

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018



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

upcoming events

September



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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

9 SUNDAY, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Manna Food Project outside after all Masses

Catechists Profession of Faith during Masses

Hibernians Raffle outside after all Masses

Scrip on Sale after all Masses except the 2:30pm, and 7pm

Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm, Mass

4pm, Ice Cream, Social and Cake Walk at HCA

10 Monday, Weekday

12:30pm, Revelation Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

8:15pm, Taize, Church

11 Tuesday, Weekday

10am, St Mary Book Club, John Paul II House

12pm, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center

4:45 Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

6pm, Religious Education Classes at Holy Cross Academy

6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

7:30pm, Life, Spirit, Courtyard Meeting Room

12 Wednesday, Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Mary]

9:45am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church

4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Confession, Church

6:30pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

8pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 204

13 Thursday, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:30am, Craft Group Parish Life Center, Room 100

9:45am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, Preschool Parent Meeting, Parish Life Center, Main Hall

7pm, Nar-Anon, Parish Life Center Room 100

7pm, Confirmation Parent Meeting at HCA

14 Friday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9am, St Anne's Sister in Faith, John Paul II House

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

15 Saturday, Our Lady of Sorrows

8am, Confessions, Church

10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204

10am, Baptisms, Church

3:30pm, Confessions, Church

6pm, *Scrip on Sale, Parish Life Center,*

6pm, Knights of Columbus Monthly Family Dinner, Parish Life Center

16 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop After Morning Masses

Scrip on Sale after all Masses except for 2:30pm, and 7pm

11:30am, Evangelization Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

- **Holy Cross Academy's 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social and Cake walk is this Sunday from 4-7pm**
- **The Manna Project Food Drive is this weekend!**
Please bring non-perishables and monetary donations to Mass.
- **Knights of Columbus #4034 Freedom 5k is happening October 7. Help enrich our community!**
More information on page 9
- **Stand up for Life. Be part of the National Life Chain October 7.** *More information on page 10.*
- **Our SCRIP Program Needs You!** *More information on page 12.*
- **During overnight Adoration on Wednesday-Thursday and Thursday-Friday the doors will be locked from midnight until 5am.**

• 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.

Urgent need for two permanent adorers

Thursdays 12-1pm. We also need additional permanent adorers for Thursday 3-4pm & 5-6pm
Please email adoration@stmaryfred.org to sign up!

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

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski
Parish Secretary, Jachebel Rios
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,

Thanks for all who came to the Mass and Holy Hour on Labor day in Reparation for the sins of the clergy. Your support and desire to stand with Jesus is inspiring. At the Mass, I mentioned a commitment to a new ministry: the ministry of Reparation. And last week I wrote in this space about the principle of reparation, whereby through prayer or acts of devotion we intend to expiate the "sins of others."

So what would a ministry of reparation look like? I envision it being a commitment to prayer and penance offered for this intention. Specifically, I'd like to ask you to consider a one year commitment:

1. A day of fasting each week.
2. A committed hour of adoration each week.
3. A daily Rosary.
4. One day of recollection / prayer for members of the ministry — maybe in Lent?

Why is it important that these be commitments? Because perseverance in grace is everything. Grievous sins take place in the darkness, away from healing and revealing light. Sinners count on darkness covering their unspeakable sins. We must shed light on sin. And with Jesus, we must make it our mission to love and sacrifice when we are most exhausted, most bored, least desiring to persevere, when no one will see but Jesus. It is in those moment that we are most perfectly configured to Jesus Christ crucified.

Jesus, in his greatest night of agony asked the apostles if they would stay awake with him for

an hour. Will you? Jesus 'needs' souls willing to love Him back for the immense love with which he saves us.

24 people signed up to make this commitment at the Holy Hour and Mass. If you are willing to make this commitment, email **stmary22401@gmail.com**. Depending on the number of folks willing to commit, we may be able to expand our adoration hours. Wouldn't that be great?

pax,



Fr Mosimann

A promotional poster for a Holy Land trip. The background is a sunset over Jerusalem, featuring the Dome of the Rock and other city landmarks. The text is overlaid on the image.

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 8, 2019

HOLY LAND

WITH FATHER MOSIMANN

\$3995
PENDING ON CONFIRMATION OF FLIGHTS

**BE SURE TO SIGN UP BY EMAILING
STMARY22401@GMAIL.COM BEFORE OCTOBER 1**

education holy cross academy

Ice Cream Social and Cake Walk

We hope to see many of our parishioners at Holy Cross today for our Saint Mary Ice Cream Social and Cake Walk. Joining together as a parish family, we are beginning many of our ministries once again. We can't wait to see the creative and delicious cakes that so many of you are making!

