, this is the exception to the one @ 7:30 listing above)

Thursday and Friday 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday 8:00am to 9:00am — normal schedule

Saturday 2:30pm to 4:30pm — normal schedule with the bonus of starting an hour early to the normal schedule.

Find a spot and get ready for Jesus!!
But beware: the lines are much, much longer at the end of the week. That Saturday morning session will likely be the most packed by far.

Pax et Bonum, (peace and all goodness)


Fr Mosimann

From the Pews at St. Mary

Thank you for making sure our son's name was added to the special intentions today! It meant a great deal to us! I tried to make sure one of the masses on November 1st was offered for him on that day (the day he passed away 2 years ago) His name was printed on the bulletin but somehow someone else's name was said at 6:30 Mass! I had no idea this would have such an effect on me but I HAD to hear his name out loud. I guess I just never want him to be forgotten.

St. Mary has been a very special place for us since we lost our son. He died in a terrible accident at University. We were just devastated and just felt lost. The priest on call that night was Fr. Holmes. We poured out our souls that night and shared our grief and hopelessness.

He saved us that night. He said everything we needed to hear. He gave us hope. After 13 years of being twice a year Catholics, (who left right after communion) Fr. Holmes brought us back to the church. Nowadays we not only willingly come every week but we stay after to light a candle for our son. We count our blessings every day.

As Dr. Seuss said " Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened"

Thanks again! Grateful Parishioners

education holy cross academy

Advent Events at Holy Cross Academy

During this privileged season of Advent, our children contemplate the wonderful events leading up to the birth of Jesus. They learn how they can be more like our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph who waited and watched in peace and joy. 'Lighting' the Advent wreath with their prayers and kind actions draws them into the holy feast that is now just one week away. They can hardly wait much longer!

As part of their Social Studies program, our fifth graders are studying countries around the world. Using their knowledge of different peoples and cultures, the children made Christmas ornaments and gifts from a country they studied and sold them at our annual World Marketplace. The funds they raised will be given to our Oblate Sisters' Missions. The children brought Christmas joy to our school community and they will spread this joy to the beautiful children in South Africa and Namibia to whom they bring Hope with their generous gift.

Holy Cross also received a generous gift of a \$10,000 challenge grant. Please see the explanation and consider an end of the year gift to help us to meet this challenge which will benefit our school expansion.



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School of
Excellence*



Please Save the Date:

February 25, 2018. We will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary at Holy Cross Academy and would love to have you join us!

Consider our School

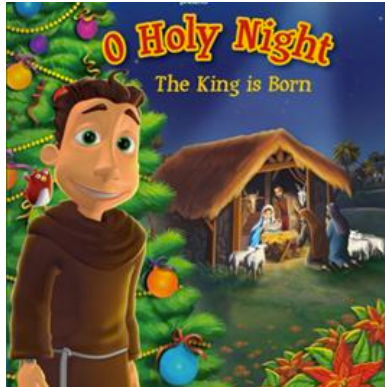
We hope that you will consider our parish school for your children. To learn more, we invite you to visit our school website, holycrossweb.com. If you would like to see what we can do for your child, please call our HCA office at 540-286- 1600 or St. Mary Preschool at 540-373- 7553 to arrange for a tour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



education religious education

Last Week of Classes

This week is the last of classes before our Christmas break. When classes resume, the week of January 8-11, it will be Family Week and parents are to accompany their children to class. Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S., principal of Holy Cross Academy has again prepared our prepared Family Week activity. It is based on our parish theme, "Dwell in the Heart of Jesus."



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Mary of Nazareth

Who was Mary, Mother of the Messiah?

Experience life with Christ through the eyes of his mother in this beautiful film capturing Mary's special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Jesus, and the mysterious joys and sufferings she encountered with deep love, profound humility, and unwavering faith.

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

O Holy Night with Brother Francis

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

O Holy Night, is a wonderful way to remind everyone of Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!
Run Time: 27 mins.

youth ministry

Life is Very Good Rally

On January 19, Saint Mary Youth Ministry is heading to the Eagle Bank Arena and Washington, D.C. for a morning of prayer and praise at the Diocesan Life is Very Good Rally. We will have Mass with Bishop Burbidge, hear musical performances by Ben Walther Band.



We will then head to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in prayerful protest and March to the Supreme Court for an end to Roe vs. Wade. Permission slips are available on our website. Space is limited, sign up early!



Above a Confirmation team packages lunches for the Stafford Junction Brain Builders program.

