

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018



Youth Group, Life is VERY Good, March for Life 2018. Photo credit: Lori Fowlkes

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

# upcoming events

## January



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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

### **28 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center*

8am-12pm, Health Ministry Blood Pressure Check-In, Parish Life Center, Room 100

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

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

### **29 Monday, Weekday**

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

12:45pm, Suzette Young Bible Study Class, Courtyard Meeting Room

### **30 Tuesday, Weekday**

7:30-8:45pm, Walking with Purpose Class at Holy Cross Academy

### **31 Wednesday, Saint John Bosco, Priest**

6:30pm, YOUCAT, Parish Life Center

## February

### **1 Thursday, Weekday**

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

7-8:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center

7pm, Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, Room 201

### **2 Friday, The Presentation of the Lord**

6pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room

### **3 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop]**

### **4 SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center*

8am-12pm, Health Ministry Blood Pressure Check-In, Parish Life Center, Room 100

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

**4-9pm, Knights of Columbus Family Dinner, Parish Life Center - All are welcome**

*No High School Youth Group Dinner or Group Meeting*

### **5 Monday, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

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

12:45pm, Suzette Young Bible Study Class, Courtyard Meeting Room

### **6 Tuesday, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

7:30-9pm, Walking with Purpose Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

### **7 Wednesday, Weekday**

6:30pm, YOUCAT, Parish Life Center

### **8 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin]**

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

7-8:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center

7pm, Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, Room 201

### **9 Friday, Weekday**

6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room

# express announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

- **Saint Mary Souper Bowl, Next weekend!** Bring your soups in to help stock up our emergency food pantry. More info on page 9.
- **Save the date - Parish Night Out, May 18!** Tickets on sale now. More info on page 8.
- **Saint Mary Photo Contest!** More information on page 4.
- February is the month to surprise your sweet-hearts with SCRIP. 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@holycross-web.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."

## ▪ Join Flocknote for RE Notifications!

Text 'StMaryFredRE' to **84576** to automatically receive text messages and emails when RE Classes are canceled. Or go online and register by following the link at the parish website, **stmaryfred.org** on the right hand side at the top of the information panel.

## Attention Wednesday 1-6pm Adorers!

In an effort to keep our lists up to date we are asking that you please email **adoration@stmaryfred.org** with your current contact information. Please provide an email address and a phone number where you can be reached, along with the day and time that you attend adoration. **Seeking a permanent Adorer for Thursday's 11pm**

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

## stmaryfred.org

# from our pastor

# pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

This weekend we begin Catholic Schools week. At St. Mary, we are truly blessed with a wonderful school and staff.

First, I want to thank Sr. Susan Louise, Sr. Frances Carol, and Sr. Miriam Elizabeth for their lives of gracious service to the children of our parish. Your presence blesses and enriches both our school and parish.

This weekend, at all Masses, we will have speakers after communion to express our gratitude for all who support the school, and to give witness to the many graces received in this most important ministry. Teaching and living our faith is at the heart of the mission of the parish, and the school is often on the front line of this work for so many parish families.

Additionally, this coming Tuesday is a national day of giving, and we are directing these efforts to our school in thanksgiving. Thank you for your love and support.

By way of closure, I recall on time asking a preschooler what she had learned. Without hesitation, she looked up and said, "I learned that Jesus can never stop loving me. His grace is His love in my heart." I was stunned with the depth of what she said. And that is why we make sacrifices and try to educate as many of our children in possible where this truth will shape their lives.

Pax et Bonum,



Fr Mosimann

## Saint Mary Photo Contest

Photos can be of any subject of your choosing: family, landscape, people or places that you visited last year. With the help of a parish professional photographer, I will be the judge of the pictures and pick a grand prize winner and some runner up pictures which will be displayed in the Narthex (and/or perhaps in the bulletin or on the website). Prizes will be Scrip Gift cards, so that you can have your pick of where to spend! (If there are sufficient photos submitted, I will give out prizes in categories like: 'young photographers,' or 'Sacred,' or 'Landscape').