Our school year started with lots of smiles and excitement. We were happy to be back together for a new year of learning and growing. Our school community attended Mass together and recommitted ourselves to the goals of Catholic Education. Having all of our priests and so many of our parents and graduates join us on the first day makes this a very special family celebration.

Saint Mary Preschool and Holy Cross Academy are a wonderful place to learn and grow. Stop in some time to see us or give us a call and we will tell you all about our wonderful parish school where we learn each day to Live Jesus and to love and care for one another.



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Excellence*



Holy Cross Academy is looking for a Child Care worker for our Aviat Care program. Duties include engaging students in games and activities after school, and supervising homework time. Hours are from 2:45-6pm, with occasional earlier starts. If interested, please email a resume to Sr. Miriam Elizabeth at aviatcare@holycrossweb.com or call the school office at 540.286.1600. A perfect job for someone who loves working with children.



parish life

religious education



Magnifikid

"He has done all things well"

"In this Sunday's Gospel, we meet a man who is deaf and cannot speak. ... His friends bring him to Jesus, who opens his ears and unties his tongue. What a beautiful gift Jesus gives him! This man can finally hear and speak; he is no longer cut off from others. Imagine his joy!... Let's ask the Lord to open our ears and our hearts, and our mouths to proclaim his praise!"



On August 28 the new catechists met in the Parish Library and were introduced to St. Mary's Religious Education program. Master Catechist Furman McCormick also gave a presentation

Upcoming Events

September 8 and 9 - Catechists Profession of Faith at Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses

September 10 - 12 - First Week of Religious Education classes. Parents are expected to attend.

Saturday, September 15 - VIRTUS Workshop at HCA

Sunday, September 16 - Catechetical Sunday, Theme: "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ."

Religious Education Parents Handbook: Student Regulations

GUIDING STUDENTS TO KNOW, PROCLAIM, WITNESS AND SHARE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Parents, Religious Education volunteers, principals and teachers in Catholic schools, directors of religious education and youth ministry, deacons, priests and bishops are all catechists. All of these catechists have their own role and unique responsibilities in helping people acquire and deepen their Christian faith.

Effective catechesis takes place when that catechesis is "permeated by a climate of prayer." #85) Prayer is a keystone habit in the life of a Catholic. When we establish a climate of prayer in our catechetical settings, we establish a habit that helps other habits to flourish: reverence, respect, compassion, selflessness, and so on.

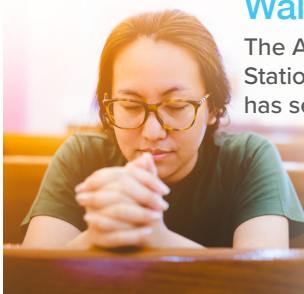
DO NOT TAKE A VACATION FROM YOUR FAITH THIS SUMMER!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Stations of the Cross

Walk with Christ in His Last Hours

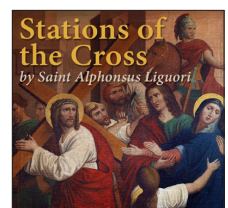
The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross. Ponder the greatest act of love this world has seen with this audio devotion at home or on the go.



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WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

our parish youth ministry



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

STARTING SEPTEMBER 16
| 6PM DINNER | 7PM MEETING |
PARISH LIFE CENTER

#GETINVOLVEDBETRANSFORMED



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

7TH & 8TH GRADERS INVITED
FOR FAITH, FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP!

STARTING: SEPTEMBER 7TH
PLC: 6:30PM-8PM
1ST & 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH



Every Wednesday starting, September 5th | 6:30pm - 8pm

YOUCAT

*Study the word of God. Learn about your
faith with awesome people like you.*

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Attention Adults!

Do you like to bake, make art, go fishing, play board games, go hiking, theater/drama, graphic design, or community service? Do you like young people ages 4–18? Do you love your Catholic faith? If you answered “yes” to the above then Youth Ministry wants to talk to you.

We are creating multiple youth groupings that will consist of adults that love God and youth and are passionate about a particular craft: fishing, hiking, baking—(fill in the blank). The idea is to gather together to teach and perform this particular craft and also to spend some time learning about our faith.

If you are interested in learning more about this new endeavor please contact our Director of Youth Ministry.



Stay Up-to-Date

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

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#GetInvolvedBeTransformed



WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH

CYM DINNER

SUNDAY YOUTH DINNERS. PLEASE REACH OUT
TO US IF YOU CAN HELP.

our parish get involved

Senior Luncheon & Bingo!

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday, September 11. Doors open at noon and a light lunch will be served. All seniors in the parish are invited and admission is free. Small prizes will be awarded to those who call "BINGO". Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors. Usually ends around 1:45pm. No reservation required. Questions? Call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580.

St. Mary's Book Club

The Book Club will begin its Fall season by reading *PRIESTS BARRACKS*, by Guillaume Zeller: Dachau 1938 to 1945.