Stay Up-to-Date

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

StMaryCYM    
#GetInvolvedBeTransformed

parish life happenings

Breakfast with Santa

Please Note the Date Change

On *December 23 between 8-11am*, KofC Fredericksburg Council #4034 will partner with St. Mary's, Toys for Tots, Fredericksburg City Agencies, our Trail Life Troop, and local businesses to provide a Breakfast with Santa for kids who have been victims or witnesses of crime, severely economically disadvantaged, or in need of a little love and compassion. The number may change if more toys become available. We will provide a breakfast for the families; the children will meet with Santa; and, we will provide gifts for the children. We will need families from Saint Mary and our Council to host the families and make them feel welcome. Please contact Stephen Stoecker if you can help (grandknight@kofc4034.org).

Christmas Flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office.

Health Ministry

Community Resource Diabetes Prevention Program

If you're at risk for type 2 diabetes, you can make small, measurable changes that can reduce your risk and help you live a happier, healthier life. Change is tough – we can help. This program features:

25 sessions delivered over the course of one year, led by a trained Lifestyle coach, and a group that offers motivation

and support. New classes begin, January 15 from 7-8pm
January 23 from 12:30-1:30pm
Please contact, **Naomie Murdock, Rappahannock Area YMCA, 540-371- 9622 ext. 1023**

Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Campaign

The annual Knights of Columbus' Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign (Christmas card sales) will occur outside all Masses. The Knights of Columbus will use all proceeds gained to support our Religious Education Assistance Program for our local religious education schools, for Vocations, and for other local charities. Help "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious cards as an evangelization message from you!

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales

Christmas tree sales are under way! These are freshly cut Virginia grown Fraser Firs.

Tree are being sold at St. Jude Catholic Church - 10725 Courthouse Rd. (route 208). Tree prices are based on tree height. Sales are on weekdays from 3-8pm and on weekends from 8am-8pm, but not during Mass.

We also will be glad to work with church groups or individuals interested in fulfilling service requirements in volunteering to help with set-up and/or sales.

Questions about the Tree Sales can be directed to Tim Fleming – through e-mail at Trees@kofc4034.org

Please help us support the church and the community through helping the Knights of Columbus with your live Christmas tree purchase.

God Is Calling You To a Deeper Relationship with Him

New Bible Study Classes

Discover who the prophets were, what their message was, and why they are important to us. See how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with him. Discover the areas in your life that prevent you from drawing closer to God. Understand how the central message of the prophets is one of love, proclaiming the mercy of God for his children. See how their powerful words speak to us today, shedding light on our faith and our lives. Discover the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

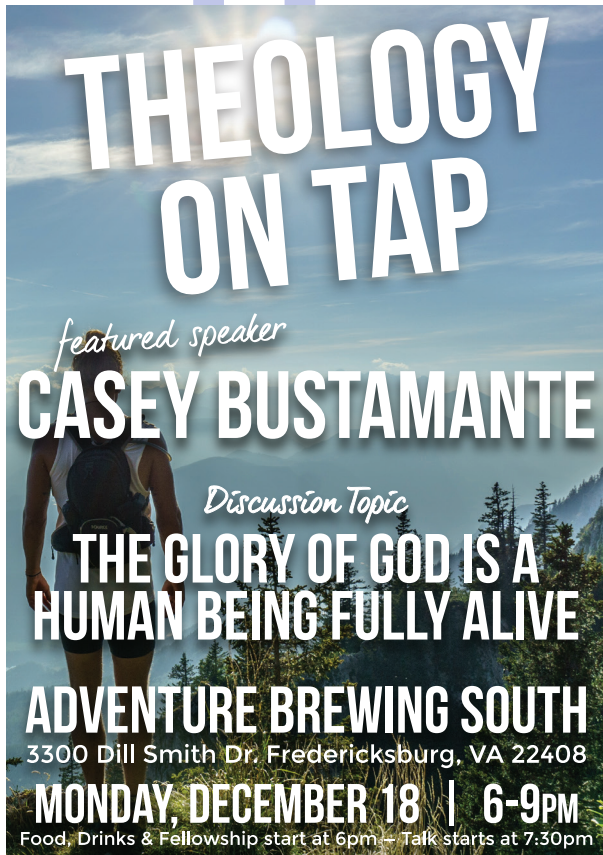
Classes Begin on Monday, February 5, 2018 and meet for the next 10 Mondays.

Classes meet from 1-2:30pm in the Fr. Don Community Room. Cost is \$23, collected at first class. Classes are facilitated by Suzette Young and are limited to 40 participants. Please sign up early in the Parish Office or call 540-373-6491.

