

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2018



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

# upcoming events

## August



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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

### **5 SUNDAY, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm, Masses  
Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm  
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 204*

### **6 Monday, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

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

### **7 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest]**

9:30am, Fr. Mosimann's Rosary Making Class, Courtyard Meeting Room  
6pm, CYM Sports Tuesday at Old Mill Park  
7:30pm, Life, Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

### **8 Wednesday, Saint Dominic, Priest**

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church  
5pm, CYM Bible Timelines Study, John Paul II House  
6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Main Hall  
6:30pm, Confessions, Church

### **9 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr]**

9:30am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center Room 100  
4:30pm, Seminarian Youth Group Talk, John Paul II House  
7pm, Nar-anaon, Parish Life Center, Room 204

### **10 Friday, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

7pm, Healing Mass, Church  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House, Upstairs

### **11 Saturday, Saint Clare, Virgin**

8am, Confessions, Church  
10am, Mariamante Sewing Circle, John Paul II House, Upstairs  
10am, Al-anon, Parish Life Center Room 204  
10am, Baptisms, Church  
3pm, Confessions, Church  
6pm, Scrip on Sale, Parish Life Center

### **12 SUNDAY, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm, Masses  
Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm  
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 204*

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

- **Summer Youth Group activities**

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- **Join in the engaging Call to Evangelization series**

*More information on page 8*

- **Come and See — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults welcomes those seeking to have a deeper life in Jesus Christ.** *More information on pages 9-11*

- **Foster Care Orientation Meeting**

*More information on page 12*

- **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.

## Parish Trips - Save the Dates:

**India with Fr. Sunny & Fr. Mosimann**

**October 14 - 28, 2018**

**Cost: \$3300**

**Holy Land with Fr. Mosimann**

**January 28 - February 8, 2019**

**Cost: To be determined**

## 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. Colin Davis  
Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly  
Fr. Michael Folmar  
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, Sheri Castellarin

**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!

## stmaryfred.org

# from our pastor

# pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

Just renewing the invitation to the healing Mass and prayers this coming Friday August 10th @ 7pm, with the help of the Spanish Prayer Group, we will have a Misa de Sanacion (Healing Mass) at 7pm in the Church. The Mass will be a straightforward daily Mass.

One parishioner said to me last weekend, "this is too late for me to go out. Can't we have an anointing Mass at a better hour?" Yes we can (stay tuned for announcements of a date for that)! And to be clear, this coming Friday, the plan is not to offer the sacrament of anointing of the sick. It is to pray to pray over and bless anyone who wants to come forward to ask Jesus for healing. I will try to stay and pray over all folks who come and wait for the prayers.

Since all healing comes from Jesus, we will ask Him directly as the prayers and blessing will be given at the foot of the altar before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Mass will be in Bi-lingual, based on how many Hispanos & Anglos come, but all are invited since the prayers for healing / blessing can be in either Spanish or English.

Also this weekend is the Mary's Shelter Soiree! This apostolate is one of the most amazing apostolates of women (and some men too) helping mother's in need have a place and support when pregnant. This apostolate changes lives for the better. Thank you to the amazing women (mostly from our parish - pat ourselves on the back) who are the living, hands, feet, and loving heart of Our Lord! If you don't know about their ministry, go to [marysshelterva.org](http://marysshelterva.org) today!

pax,



Fr Mosimann



## From the Pews at St. Mary

I would like to share with you and St. Mary's parishioners my experience with adoration. To be quite honest, I had not been exposed to Adoration very much. Once, about 15 years ago, I volunteered for a one-hour adoration spot in my former parish. I went and I prayed, but I did not know what it really meant. Fast forward to 2017 and my adoration experience since then. I am now a regular adorer in the early morning hours. When the opportunity first presented itself, I accepted it, not really knowing why, but feeling that the Holy Spirit was knocking at my door or poking me gently on the shoulder.

I worried at first that I may fall asleep (I am a 2 am adorer) and was really fearful on filling in that one-hour time. I am a wiggler. Meaning that I have to keep busy, keep my mind engaged in one way or another, and definitely have problems with being quiet in the Spirit. So, I worried. I bought a few books to read. I read recommendations on how to "do" adoration. You name it. I likely tried it.

