

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 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

### 24 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT — Christmas Eve

*No Coffee Shop after Morning Masses*

*No Youth Ministries Dinner or High School Youth Group*

**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

*Parish Office Closed in honor of Christmas*

*No YOUCAT*

### 28 Thursday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

*No Walking with Purpose Classes or Craft Group*

*6pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 201*

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

### 29 Friday, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]

*7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House, upstairs*

### 30 Saturday, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

### 31 SUNDAY, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

*No Coffee Shop after Morning Masses*

*No Youth Ministries Dinner or High School Youth Group*

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

**7pm, Candle Light Mass for The Holy Family**

### 1 Monday, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*Parish Office Closed in honor of Mary, Mother of God*

### 2 Tuesday, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

*Parish Office Opens at 12pm*

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

### 3 Wednesday, Christmas Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]

*6:30pm, YOUCAT, Parish Life Center*

### 4 Thursday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

*9:45am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100*

*6:30pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 201*

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

*7pm, Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center, Room 202*

# 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 [scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com) for the school enrollment code.

▪ **Subscribe to the Saint Mary website, [stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org)** and receive important updates via email. The subscription box is on the homepage. Enter your email address, click "**subscribe.**"



## contact us

## [stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

# from our pastor

# pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

'Twas the day before Christmas, and all through through the parish, not a soul was stirring, not even the folks who change the candles.... Ok, wait, they are always working.

So what Mass are you going to for Christmas? Let me encourage you to consider the 6:30 PM at Holy Cross, or even better... come on Christmas morning. The Masses on Christmas morning are far more prayerful than the ones on Christmas eve!

If you must come on Christmas Eve to the 4pm, please remember that the doors of the church will only open at 3pm. You will not be able to come earlier and save seats. And of the 4pm masses, the one at our school should be less crowded.

## Married Couples Retreat

You may know the old saying, "the couple that prays together, stays together." But what does that practically mean in our busy suburban lives? Some families are committed to praying the rosary together - wonderful! The Sacrament of Marriage is a man and a woman growing every day deeper in love by giving their lives to one another. This is an incredibly enriching gift, because in giving our self away we discover a love beyond imagining.

To that purpose, each January I offer a retreat for a group dedicated to formation and spiritual growth of married couples: Teams of Our Lady. The format of the retreat presents an opportunity for couple to pray together and deepen their mutual understanding. I would like to offer to any married couple in the parish the opportunity to participate in this retreat.

## Married Couples Retreat

Saturday January 27th at St. Mary

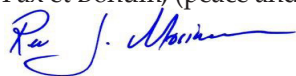
Begins with 9am Mass in the Church.

Will end by 5pm at the latest.

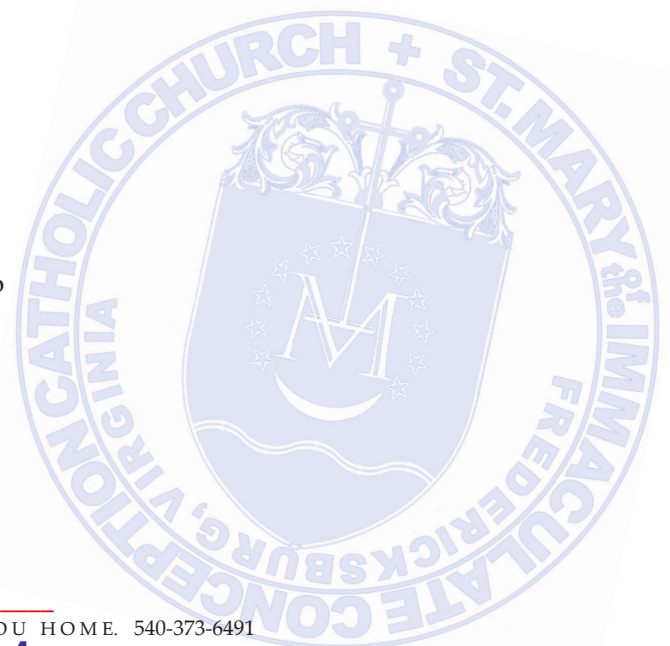
Please bring a brown-bag lunch and a bible.

If you would like to participate, please email me to register ([frmosimann@stmaryfred](mailto:frmosimann@stmaryfred)).

Pax et Bonum, (peace and all goodness)



Fr Mosimann





education

# holy cross academy

## Holy Cross Academy Traditions

One of our most beautiful Holy Cross traditions is our Giving Tree and 8th grade Nativity. This year was our 20th celebration of giving to benefit needy babies who are cared for through Catholic Charities, Mary's Shelter and Birthright. What an honor it is for us to support these wonderful ministries in our community.