Birthright of Fredericksburg

Invites you to an information session to learn more about Fredericksburg's first pro-life service organization which was founded here in 1976. By meeting some current volunteers while enjoying refreshments and watching a short video, participants will get a clear idea of its mission and be better able to decide about becoming a member of the volunteer ranks. The "meet and greet" is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018, from 7:30-9pm. To register, contact Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com

parish life happenings



THEOLOGY ON TAP

featured speaker
CASEY BUSTAMANTE

Discussion Topic
THE GLORY OF GOD IS A HUMAN BEING FULLY ALIVE

ADVENTURE BREWING SOUTH
3300 Dill Smith Dr. Fredericksburg, VA 22408
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 6-9PM
Food, Drinks & Fellowship start at 6pm – Talk starts at 7:30pm

Knights of Columbus Freedom 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser - January 21

Lace up your shoes and join us for the 1st Annual Knights of Columbus Freedom 5K Run/Walk fundraiser! This USATF-certified run/walk benefits many charitable organizations in the Stafford, Fredericksburg, and Spotsylvania community. Food, refreshments, and music post-race! Fun for the whole family!

Questions?
Contact info@kofc4034.org.
Registration is **December 15 - January 7 (\$25)**.
Late registration January 8-14 (\$30). Register online at raceti-mingunlimited.org. Like us on facebook - @kofcfreedom5k



Welcoming back the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

*The miraculous image of Our Lady returns to Saint Mary on **Tuesday, December 19** from 5:00-8:30pm in the church.*

A digital copy of the original tilma of St. Juan Diego in the basilica in Mexico City, this image communicates the loving presence of Mary, our Mother, through some beautiful signs. You, too, can experience these graces, signs and wonders through Mary's mediation and respond to our bishops' call for a culture of life in our country.



St. Mary 2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Holmes

February 2 - 13, 2018

Come and see where Christ saved the world! Join Rev. Stephen Holmes for this exciting Parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Price is \$3250 per person, with round trip airfare from Washington Dulles to Israel, 10 nights hotel accommodations (4 nights in Nazareth and 6 nights in Jerusalem), breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, English speaking tour guide, deluxe transportation around Israel, all entrance and portorage fees, an audio guiding system, and a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Contact Margaret Ford at 540-373-6900



WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

parish life

candlelight mass



These beautiful images of the Candlelight Mass on December 3 provided by Lori Fowlkes.



The Advent Season 2017 at Saint Mary

*One additional week of Confessions is added to the regular schedule in preparation for Christmas. All are encouraged to plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession **early** in the season to avoid the last-minute rush and crowded lines, and the risk of coming too late.*

*Please note well: There will be no additional Parish Confessions after **Saturday, December 23.***

Daily Mass

Monday—Friday • 6:30 & 9am - Noon (M,W,F); Saturday • 9am

Additional Parish Confessions

Monday through Friday, December 18-22 • 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday, December 23 • 7:30-9am & 2:30-5pm

Please note: there will be NO confessions on Sunday, December 24.

Sunday Advent Candlelight Masses

7pm Candlelight Masses will be offered during the first **three** Advent Sundays

*We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary
Monday, January 8
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.



The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2017



Please note: Because Christmas falls on a Monday, we are obligated to attend Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent either at a Saturday Night Vigil or on Sunday Morning up to the 12:30pm Mass. Masses fulfilling your obligation for Christmas will begin that Sunday Night at 4pm.

S A T U R D A Y , D E C E M B E R 23

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT VIGIL MASSES

5pm Mass at Holy Cross Academy & Saint Mary Church
7pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (Bilingual)

S U N D A Y , D E C E M B E R 24

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

4pm & 6:30pm Mass at Holy Cross Academy
4pm and 8:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church
6:30pm Spanish Mass at Saint Mary Church

M O N D A Y , D E C E M B E R 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Midnight Mass at Saint Mary Church
7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, & 12:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church
Please Note: There are NO
10:30am Holy Cross Academy, **2pm** en español/in Spanish
5pm or 7pm Masses on Christmas Day at Saint Mary Church

S U N D A Y , D E C E M B E R 31

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

Candle Light Mass at 7pm

Please note there will be no vigil Masses for The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, due to the Sunday Masses taking precedence.

M O N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 1

SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

Mass at 7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30pm, Spanish Mass at 2:30pm

S U N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 7

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule of the parish

M O N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 8

SOLEMNITY of the BAPTISM of the LORD

We will follow the regular Monday Weekday schedule for the parish

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Collections for December 10

Offertory Collection	\$29,574
Catholic Charities Christmas	\$8,460
Immaculate Conception	\$7,791
Special Charities (add'l)	\$3,414
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$338
Faith Direct Deposit December	
Offertory	\$58,744
Building Fund	\$4,337
Special Charities	\$3,198
Catholic Charities Christmas	\$2,562
Immaculate Conception	\$1,909
Christmas Offertory	\$4,959

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in November for the following unscheduled intentions: +Mary Linda Kaila, +Al Venit (2), Karla Dorsea, Janie Sherry, Lois Michell, +Rev. Gerry Creedon, Peter & Mary Paradis, +Raymond Babineau (2), +Lisa Begle, +Sally Ann Sarber, +Shirley Barlow, Gail Russell, Roger DeWayne, and Rose Anne Sharpe.