After more than six months of adoration, I felt a change. Subtle, quiet, and spiritual. I felt that the Lord was speaking to me. For years I had prayed that the Lord would speak to me. I wasn't listening very well. My mind, my heart, my spirit were too busy to listen well. Adoration provided that time that the Lord knew I needed. He drew me to that time when I would be available to listen. He knows me well.

Adoration has provided a time when I could be free to listen, to pray, to let go, and most importantly to feel the Holy Spirit. There wasn't any pressure. I found my place. Sound crazy? Yep, it was an eye opener for me as well.

I would encourage anyone who is struggling just as I was, to give it a try. Spend one hour with the Lord each week. You and him. Trust me, you will be changed. God Bless.



# education holy cross academy

## Ten Terrific Reasons to choose Holy Cross Academy and Saint Mary Preschool for your children:

1. Jesus is the center of all we do.
2. Students participate in weekly Mass, our annual Living Rosary and May Crowning, Stations of the Cross, and Lenten reflection groups.
3. Parents and teachers are partners in the education of our children.
4. 100% acceptance into High School Governor's School and International Baccalaureate programs.
5. Our average teacher has 19 years teaching experience.
6. We provide tuition assistance to many families.
7. Our athletic program offers our Middle School students many options, including soccer, basketball, volleyball, lacrosse, and field hockey.
8. Extracurricular programs include the Battle of the Books, Science Squad, Math Olympiads, Youth of Note, Strings, Band, Drama, Scouts, Young Catholics Service group, National Junior Honor Society and Student Council.
9. Students learn to serve those in need in our community and in our world.
10. Your children will learn to "Live Jesus" by respecting God, others, and themselves, seeing Jesus in each person they meet.

Saint Mary Preschool and Holy Cross Academy are a wonderful place to learn and grow. 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](http://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 our parish school. Our offices are open during the summer and we are happy to meet with you!



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## Part Time Aide Opening

Holy Cross Academy / St. Mary's Preschool is seeking a part time aide for the hours of 8am-12pm Monday through Friday. A preschool aide must have an Associate's Degree in a child related field. Interested applicants should email their resumes to Sheri Castellarin at [preschool@holycrossweb.com](mailto:preschool@holycrossweb.com)

# parish life

# religious education

## Magnifikid

"Hungry for God"

"We believe in Jesus not because he brought free food and miracle cures to some people, but because he freely offers all people eternal life with God. He has left us his Word to listen to, as well as his Body and Blood in Holy Communion...."

## Religious Education Classes

**Fee during August**

\$50 per student

\$125 for 3 or more children

**Fee during September**

\$60 per student

\$175 for 3 or more children

**Fees are due at time of registration unless other arrangements are made through the Religious Education Office. We do not accept debit or credit cards.**

The registration fee for home-taught children is the same as for children who attend class.

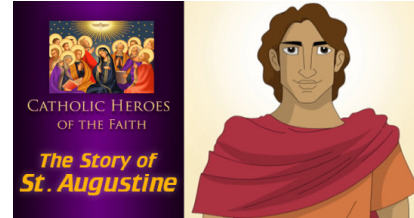
There is a \$20.00 fee for Year I Confirmation candidates.

There is a \$50 fee for Year II Confirmation candidates. It covers the retreat, facilitator fee, food and Confirmation robe.

There is a \$20.00 fee for Year II First Reconciliation and First Communion students.

**DO NOT TAKE A VACATION FROM YOUR FAITH THIS SUMMER!**

## FORMED KIDS' KORNER



### The Story of St. Augustine

**How a Bright Young Man Became a Saint**

Young Augustine thinks his mother's religion is foolishness, much preferring a life of luxury in Rome, until he must decide whether he will serve God or the Empire.

Also in Spanish!

**More Kids' Content**



Also in Spanish!



Also in Spanish!

## FORMED

### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Lectio: Peter

*Session 6: In the Shadow of the Galilean*

### The King, the Kingdom, and the Keys

Did Jesus really entrust His authority to a fisherman from Galilee? In this episode of his enlightening and engaging study on Saint Peter, Dr. Tim Gray unpacks Scripture to reveal Peter's critical role as a bridge between our King, Jesus Christ, and His Kingdom, the Church.