Our 8th grade students recount the Nativity story for our school community with great love and devotion each year. It is a beautiful way to prepare for the Birth of Jesus, God's love made visible to us. Merry Christmas from your Holy Cross community!

## Merry Christmas!

The Oblate Sisters, faculty, staff, parents and students of Holy Cross Academy wish each of you a blessed, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year. May you experience the peace and joy that Jesus came to bring on the very first Christmas!

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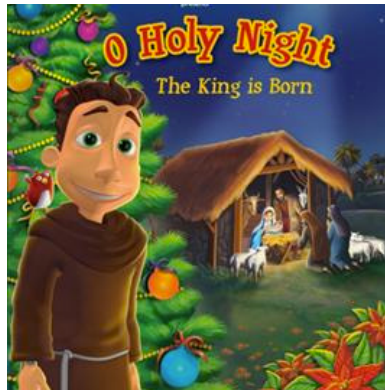
## education

# religious education

### Merry Christmas!

End your Advent well, and celebrate the Christmas season reflecting on all the blessings God has bestowed on us. Then look ahead to 2018 with renewed inspiration.

Christmas is God gifting His only Son to the world. Jesus Himself is the Gift. There will never be a greater gift.



### 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.



#### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### The Mystery of Christmas

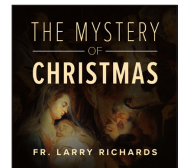
By Fr. Larry Richards

Unwrap the Greatest Gift Ever Given with Fr. Larry Richards

With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry illuminates the true joy of Christmas and inspires us to better recognize, receive and respond to God's immense love for us.

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

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"Fr. Richards challenged me to enter into the Christmas story with my eyes opened ... not just by celebrating Jesus' birth, but by participating in his life!"

—Maureen, Spencer, NY

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

# 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](http://stmary-fred.org/youth-ministry)

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# parish life happenings

## 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**

## 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.

## Religious Freedom Day

The Knights of Columbus Rappahannock Assembly will proudly sponsor the 241th Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's drafting of the Act of Religious Freedom for Virginia on January 14, 2018. "It is a freedom that we must not take for granted"! With Religious persecution growing throughout the world and in our own country, we urge everyone who is able to turn out to march or just support by attending this observance. The March/Parade gathers at the back parking area of the VRE Station at 12:30pm with the March/Parade beginning at 1:30 PM at the VRE Station. The March/Parade will stop on Washington Avenue at the Thomas Jefferson Religious Freedom Monument (between Hawke Street and Mary Ball Street) where the Stage and Ceremony will begin at 2:00pm. All Parish members, their families, friends, and neighbors are invited to join in celebrating this very important event in Virginia's history. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Rick Reschick (rez55@cox.net).

## 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](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com)

## 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](mailto:info@kofc4034.org). **Registration is December 15 - January 7 (\$25).** Late registration January 8-14 (\$30). Register online at [racetimeingunlimited.org](http://racetimeingunlimited.org). Like us on facebook - @kofcfreedom5k



# christmas season schedule

## The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary



### MONDAY, DECEMBER 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*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 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.*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1

#### **SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD**

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

#### **SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD**

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

#### **SOLEMNITY of the BAPTISM of the LORD**

*We will follow the regular Monday Weekday schedule for the parish*

# parish life happenings

## 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 portage fees, an audio guiding system, and a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Contact Margaret Ford at 540-373-6900



## THEOLOGY ON TAP

featured speaker

FATHER  
CHRISTOPHER  
POLLARD

ADVENTURE BREWING SOUTH

3300 Dill Smith Dr. Fredericksburg, VA 22408

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 | 6-9PM

Food, Drinks & Fellowship start at 6pm – Talk starts at 7:30pm



YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY  
SAINT MARY FREDERICKSBURG

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.





# our parish 2017 at a glance





# january share

## 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 pick-up 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.

## Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

**Order Deadline: January 8**  
**Food Pick-Up: January 20**

This is a food cooperative program with a community service requirement. Package Pick-up is typically the fourth Saturday of the month at the Parish Life Center between 8-9am. The following month's menu will be available at the time of pick-up.

Please contact Rick Caporali for more information and details,  
[rcaporali@stbernpar.org](mailto:rcaporali@stbernpar.org).