At that time, in the Concentration Camp, there were thousands of Priests whose true stories of heroism and death make for excellent reading for all Catholics. We will meet on Tuesday, September 11 in the John Paul II House, downstairs, at 10am.

For more information, please call Mary Kenney 540-898-0372.

Manna Project Food Drive

Please bring non-perishable food and monetary donations to Mass on September 8th and 9th. Donations will serve the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, a member of Feeding America. If you forget your food items, monetary donations are accepted and go a long way! For each \$10 donation, they are able to provide 20 meals for hungry families. Other needed items include: canned meat/fish, peanut butter, pasta/sauce, canned goods, instant potatoes, rice, and personal items such as paper towels. Please help us

feed the hungry during Hunger Awareness Month!

Knights of Columbus Family Dinners

The monthly family dinners, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will begin again on September 15. We thank you for all the support that you gave us last year and hope that you will continue to support us again this year. All net proceeds from the dinners are distributed by the K of C Council 4034 Charity Committee to selected area charities. Beneficiaries will include local pro-life organizations, food banks, Catholic schools, and social service organizations that serve the Fredericksburg area.

The September Family Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 15 from 6-8:30 pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, and ice cream. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults/Teens: \$7, Seniors (60&up): \$6, Children (7-12): \$5, Children (under 7): Free. THE MAX COST PER FAMILY is \$25

CCW September News

It is time to mark your calendar for the many upcoming community events that will bring us together after our fun summer!

September 18 - Our first general meeting, with Fr. Mosimann as our speaker. Please join us.

September 29 - Our annual tea. Please come to the beautiful garden created at Holy Cross Academy for a lovely experience. Tickets will be for sale after Sunday Masses in Sep-

tember. This is also our Parish Life weekend. Please consider volunteering to share all that CCW has to offer.

Come and See

Women of St. Mary's you are invited to participate in a Christ Centered Weekend sponsored by the Cursillo Community. The weekend will be held from September 13 - 16 at San Damiano. Come and renew and deepen your abiding relationship with God. Do this in the company of other like-minded and loving women ready to serve you in prayer and study in your community. Let us help you in your desire to be closer to Him. Please call for more information: Mary Lou McGonigle, 972-4673.

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

our parish get involved



Knights of Columbus Freedom 5K

October 7, 2018

The Knights of Columbus Fredericksburg Council #4034 promotes the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

This year's Freedom 5K Sponsor's proceeds will go 100% evenly split to Birthright, Hope House and Mary's Shelter all non-profit local community organizations.

Find out more and register at kofcfreedom5k.com.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook as well! [@kofcfreedom5k](https://www.instagram.com/kofcfreedom5k)

Sponsorship opportunities still available. Please email 5k@kofc4034.org to support this wonderful event.

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.

Catholic Charities

Interested volunteers can start by submitting their information on 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.

Blessed Virgin Mary

Would you like to have the Blessed Mother's statue visit your home for two weeks? Please contact Mary Lou Felts at 571-723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail.com for more information.



Saint Anne's Sisters in Faith Bible Study

Our parish theme this year is Family: Forever, Faithful, Fruitful. As we embark on another year of growing in our faith, we focus on the family and how our personal emotional, psychological, and spiritual health affects our family relations. With the help of the Holy Family, Joseph, Mary and Jesus let us open ourselves to the work God will perform on our souls. Please join us, when we meet every Friday at the JPPII House starting at 10am. Our first meeting was on Friday, September 7. This year, we will be studying Walking with Purpose's Fearless and Free and Matthew Kelly's Building Better Families.

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary Monday, September 10 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

CREATED BY PLEASE LET ME LIVE

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7

JOIN THOUSANDS ACROSS THE NATION STANDING UP
AGAINST ABORTION IN THIS PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION

What is a Life Chain?

The first Life Chain, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by Please Let Me Live, a small pro-life ministry in Yuba City, California. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that claims over one million American lives annually, and has claimed over sixty million lives worldwide, through surgical abortion. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration. Hundreds of Christians – clergy and lay people -- stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs reading Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: The Loving Option, Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation, Life: The First Inalienable Right. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives. Consider the words of Pope John Paul II who said, "When life before birth is attacked, we will stand up. No one ever has the authority to destroy unborn human life."

St. Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 7 and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in the Parish Life Center at 2pm to pick up our signs and walk up to Route 1, where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Route 3 to College Avenue until 3:30pm. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

*"But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,
so that, just as sin reigned in depth,
so also grace might reign through righteousness."
— Romans 5:20-21*

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. To donate furniture visit 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!