[Watch on formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

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—Patrick B, Fort Dodge, IA



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WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491



# our parish youth group

## Summer Youth Group Sports Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, through August 14 from 6pm-8pm come out to Old Mill Park (2401 Caroline St) to play sports: soccer, flag football or ultimate frisbee. All middle school and high school age teens are invited. Bring friends and a water bottle!

## Teen Bible Timeline Study

Open to high school teens. Wednesdays from 5-7pm, in the John Paul II house (includes pizza dinner. Bring \$4 to contribute). The Teen Timeline, or T3, is the teen version of the revolutionary Great Adventure Bible Timeline learning system that hundreds of thousands of Catholic adults have used to

learn the Bible. Dynamic teen presenter Mark Hart makes the Bible come alive for Catholic teens by unpacking God's Word in a way they can relate to. T3 teaches teens the Bible by showing them the "big picture" of salvation history. When young students of the Bible first understand the "story," they are eager to learn more. The net result: teens begin to wrap their minds and hearts around the Scriptures. They come to see the Bible as a relevant part of their lives.

## Middle School Run Club

Meets every Saturday morning at 8:30am at the James Monroe Track. Email Rachel Luciani at [lucianir@comcast.net](mailto:lucianir@comcast.net) for more details.

## 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



#GetInvolvedBeTransformed

# our parish happenings



## New Citizenship!

Congratulations to our very own facilities man, Late Lawson Drackey. With family and friends proudly watching on the 4th of July he took the Oath of Allegiance to become an American Citizen. He was one of 100 candidates from 40 countries

around the world that Chief Judge Roger L. Gregory administered the oath to on the 242nd anniversary of America's independence. We are very proud of you and happy to have you as part of our St. Mary family!

*We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary **Monday, August 13** 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 get involved

## School Dressing Days

This program, created by the Interfaith Council. Serves children in need grades K-12 in the Fredericksburg Region with clothes and school items. This year the event will take place Friday, August 10-Saturday, August 11 from 9am-3pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1710 Bragg Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407. Volunteers are needed to set-up days ahead, help meet and shop with the students/parents and clean-up. Various dates and times available. To volunteer, go to [tinyurl.com/SDD2018](http://tinyurl.com/SDD2018) and follow the simple steps. Just select the shift and date you prefer then click 'Submit and Sign Up' You do not need to have an existing account with SignUpGenius to do this. Any questions or problems signing up please call Jaye Anastasio at (540) 412-1622.

## Micah Furniture Bank

The Furniture Bank provides furniture for clients of Micah Ecumenical Services, formally homeless individuals who are moving into housing. We need help delivering and/or picking up donated items. St. Mary's serves on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am-12. This is a great ministry for teens as we need muscle to move items! Please contact Rich LaRoche to join the crew at [stone48@verizon.net](mailto:stone48@verizon.net). To donate furniture visit [micahfredericksburg.org](http://micahfredericksburg.org).

## Micah Café

Enjoy a delicious lunch with your family/friends/ministry groups at the Micah Café and know that you are engaging with the homeless and lonely in our community. The Café was created this year to offer food service training for our

homeless population so that they can go on and secure a job in the food industry after receiving certification. The Café also serves as a vehicle to create community for many who are lonely. The Café is a "Pay-As-You-Can" and donations are accepted at the door. Located 1016 Caroline Street is open Tuesday and Thursday from 11am-2pm. Check it out!

## Call to Evangelization

Empower your witness! Every day we have opportunities to share our story about why we love being Catholic, but do we? Or, do we hide our light under the proverbial bushel?

This small group's purpose is to support and encourage each other in our efforts to share our faith. We discuss opportunities we've had to evangelize, what worked and what didn't, or what prevented us from trying.

If you want to engage others in conversation about our faith, join us. *We meet every 3rd Sunday between the 10:30am and the 12:30pm masses* (except on holiday weekends) in the Courtyard Meeting Room. For more information contact Bryan Richardson at [br22406@cox.net](mailto:br22406@cox.net)

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and honor His Holy Mother by saying the Rosary in His Divine Presence. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7-9am.