To submit a picture (or more than one, but please not more than 10 per person). Send them by email to me at, [frmosimann@stmaryfred.org](mailto:frmosimann@stmaryfred.org). **Include with the picture:** the photographer's name (and age if you want to be eligible for the 'young' photographer prize). Also, please tell me where and when the picture was taken. If you prefer, you could put them onto a CD and drop them off at the office. Or, if you are really old school and prefer film, drop off a copy of pictures here at the parish office. **Deadline for submission is February 12th** (just before Lent).

## Micah Cold Weather Shelter

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter opened for the winter season on November 15 and will remain open each evening until mid- to late-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (white socks, small toiletries, etc.). Saint Mary is asked to collect donations of men's boxer underwear sizes medium and large. Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that the temporary shelter is available during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit Micah Ecumenical Ministries, [dolove-walk.net](http://dolove-walk.net) or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, [thurmanbrisbencentcenter.org](http://thurmanbrisbencentcenter.org)



# education holy cross academy

## Catholic Schools Week

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank you, our parish, for your support throughout the year. As the parish school of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, our primary purpose is providing an excellent Catholic Education for the children of our parish. Your help and support make that possible.

We want to thank Fr. Mosimann, Fr. Holmes, Fr. Colin and Fr. Kelly for providing spiritually for our students and our staff. Your presence in our school, both for Mass and for classes, enriches the spiritual lives of all of us. We are especially grateful to Fr. Mosimann for his leadership and commitment to Catholic Education.

We are grateful to the St. Mary Parish staff for your support and your partnership in the ministry we all share. We are thankful to all our volunteers and the parishioners who support us as we fulfill the mission of Catholic Education that God has entrusted to us. We pray for our parish each day and ask all of you to pray for us as we carry out this important work.

*This weekend, our HCA community will be present at all Masses as part of our observance of Catholic Schools Week. We want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement for the past 20 years!*

A National  
Blue Ribbon  
School of  
Excellence





# parish life

# religious education

## St. Mary Souper Bowl 2018

Religious Education students are invited to participate in St. Mary Souper Bowl 2018 by bringing a can of soup to class next week or to Mass, Super Bowl Weekend, February 3-4.

## Magnifikid

Parents please encourage your 6-12 year old children to get a copy of MagnifiKid in the vestibule when they attend Sunday Mass.



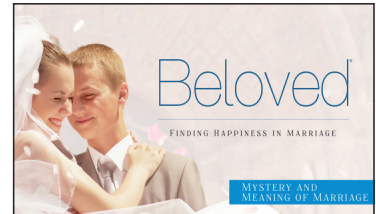
## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Beloved

Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Why does the Church care so much about marriage?

*Beloved*, an Augustine Institute Studios original production, explores the essential realities of marriage. Through Scripture, Tradition, and Church teaching, you'll gain a deeper understanding of this Sacrament and how it connects with God's plan for humanity.



*"I've been married for 12 years and I've never understood marriage in the way it's presented in Beloved. I want to share this from the rooftops!"*

—Marie, Sterling Heights, MI

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



**FORMED** THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

## JOIN FORMED

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



We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary **Monday, February 12** 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 happenings



## Many Gifts, One Nation *A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools*

Twenty years ago, Saint Pope John Paul II said to an audience of Catholic educators in New Orleans: "Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to your nation."

Countless people in our country have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic schools. However, many adults have lost touch with their local Catholic school community. It is time for those people who have been impacted by your school to reconnect with the community that gave them so much, and give back.

With this recognition in mind, the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is pleased to present the online giving campaign: Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools.

This is a time for individuals to give back to their local Catholic school. By leveraging social media, this national day of philanthropy and camaraderie will invite all people, across the country, who have been impacted by Catholic school education in ways big and small to financially donate at a local level.

