

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2017



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

upcoming events

December



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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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

January

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

5 Friday, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Parish Office Closing at 12pm

6pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

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

6 Saturday, Christmas Weekday [Saint André Bessette, Religious]

7pm, Spanish Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center, Room 204

express announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

▪ **MERRY CHRISTMAS!** We wish each of you every blessing and happiness in this Christmas season, as well as the coming year!

▪ Complete some of your shopping by purchasing **SCRIP gift cards!** Set up an account today and earn rebates for HCA. Email **Christi Greenwell** at scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code.

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



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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

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Fr. Stephen Holmes
Fr. Colin Davis
Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly
Deacon Alberto Bernaola
Deacon Dick Delio

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Director, Aristides Lucas
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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,

Merry Christmas! Today, before the frenzy of gift unwrapping begins with my parents, 7 siblings, and 23 nieces/nephews, someone will hush the whole house, and my mother will read this quote: *"And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans--and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused--and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself."* — Sigrid Undset

Merry Christmas. We give gifts because the Lord had given us the gift of Himself. All giving now takes on a Christocentric dimension when truly done in Charity. I have been unwrapping gifts all year, and so today I thank God for these gifts:

1. Another year of the Eucharist. Every day I get to hold Jesus in my hands!
2. Parish Staff. Folks, were really blessed with generous and hardworking Staff.
3. The amazing talents of the people of God. Every week, several times a week, I am struck by how much you do to build up the Kingdom.
4. Health. Every breath is a gift from Him!
5. Sesame Chicken, Tacos, and Roast Lamb. Yep, I love food!
6. Pope Saint John Paul 2, the only saint I ever gave a high five! I love reading his writings.
7. Family. Where love begins.
8. Skiing. For me a good ski trip is much like a retreat.
9. The Rosary. So many moments of calm, in a sea that can be turbulent.
10. And all of the other tiny things that cause me to say, "Thanks be to God."

When I started the list, I thought it was going in a more specific direction, but I found I had to many people and events, and graces to list them all individually. May the material gifts you receive draw your soul to the uncreated gift of grace with which God desires to shower you.

Merry Christmas,

Fr Mosimann

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary

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 sched-
ule for the parish*

parish life happenings

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).

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 racetimingunlimited.org. Like us on facebook - [@kofcfreedom5k](https://www.facebook.com/kofcfreedom5k)

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary this **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.



from the bishop christmas letter



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Christmas, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we are profoundly aware of the need to pray that His peace will reign in our world, in our nation, in our homes and in our lives. We are witnessing much turbulence, unrest and division in our midst. Yet, we do not despair. Our newborn King has shown us the way to peace and unity.

We pray that the leaders of our nation and those throughout the world will allow the Lord to guide their decisions, being ever mindful of the sacredness of all human life and the dignity of each and every human person. We pray that all people will recognize that they are united as God's holy family and respond by treating one another with charity and respect. In our own lives, we pray for the grace to love, honor and forgive each other. In a special way, may our prayer always lead us to seek peace not in the empty promises of the world but in the One who alone can sustain and protect us.

It is my hope and prayer that what we do at Christmas will continue throughout the New Year: to keep our relationship with the Lord our highest priority; to share our gifts and resources with all those in need; and to be instruments of His peace in our communities, workplaces and homes.

Please be assured of a special remembrance at the Masses I will celebrate on Christmas. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus fill you with his choicest blessings at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Michael Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

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Navidad de 2017

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Al celebrar el nacimiento de Nuestro Señor y Salvador, somos profundamente conscientes de la necesidad de rezar para que la paz de Cristo reine en nuestro mundo, en nuestra nación, en nuestro hogar y en nuestra vida. Presenciamos mucha turbulencia, agitación y división en nuestro medio. A pesar de eso, no nos desesperamos. Nuestro Rey recién nacido nos ha mostrado el camino de la paz y la unidad.

Recemos para que los líderes de nuestra nación y de todo el mundo permitan que el Señor guíe sus decisiones y tengan siempre presente la naturaleza sagrada de toda vida humana y la dignidad de cada ser humano. Recemos para que todos los pueblos reconozcan que están unidos como la santa familia de Dios y respondan al tratarse mutuamente con caridad y respeto. Recemos para que, en nuestra propia vida, tengamos la gracia de amarnos, honrarnos y perdonarnos los unos a los otros. De una forma especial, que nuestra oración nos lleve siempre a buscar la paz no en las promesas vacías del mundo sino en el Único que nos puede sostener y proteger.

Abrigo la esperanza de que lo que hagamos en la Navidad continúe durante el Año Nuevo y ruego que así sea: que nuestra máxima prioridad sea mantener nuestra relación con el Señor, que compartamos nuestros dones y recursos con todos los necesitados y que seamos instrumentos de su paz en nuestras comunidades y en nuestros hogares y sitios de trabajo.

Tengan la seguridad de que los recordaré de manera especial en las Misas que celebraré en la Navidad. Por intercesión de María, Nuestra Madre, y de San José, que Nuestro Señor Jesús los colme de sus más selectas bendiciones en la Navidad y siempre.

Atentamente en Cristo,

Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge
Obispo de Arlington

ministries

getting involved

Here is a quick guide to getting involved at Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

	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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ministries all are welcome

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Parish Life

Ancient Order of Hibernians
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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

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Lily Alarcon
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Wanda Cushing
Tammie Chute
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Kayla Weaver
Gail Russell
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Mary Felts
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Luisa Slaughter
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Kathleen Sihrer
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