## HCA Fun Run/Walk

The 3rd annual HCA Fun Run/Walk is right around the corner. Please join us for the annual 1-Mile and "just added" 5K Fun Run/Walk right before the Parish Ice Cream Social, September 9 at 3pm. We will start and finish at Holy Cross Academy. Registration is \$5 for the 1-Mile and \$10 for the 5K, with all proceeds going to support the HCA building expansion. The 1-Mile event is primarily for children, ages 11 and under, but open to everyone. The 5K event is open to all ages. Both events are stroller friendly! We will have awards for the 1st and 2nd place finishers in male and female age groups: 12-14 and 15-17 in the 5K only. For Registration Information Contact Pearl: [crypea@aol.com](mailto:crypea@aol.com) or stop by the registration table.

## Catholic Charities

Interested volunteers can start by submitting their information on [ccda.net](http://ccda.net) and clicking on 'volunteers' and they can also contact the volunteer manager, Arielle Reynoso at 703-778-9128, or through email, [areynoso@ccda.net](mailto:areynoso@ccda.net).



## Knights of Columbus Freedom 5K

The Knights of Council 4034 are planning another fundraising run/walk lined up for Sunday, October 7.



# our parish get involved

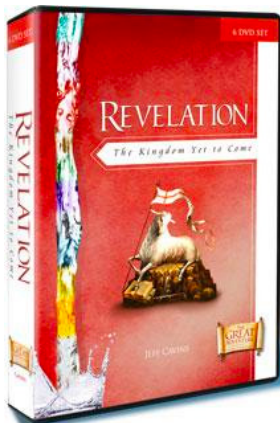
## Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Revelation is the first “ongoing” study in The Great Adventure Bible Study Program. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

Join Jeff Cavins, Suzette Young and fellow parishioners for Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg, VA beginning September 10 at 12:45pm and continuing every Monday for eleven weeks.

To register for this study, please go to the parish office by August 24. The cost for materials is \$23, collected at the first class. Class size is limited to 40 people.



## Bowling League

All parishioners are invited to join our bowling league. Teams are forming now. Gather your family and friends and join us for fun-filled evenings.

There will be a league meeting on Monday August 13, 7pm at the AMF Bowling Center, 12100 Killarney Drive, Fredericksburg.

Cost is \$17/week/player, mixed league, 16 years and older. The league starts September 10th at 7pm and continues until April

15, 2019. An awards party with prizes is held at season-end. Come and enjoy a fun time!! If you would like more info about the league or want to join, please contact **Rick Reschick** at 540-368-9345 or rez55@cox.net

## Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home? Contact **Mary Lou Felts**, 571-723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail.com for more information. This is one of the works done by the Legion of Mary.

“C O M E A N D S E E”

**RCIA**

We invite **all who seek** a deeper life in **Jesus Christ** to consider becoming members of this Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. Please call the parish office to register.

**You are welcome. Begins Sept 10**

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Program begins at Saint Mary on Monday, September 11 and lasts until the Easter Vigil. We meet on Mondays from 7:30 until 9:15pm with a 45 minute class (all in the parish are welcome to attend), then refreshments and small group discussion follows about the topic of the evening and other formation topics. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church and receiving the sacraments of Baptism (or make a Profession of Faith if already baptized), Confirmation and Eucharist, please contact the parish office to register or email us at [RCIAstmaryfred@gmail.com](mailto:RCIAstmaryfred@gmail.com).

# come and see rite of christian



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### What are the steps of RCIA?

Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate. For some, this process involves a long period of searching; for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After a conversation with a priest, or RCIA director, the person, known as an "inquirer," may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen.

The Period of the Catechumenate can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. In the program at Saint Mary, the Catechumenate begins in early November. When a Catechumen and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election. Even before the Catechumens are baptized, they have a special relationship to the Church.

### The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil.

Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the cathedral church. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they

are called the Elect.

The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

As a newly initiated Catholic, they continue their formation and education continue in the Period of the Post Baptismal Catechesis, which is also called Mystagogy. This period continues at least until Pentecost. During the period the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities.

What is meant when by coming into full communion with the Church?

Coming into full communion with the Catholic Church de-



# come and see initiation for adults

scribes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for already baptized Christians. In most cases, these individuals make a profession of faith but are not baptized again. To prepare for this reception, the people, who are called Candidates, usually participate in a formation program to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Although some preparation may be with Catechumens preparing for baptism, the preparation for Candidates is different since they have already been baptized and committed to Jesus Christ, and many have also been active members of other Christian communities. The Candidates may be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil or at another Sunday during the year depending on pastoral circumstances and readiness of the Candidate.