This day is made possible with the generous support of FACTS Management.

**WHEN:** Scheduled for **24 hours** from January 30-31, 9am-9am.

**WHERE:** Online! Each Catholic school and arch/diocese will have their own customized giving page that will go live at the start of the day of giving. Donors will also be able to search on this page for the institutions to which they would like to give.

**WHY:** Because Catholic schools change lives and now is the time to give back!

Holy Cross Academy is pleased to announce that we have received a \$10,000 Challenge Grant for our school expansion. **If we can raise \$10,000 between now and the Day of Giving, a generous benefactor will match that amount.** Please help us to reach our goal and to make our dreamed-of expansion a reality.

For more information, please contact Sr. Susan Louise, OSFS, principal, at 540-286-1600 or [principal@holycrossweb.com](mailto:principal@holycrossweb.com).

Thank you for your support of Holy Cross Academy where help each child to become the person God has called him or her to be! It's About the Children!

## HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT

**FEBRUARY 23 - 25**

**Toano, VA**

**\$50 and a Permission Slip**

**#GetInvolvedBeTransformed**

## Second Confirmation Retreat

Our final confirmation retreat is Saturday, Feb. 3rd at Holy Cross Academy for Teams 12 – 23. If you have not yet submitted your permission slip and payment please do so asap.

## Stay Up-to-Date

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

**StMaryCYM**    



# our parish happenings

## Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values.

For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families.

Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process.

As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including tens of thousands here in Virginia, who stand together.

Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

## Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home? Please contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or [mary-loufelts@gmail.com](mailto:mary-loufelts@gmail.com) for more information. This is one of the works done by the Legion of Mary.

## Pre-School Openings

We have openings in our afternoon preschool class from 12-3 and would love to have your child join us! Help your child to get a step up on their pre-K skills in a loving catholic environment. Please contact Nanci Scharf at 373-7553 for more information.

## Book Club

*Voices of Women of the Cloth* by Claire C. Curcio is the February 13 selection for the parish book club when it meets at 10am in the St. John Paul II House. This collection of interviews presents the personal narratives of nineteen clergywomen in the United States, sharing how they became members of the cloth. For more information, contact Mary Kenney at 898-0372.

## 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 relation-

ship 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.

## SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH NIGHT OUT

CELEBRATING OUR 160<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

5.18.18

ANDREW THIELEN BIG BAND

JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER AT UMW

## Tickets on Sale Now!

Give your Valentine a special date to look forward to! Tickets are \$75.00 per person. This includes dinner, cash bar, and dancing to the music of the Andrew Thielen Big Band.

Take advantage of our "early bird" special- ten tickets for the price of nine. Gather friends or family to fill your table. Please contact Marty Bridi before February 28 to take advantage of this special (540)373-0259.



# happenings



## SOUPER BOWL WEEKEND AT SAINT MARY'S

# FEBRUARY 3-4

HELP STOCK OUR **EMERGENCY  
FOOD PANTRY** AND SCORE  
A **TOUCHDOWN** FOR THE  
**HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY**  
BY BRINGING CANS OF **HEARTY  
"CHUNKY SOUP"** TO MASS

### What has Holy Cross Boy Scout Troop 1410 been up to?

Before the holidays we collected 341 pounds of food for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank during our annual Scouting for Food Campaign. Thank you to all our neighbors who donated, and our scouts for their time with this service project! If you are interested in joining our troop, please contact Carlton Land at: [clandii@netscape.com](mailto:clandii@netscape.com).

### Concerts at St. Mary

On Friday, February 9 at 8pm, Concerts at St. Mary will present soprano Aani Bourassa in a concert of repertoire for soprano, orchestra and organ. Ms. Bourassa will be joined by some Fredericksburg's finest instrumentalist and Baltimore based organist Alec Davis, all under the direction of St. Mary's Director of Music and Organist David Uschold.