Pro Life Reflection

Christmas, for which we are now preparing, is not simply the feast of the birth of Christ; it is the feast of His becoming human, the reality called the Incarnation. Jesus was an embryo, a fetus. Life in the womb, which was already sacred because it comes from God, is now made even more holy and worthy of our every sacrifice. *Lord Jesus, You lived for nine months within the body of the Virgin Mary. Give success to the efforts of all who believe in Your Incarnation to protect every life in the womb.*

Children's Charity for December

Our Children's Charity for the month of December is the Office of Migration & Refugee Services (MRS) in Fredericksburg, which assists refugee families and children, who have fled their homeland in fear of persecution and in fear for their lives. After a lengthy resettlement process through the US Government, approved families arrive with no material possessions other than the clothes on their back. With only 1 to 2 weeks' notice, MRS "Welcomes the Stranger" and assists families with housing, food, employment, schooling for their children and many other urgent needs. For more information, visit arlingtondiocese.org/mrs.

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-judgmental, 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.**

Daily Advent Prayer

O Jesus, little child, come into my heart on Christmas morn, to wash away my sins and remain there in eternity. O Mary, Mother of my Savior, prepare for Jesus a cradle in my heart. Amen.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:30pm-Friday 9am

O Come Let Us Adore Him in Eucharistic Adoration!!

"The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger" (Lk 2:16). "We fall down in adoration before the Son of God. As we adore Christ, born in a stable....we feel the shepherds' same amazement and their same joy" (Saint John Paul II). Please come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass.

Third Sunday of Advent

"The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? Listen; God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious.

Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

liturgy daily bread

Micah Furniture Bank

Help needed on Saturday, December 30 9am-12pm. We are in need of people (teens encouraged) to help pick-up or deliver items to/from the Micah Furniture Bank. Our St. Mary Team meets at 9am at the Micah Warehouse. Please contact Rich LaRoche for more information at stone48@verizon.net. Thank you!

Christmas-Adopt-A-Family

St. Mary's has many families that need extra help this Christmas season. If you are interested in adopting a family (or a few members of a family) and can purchase gifts and/or food, please contact the front office by calling 540-373-6491 or come by and speak with Lori or Liz. God bless you.

Homeless Memorial Day

Join us Thursday, December 21 at 7pm in Market Square on the first day of winter and longest night of the year to remember our neighbors in need who have passed away in 2017. Many have gone without funerals or family to grieve. Service is sponsored by Micah Ministries and Fredericksburg Interfaith Leaders.



Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:

Virginia Gannon, Daisy McGuiney, Russell McGuiney, 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, 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, Gabriela Mason, Maria Stine, Joy & Larry Kligman, David Duke, Dennis Morris, James Murphy, Joan Cheek, Ted Mayor, Tim Conway, Billy LaPietra, Bob Rekowski & Family, Daniel Bustamonta, Maryann Devenas, Frank Spatt, Micheal Chen, Joseph Stefano, Fred Becker, Chuck Boyer, Maria Celia Brandao Lage, Leah Sapphire, Felicity Stanfield, Michael Kraljevich, Steve Zawisa, Casey Roby, Calvin Mills, Mary Jean Mills, Elise Velez

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, Anthony Howell, John Anthenor, Andrew Dowdy, Sean McCullum, Josue Bermudez, Monica Hannan, Brian Mahoney, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins

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

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

December

18 MONDAY

6:30am Marie Desimone+

9:00am Raymond Corpe+

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

19 TUESDAY

6:30am Barbara Ann Keller+

9:00am William+ and Helen Novick+

Jgs 13:2-25a/Lk 1:5-25

20 WEDNESDAY

6:30am David Niedekofler+

9:00am Helen Novick+

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

21 THURSDAY

6:30am Mike Harwich+

9:00am Barbara Merten+

Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

22 FRIDAY

6:30am Mary Lyons+

8:15am*

9:00am Addie Comerford+

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

23 SATURDAY

9:00am Patrick Leo Petro

5:00pm Rose Genuario+

7:00pm For Our Paris

Mal 3:1-24/Lk 1:57-66

24 SUNDAY

7:00am Joseph Frances Cascio+

8:30am Anna Ban Nguyen+

10:30am Elaine Wheeler+

10:30am* Derovin Family

12:30pm Annie Hocter

4:00pm William Marlow+

4:00pm* Patricia Gasper+

6:30pm(spanish) Richard Pomagnoli+

6:30pm* Roy Douglas Scholpp+

8:30pm Jose Ramon Gonzalez+

2 Sm 7:1-16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

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.