## **What is the Easter Vigil like?**

The Easter Vigil takes place on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter Sunday. This is the night that "shall be as bright as day" as proclaimed by the Exsultet, an ancient church hymn as we joyfully anticipate Christ's Resurrection. The Holy Saturday Liturgy begins with the Service of Light, which includes the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal candle which symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World. The second part consists of the Liturgy of the Word with a series of nine Scripture readings, each with a responsorial psalm. After the Liturgy of the Word, the Catechumens are presented to the parish community, who pray for them with the Litany of the Saints. Next, the priest

blesses the water, placing the Easter or Paschal candle into the baptismal water. Those seeking Baptism then renounce sin and profess their faith after which they are baptized with the priest pronouncing the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." After the Baptism the newly baptized are presented with a candle lighted from the Paschal Candle.

Those who are already baptized Christians make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church, and are "received" by the assembly at the Mass.

All are then Confirmed by the priest or bishop who lays hands on their heads, and invokes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He then anoints them with the oil called Sacred Chrism. The Mass continues with the newly baptized participating in the general intercessions and in bringing gifts to the altar. At Communion, the newly baptized receive the Eucharist, Christ's Body and Blood, for the first time.

## **What does the candle symbolize?**

A small candle is lit from the Easter candle and given to the newly baptized as a reminder to them always to walk as children of the Light and to be the light of Christ to the world.

## **What does Sacred Chrism symbolize?**

Sacred Chrism, or oil, is a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the newly baptized. It is also a sign of the close link between the mission of Jesus

and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who comes to the recipient with the Father in Baptism.

## **Why was this ancient rite restored?**

It was restored in the Church to highlight the fact that the newly baptized are received into a community of faith, which is challenged to realize that they, too, have become different because of this new life.

## **Is there a ceremony or preparation for Catholics who never or seldom have practiced the faith?**

For Catholics who have been Baptized, Confirmed and made First Communion but then drifted from the faith, the way they return is through the Sacrament of Penance. Catholics who were baptized but never received Confirmation and /or Eucharist also participate in a period of formation. This process of formation is completed with the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion often at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter Season.

## **What is the role of a godparent for an adult being baptized?**

Prior to the Rite of Election, the Catechumen may choose one or two godparents, who will accompany the Catechumen on the day of Election, at the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, and during the Period of Mystagogy. They are called to show the Catechumens good example of the Christian life, sustain them in moments of hesitancy and anxiety, bear witness, and guide their progress in the baptismal life.

*Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA.*

*A similar program is available for students in middle school and high school to receive Sacraments, the Rite for Children, or RCIC.*



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## Weekly Offertory

### Collections for July 29

Offertory	\$29,683
Building Fund (add'l)	\$10,918
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$147

*Note: The collection figures published in the July 22 bulletin were from the monthly Faith Direct deposit for July*

*Second Collection next week is for the Parish Building Fund.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Choose Life Reflection

*"Suddenly there were two men talking with Him – Moses and Elijah." (Luke 9:30) Jesus was transfigured; the glory of His divinity shone through His humanity, which reminds us that humanity always expresses the image of God. The Transfiguration was meant to remind the Apostles that death would not have the last word. Jesus, may Your Transfiguration be a powerful reminder that You have brought about a new kingdom of life."*

*"The hour of Transfiguration came for Jesus when He was about to enter the night of suffering and death. As members of His Body, we can only receive the grace of transfiguration, which He has won for us, by following the same path — the pathway of humiliation and purification." (Text of a Plaque at the Basilica of the Transfiguration in the Holy Land)*

Only with hearts full of adoration can we ascend Mount Tabor, the Mount of Transfiguration. (Excerpt from The Holy Land Today by M. Basilea Schlink)

## Children's Offertory Envelopes for August

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of August will be donated to The Owen Lea Foundation. Owen was diagnosed with stage IV Neuroblastoma just two weeks after his second birthday. After nearly six years of countless rounds of chemotherapy, radiation, numerous surgeries, a stem cell transplant, and two clinical trials, on August 26th, 2009 Owen lost his battle and Heaven gained another angel.