Praised for her "brilliant, yet sparkling high notes" (Burlington Hawk-eye), American soprano Aani Bourassa is indeed a versatile actress of emotional depth whose repertoire encompasses Johann Sebastian Bach, Handel, Mozart, opera, French art song, lieder and oratorio. Some notable roles include Fiordiligi in Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Juliette in Charles Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette* and Lydia in *Second Nature* by Matthew Aucoin. Ms. Bourassa is also equally prevalent in the concert and sacred music scenes. She has performed solos in works such as Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, Bach's *Magnificat* and *So-drumming* by Steve Reich. This summer, Bourassa will return for her fourth season as Artist in Residence at the Ad Astra Music Festival in Kansas. While in residence, she will perform the part of Peitho in the festival's production of *Here Be Sirens* by Kate Soper and one of the soprano parts in an excit-



ing one-on-a-part performance of *Matthäus-Passion* by Johann Sebastian Bach. Ms. Bourassa performs regularly with Songs by Heart, a foundation that seeks to enhance the life of the memory impaired through music therapy. Aani Bourassa is a champion of new and undiscovered music, and is currently involved in a collaborative project with pianist Samuel Gingher

to rediscover and record the vocal works of composer Carl Czerny. In addition to her busy performance career, Ms. Bourassa holds the position of producer and project manager for the recording label Acis Productions.

The Friday evening's program, which is themed in the anticipation of

Lent, will include performances of Purcell's *An Evening Hymn*, aria *How Beautiful Are Thy Feet* from Handel's *Messiah* and two works of Johann Sebastian Bach: *Fantasia and Fugue in c minor*, S. 537, performed by organist David Uschold, and *Cantata 199: Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut* for soprano, orchestra and organ. Admission to the concert is free and a free-will offering will be taken to support future Concerts at St. Mary productions. Following the concert there will be a reception in the church's Parish Life Center where there will be an opportunity to meet the performers and share fellowship with others.

# parish life get involved

## Calling All Great Men!

ALL MEN are invited to the Men's Conference on March 3. This year's conference – entitled *Marked Men: Made For Greatness* – will feature one of the most celebrated Catholic speakers in the world of social media: Fr. Mike Schmitz, who will be joined by Bishop Burbidge and Billy Atwell, Chief Communications Officer of the Diocese. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. To REGISTER, go to [arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://arlingtondiocese.org/men). Registration is open. Make sure to get your slots ASAP as seats get filled quite quickly!

## CCW Upcoming Events

A sincere thank you goes out to Leo Chavarria and Tatiana Beltran for starting off our first meeting of 2018 by sharing with us the exciting plans for the young people of our parish.

On February 20, Christen Gallik, Director of Social Services in Fredericksburg, will speak to us about "Serving the Community." Please join us.

Our spring promises to be busy. Final dates are coming soon for:

- (1) Parish trip to The National Museum of the Bible in D.C.
- (2) Annual Tea
- (3) Charity Baby Shower
- (4) Lenten Soup Supper
- (5) Yard Sale
- (6) Monthly Meetings

Stay tuned and plan to join us. Your involvement is important to us!

## February Family Dinner

The KofC February Family Dinner is scheduled for February 3 from 6-8pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu will consist of Spiral ham, Sweet potato casserole, Watergate salad, Dan's beans, and Ice cream sundaes. Net proceeds from the dinner will be used to support Mary's Shelter. The dinner is open to the public and pay at the door. The cost of the dinner is \$7 for Adults, \$6 for Seniors, \$5 for Children, and \$25 maximum cost per family.

## Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study: Living in the Father's Love

Do you sometimes doubt if God really loves you? Are you searching for purpose? Do you struggle to measure up to our culture's definition of beauty? Is there someone you need to forgive, but you don't know how?