### Value Package \$21

(2 hrs community service)

Freshly-frozen Ground Beef 85/15, 2-10oz packets  
Chicken Tenderloins, 1.2 pounds  
Chicken Drumsticks, 1-3 pound tray pack  
Pollock Filets, 1 pound  
Plus 8-12 pounds of the freshest fruits and vegetables we can find for you and your family

### Beef Brisket \$25

(2 hrs community service)

8 pounds, fully cooked, slow, hickory-smoked, heat & serve brisket. Four 2-pound package

### Breakfast Bagels \$11

(2 hrs Community Service)

10 sandwiches - sausage, egg, and cheese

### Chicken Wings \$26

(2 hrs Community Service)

10 pound box of uncooked wings, 90-100 count

### Boneless Chicken Wings \$24

(2 hrs Community Service)

Fully-cooked, crumb coated boneless wings

*Menu items are always subject to change. When we must substitute, we try to give better value.*



## SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$21)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$21. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Brisket (\$25)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$25. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast Bagels (\$11)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$11. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Wings (\$26)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$26. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Boneless Chicken Wings (\$24)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$24. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

cell/phone \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Hours:

___ hrs Church	___ Host site
___ hrs Youth	___ Transport
___ hrs Shelter	___ Comm. Dinner
___ hrs Seniors	___ Vincent de Paul
___ hrs Micah	___ MW Hospital
___ hrs School	___ Parish Ministry
___ hrs Community Service	
___ hrs Other	___ hrs Other

**PAYMENT METHODS:**

**CASH or MONEY ORDER.**

No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed.

Money Orders should be made to: SHARE FOOD NETWORK.

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

Collections for December 17

Offertory Collection	\$36,935
Parish Building Fund	8,267
Catholic Charities (add'l)	2,511
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	566

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Trinity Dome Collection January 7, 2018

The Trinity Dome is the central and largest dome of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This "Crowning Jewel" is adorned in mosaic according to the original iconographic scheme of the Great Upper Church and will depict the Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception, and a procession of saints who have an association with the United States and the National Shrine. The procession of saints includes, among others, St. Juan Diego (the first canonized male Native American), St. Kateri Tekakwitha (the first canonized female Native American), St. Teresa of Calcutta (an honorary American citizen), St. Francis Cabrini, M.S.C. (the first U.S. citizen to be canonized), St. John Paul II (the first pope to visit the National Shrine), and St. Junípero Serra (declared a saint by Pope Francis at the National Shrine in 2015 for the first canonization ever to take place on American soil). The Nicene Creed encircles the base of the dome, while the dome's four pendentives feature the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

During his visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 23, 2015, Pope Francis blessed

the preliminary segment of mosaic created for the Trinity Dome containing the words of the beginning and end of the Nicene Creed: "I believe in one God." "Amen."

Parishes across the country have been asked to take up a special collection to support the completion of this beautiful mosaic in "America's Church". Your generous support is most appreciated. For more information, visit [trinitydome.org](http://trinitydome.org).

## Pro Life Reflection

Thanks to Christmas, all the earth has seen the saving hand of God! A new and radiant vision of His glory has shone upon us, because human life has been joined to Him. He has raised human life to a greater dignity than it had before. Life was always sacred, because it is God's creation. But thanks to Christmas, human life is forever united to Divine Life in and through the Infant King of Bethlehem. *Lord, may all Your people continue to marvel at Your love for human life and reverence this gift as You do.*

## 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.*

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Be it done unto me according to your word." Obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If you think God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).

## 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](http://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-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](mailto:burgh757@gmail.com) or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**

# liturgy daily bread

## 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.*

## 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!



## Saint Mary prayer list

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** 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 Mizules, 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, Tracey Hansen, Elizabeth Ames, Aleisa Barber, George Dittmer

**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

#### 25 MONDAY

7:00am Gina Lenox+  
8:30am Theodore Smolen+  
10:30am Robert & Linda Kaila+  
12:30pm Mark Allen Smolen+  
Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

#### 26 TUESDAY

6:30am Dominick Delio+  
9:00am Dr. & Mrs. Sambat  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

#### 27 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Anthony Leger+  
9:00am The Sambat Family  
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a-8

#### 28 THURSDAY

6:30am Ruth & Albert Sindail+  
9:00am Robert & Linda Kaila+  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

#### 29 FRIDAY

6:30am Mike Harwich +  
9:00am Anna Ban Nguyen+  
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

#### 30 SATURDAY

9:00am Lori Barlow  
5:00pm Ginny Foreman  
7:00pm Paul Johnson+  
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

#### 31 SUNDAY

7:00am Albert P. Sindail+  
8:30am Alice Szymczak+  
10:30am Robert Kaila+  
10:30am\* Mike Harwich+  
12:30pm Joyce Franklin+  
2:30pm Adrian Francisco Alvarez  
5:00pm Patricia Marinas+  
7:00pm The Schwinn Family  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

\* 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.