The Owen Lea Foundation was established to provide support to families living with Neuroblastoma. The financial and emotional burdens of treating a child with cancer can be devastating. Your assistance will help families alleviate some of these overwhelming costs that are not otherwise covered by insurance, such as travel to and from treatment centers and co-pays for necessary medicines. Sadly in many cases this money also replaces life insurance which is unobtainable for families in this situation.

The Owen Lea Foundation is an all-volunteer run organization. 100% of your donation goes directly to the families who need your assistance, so that they can focus their energy where it is needed the most -- the care of their child. We are a 501(c)(3) IRS registered charity and 100% of your donation is tax deductible. We are based in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and while we focus on local families, we provide assistance to families nationwide. For more information, visit [owenleafoundation.org](http://owenleafoundation.org).

## 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 703-201-8821, [burgh757@gmail.com](mailto:burgh757@gmail.com) or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**



# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Antonio Christianson, 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, 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, David Arnold, Maryann Greatsinger, Antonio Ferrara, Wilson and Joan Parker, Emma Gilbert, Virginia Gannon, Daniel Burke, Katherine Perusi, Dorie Lee, Christopher Szynal, Joy Zerby, Mariah Ceidlinger, Kelly Carperter-Silvers, Suzi Eggleston, Bernad Castillo, Nancy Buhite, Michael Durant, Matthew Gomer, Tricia Davis, Martha Clements, Dolores Renninger, Donna Long, Mary Ann Maynard, Zachary Payne, Margaret Krebbel, Adrianna Pruitt, Deanna Pruitt, Montgomery Wood, Gail Russell, Patricia Russo, Charles Dittmer, Bruce Mattern, Dorothy Simmons, Lillian Kendall, Nikolai Sherba, Sharon S., Barbara Clarke, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpe, Maureen Mizzles, Miles Wood, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kay Simmons, Robert Meyer, Marc and Susan Wood, John Gil, Lita Mary Mamboyo, Nathan Apicella, Timothy Travis, Kaden Sabo, Robert Nathan Seretnick, Dianne Clancy, The Chevchuc Family, Christina Bolt, Bruce Bates, Richard Casaldi, Alex Tonn, James Evans, Larry Dillman, Theresa Kovalefsky, Amber Moser, Erin Krieg, Matthew Meyer, Brittany Meyer, Sara Meyer, Douglas & Dorothy Meyer, Karla Dorsey, Mary Jean & Don Williams, Linda & Frank Walter, Cathleen Mihalaki, Re Macarthur, Jordan Tackett, Bridget Sherba, Randy McNulty, Riley Horstick, David A., Marty T., Janet Yerkie, Brittany Yerkie, Elizabeth Stoehr, David Semeglo, Katherine Paone, Robert L Gomer, Carla J Gomer, Lorena Hernandez, Thomas Moeller, Lorraine Becker, Gerald Gardiner, Larry Delaney, James Keddie, Lorena Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez and Edgar Giovanni Castro

**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, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Kelsey Cullinan, Jason Cullinan, Estrella Bernaola, Frank Spatt Jr.

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

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## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

### August

#### 6 MONDAY

6:30am Jose R. Bernoala+  
9:00am Nanci Scharf  
Dn 7:9-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

#### 7 TUESDAY

6:30am Glen and Lori Sturtevant  
9:00am Francois Astier+  
Jer 30:1-22/Mt 14:22-36

#### 8 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Janisse Flores  
9:00am Stanley J. Guzik+  
Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28

#### 9 THURSDAY

6:30am Linda Kaila+  
9:00am Morgan Wolski  
Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

#### 10 FRIDAY

6:30am Joseph Lanzilotti  
9:00am Mark Doherty  
2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

#### 11 SATURDAY

9:00am Kloutse Semeglo  
5:00pm Peter Reggio+  
7:00pm Thelma Odilia Rivera+  
Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20

#### 12 SUNDAY

7:00am Barritt Brothers+  
8:30am Liz Sposato  
10:30am Marsala Monteverde+  
10:30am\* Doris Evans+  
12:30pm Virginia Schmitz+  
2:30pm(sp) Juan Veliz Romero+  
5:00pm Nora Wiley  
7:00pm Richard Saunders+  
1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

\* 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.