*Living in the Father's Love, a six-week Bible study, is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself this season. In this brief but powerful study, we discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, not only with God, but also with those we love.*

Mondays during Lent (February 19-March 26)  
9:45-11:30am - Father Don Meeting Room  
Limited to 15 women. Please register with the parish office. Cost of the book is \$10.  
For more information, contact Lori Mattson at [lmattson@acumen-ea.com](mailto:lmattson@acumen-ea.com).

## Mañana de reflexión para prepararse para la Cuaresma

Día: sábado, 10 de febrero  
Lugar: Centro de Vida Parroquial  
Hora : 8:00 de la mañana a 12:00 del mediodía.

El Padre Colin nos hablará de cómo prepararnos durante el tiempo de Cuaresma con ayuno y oración. ¡Los esperamos!

## Lenten Small Groups: Prayer, Finding Intimacy with God

Whereas Lenten Friends is no longer producing the small group programs in which we have participated in the past, this year we will use a program offered through FORMED, an on-line resource already available to St. Mary's. The program is entitled: *Prayer, Finding Intimacy with God*.

*Though prayer is one of the essentials of a thriving faith, we often feel as if we're talking to ourselves—or, worse, as if we're talking to no one at all. How can something so vital to the Faith be so elusive? Now, with the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. In six video sessions, Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.*



# parish life get involved

**THEOLOGY  
ON TAP**

*featured speaker*  
**MICHAEL  
HORNE, PSYD**

**ADVENTURE  
BREWING  
SOUTH**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
6-9PM**

## You can advocate for life, school choice, common good at upcoming events

Advocates will have numerous chances to speak up for life, justice, school choice and the common good this winter, beginning January 10, when the Virginia General Assembly's 2018 session begins.

**For more information** visit [vacatholic.org/](http://vacatholic.org/) Join the **VCC advocacy network**, and to follow VACC on Facebook and Twitter.

**In prayer and in public, your voices are urgently needed to bring Gospel values to bear on vital decisions being made by those who represent you.**

*The Virginia Catholic Conference is the public policy agency representing Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses.*



## Bishop's Lenten Appeal 2018

*Living in Faith ~ Giving in Gratitude*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) supports works of evangelization and ministries that provide spiritual, educational and charitable assistance to thousands of men, women and children across our diocese. The theme for the 2018 BLA is Living in Faith ~ Giving in Gratitude, which encourages us to be grateful for the many blessings we have received from God, including our Catholic faith!

The success of the BLA depends upon being faithful stewards and generously giving according to the measure by which we are blessed. I ask you to reflect with gratitude upon the gifts you have been given and to pray for Our Lord's guidance as you consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal.

Please be assured of my gratitude and continued prayers.

May Almighty God bless and protect you always,

Sincerely in Christ,

*Michael F. Burbidge*

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

## Come together for Virginia.

### Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth

Virginia's Catholic bishops and the Virginia Catholic Conference invite legislators and other officials of all faiths, educators, social service practitioners, parishioners and all to join them at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond to pray for the Commonwealth.

Join Bishop Michael Burbidge and Bishop-Designate Barry Knestout for Vespers at 5pm, Thursday, February 15. Reception follows.

800 S. Cathedral Place, Richmond, VA  
Free shuttle service is available at the Virginia Capitol Visitors' entrance at 10th and Bank Streets, and parking is available at the garage at North Laurel and West Main Streets, one block away.

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

*Collections for January 21*

Offertory Collection	\$33,862
Parish Building Fund (add'l)	\$2,342
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$379
First Offering Contributions (add'l)	\$331

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Diocesan Newspaper Collection - February 3-4

As registered members of St. Mary Parish, everyone receives a copy of our Diocesan Newspaper, the Arlington Catholic Herald. The Parish pays an assessment to the Diocese on 40% of its registered families for subscriptions to the Arlington Catholic Herald. All subscriptions paid to St. Mary during the year and contributions made in the Annual Diocesan Newspaper Collection stay with the parish to help offset this assessment. Last year we received a total of \$12,072.57 from the annual newspaper collection and quarterly subscription envelopes to help offset a \$49,248.00 assessment.

If you have not paid for or renewed your subscription to the Arlington Catholic Herald, we ask that you consider doing so now. The subscription rate of \$24.00 a year is one of the lowest of any Catholic newspaper with a circulation of more than 50,000, and the wealth of Catholic articles and information about your Diocese is invaluable. Green subscription envelopes are included with the January, April, July and October envelope packets for your convenience, and the Annual Diocesan Newspaper Collection

is next weekend. Your generosity is truly appreciated, and we are very grateful for your constant support. God bless you.

## Children's Offertory Envelopes For February

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in February is Hazelwild Farm's Therapeutic Riding Program. The program offers specialized horse-back riding lessons for all ages of riders with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The lessons increase stability, flexibility, strength, motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence for the riders, along with providing many other physical and emotional benefits. For more information, go to [hazelwildfarm.com](http://hazelwildfarm.com).

## Pro Life Reflection

*"When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?" Find out in "What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion" [www.bit.ly/friendconsidering-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friendconsidering-abortion). (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities)*

## Children's Charity for February

to grieve in a healthy manner, while building fond remembrances. Like Kids Helping Kids, Camp Rainbow also strives to normalize grief, understand death and dying, and improve social skills. For more information go to [hospice-supportcare.org](http://hospice-supportcare.org).

## The Feast Of The Presentation Of Our Lord - Feb. 2

Jesus Christ — the Light of the nations and the glory of Israel

*"Beloved Christian, you esteem Simeon happy in having been permitted to take the Infant Jesus in his arms; and were you to receive a grace like him, no doubt you would exclaim: 'Now dost Thou dismiss Thy servant in peace: because my eyes have seen Thy salvation.'" (The Holy Eucharist, Jose Guadalupe Trevino)*

## 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

## eGiving

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception family. As we begin a New Year, we hope you will consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **VA635**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

*"Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us each time that following him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we 'possess,' but a gift to him and to others."*

– Pope Francis

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. At least two people must be present with Our Lord at all times during Adoration.

## Saint Mary prayer list

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need,**

**especially:** 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 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, 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, 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, David Arnold, Maryann Greatsinger, Antonio Ferrara, Wilson and Joan Parker, Emma Gilbert, Virginia Gannon, Maureen Guilfoyle, Daniel Burke, Stella Mullen, Katherine Perusi, Dorie Lee, Christopher Szynal, Joy Zerby, Mariah Ceidlinger, Kelly Carperter-Silvers, Cuzi Eggleston, Bernad Castillo

**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

### January

#### 29 MONDAY

6:30am Jeffrey Alexander  
9:00am Ellie & Izzy Motta  
2 Sm 15:13-30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

#### 30 TUESDAY

6:30am Blanche Sattleslle  
9:00am Brian & Judy Hellmann  
2 Sm 18:9-30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43

#### 31 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Ivette Beltran  
9:00am Lori Barlow  
2 Sm 24:2-17/Mk 6:1-6

#### 1 THURSDAY

6:30am Sue Bain  
9:00am Cecilio Albo+  
1 Kgs 2:1-12/Mk 6:7-13

#### 2 FRIDAY

6:30am Peter Thong Pham+  
8:15am\* Holy Cros Academy  
9:00am Father Holmes  
8:00pm Mary Sanger  
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

#### 3 SATURDAY

9:00am Grace Sherry  
5:00pm Michelle & Phil Oliveto  
7:00pm Katie Billing  
1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

#### 4 SUNDAY

7:00am Dianne Corrine Krasinki+  
8:30am John Leo Caton Sr.+  
10:30am Those who died in January  
10:30am\* Agnes Strayer+  
12:30pm For Our Parish  
2:30pm(sp) Jose Sarbelio Galdamez+  
5:00pm Bich Dao Le+  
7:00pm Don Van Than+  
Jb 7:1-7/1 Cor 9:16-23/Mk 1:29-39

\* 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.