"COME AND SEE"

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

around the parish happenings

26th International Week of Prayer and Fasting (IWOPF)

The 26th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition in collaboration with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Sept 29 – Oct 7) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: Conversion of all Peoples and Nations, to Build a Culture of Life, to Defend the Sanctity of Marriage and Family Life, to Pray for Peace and to Implore God's Mercy. Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours, recitation of the Rosary, Masses and some kind of sacrifice or penance during these nine days.

For the opening day, on Saturday, September 29th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9 am – 4:30 pm for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register online at iwopf.org to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event.

The Celebrant and Homilist for the noon mass is Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Speakers to date include Father Francis J. Peffley, parochial vicar at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, Virginia and Colleen Willard, a prolific speaker on life and healing and Ted Flynn author, speaker, and film producer on Catholic issues. We are waiting to confirm other speakers. For more information visit iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1968 or 1993? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2018 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 14th at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Contact the parish office to register no later than September 14th. For more info, visit arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

Save the Date

The Paul Stefan Foundation's 11th Annual Gala - "I Can Only Imagine"
Saturday, November 10 at The Waterford at Fair Oaks, Fairfax, Virginia

Come hear the heartfelt miraculous story of Baby Paul Stefan James & the beginning of the foundations as told by Randy & Evelyn James.

More information can be found at paulstefanhome.org/events



SEEKING HOPE & HEALING IN THE MIDST OF THE OPIOID CRISIS

Hosted by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge & Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

September 29th, 2018 | 10AM - 3PM

Registration at 9:30AM (Mass will be celebrated at 9AM)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church | 8710 Mount Vernon Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Horne, Psy.D.

Director of Clinical Services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

The day includes a keynote address and a variety of informative breakout sessions.

Bishop Burbidge will conclude the Conference with a Prayer Service for the intentions of all affected by the opioid crisis.

Free will offering for refreshments and lunch will be accepted.

Registration required. RSVP to attend by **Sept. 26th** at events@arlingtondiocese.org



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operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Collections for September 2

Offertory	\$31,740
Religious Education	\$4,681

Thank you for your generosity!

Next week's second collection will support the Parish Building Fund

Masses were offered in August for the following unscheduled intentions: All Souls in Purgatory (3), Matthew Ninivaggi, The Ninivaggi Family, +Beth Malaby, +Lorrie Toye, Mary & Roger Carson, Perla Guacena, Christen Gallik, +Anne Snyder, Toni Stanislawski, Barbara Michalski, +Richard Lackowitz, +Lena & Frank Leta, +John & Josephine Catanzaro, +Joseph & Nina Spalla Leta, +John Leta and +Joseph Leta.

Choose Life Reflection

The Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross is September 14. Because His death destroyed our own, the Cross is a symbol of ultimate triumph over evil and a symbol of the cross we must embrace in everyday life. Especially if we work to save the unborn, we are subject to ridicule and rejection. Our plans for pro-life activity should not be geared towards avoiding rejection but rather should count on it. Lord may we see the cross as our triumph today and forever. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day)

Children's Offertory Envelopes for September

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of September will be donated to the Stafford Junction HUGS Program. Stafford Junction is a faith-based nonprofit organization that serves high-need children, youth and their families residing in Stafford County. Their mission is to transform lives through faith and action. They partner with residents, local churches, service agencies, and businesses to connect lives, build relationships, and foster understanding across socio-economic lines. Partners share the love of God by meeting the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of those we serve. HUGS (Helping Us Grow Strong) is a program uniquely designed to complement the success of the Brain Builders after school program by working with children ages zero to five. Offering activities to enhance children's social and emotional development, HUGS helps to prepare these children for the school environment. Additionally, their partnership with the YMCA Massad Preschool allows the children to participate in structured preschool learning to further enhance their school readiness. For more information visit their website a staffordjunction.org. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Our SCRIP Program Needs You!

We are seeking a dedicated individual who would be willing to help manage the SCRIP program, as one of its coordinators. Our SCRIP program directly supports Holy Cross Academy (HCA) earning rebates for the school expansion fund through the sale of gift cards for many favorite stores and retailers such as Wal-Mart, Giant, Wawa, Target, Olive Garden, Ruby Tuesday and Regal Theatre just to name a few. The SCRIP Coordinator duties are shared by two enthusiastic individuals who divide the duties. This volunteer position takes approximately 1-2 hours per week and includes placing orders to replenish inventory, picking up and delivering the St. Mary and HCA Scrip bags in partnership with the other coordinator, creating the SCRIP Schedule (once a month), and being the POC for Parishioners who need assistance with setting up an account in SCRIPWARE and/or answering questions. Training will be provided.

We are also seeking additional volunteers to help sell after Saturday and Sunday Masses. SCRIP is sold after most Masses at the Church, at the 10:30am Mass at HCA, and at HCA during the week during carpool. This effort takes about 15 minutes after each of the Masses when SCRIP is sold.

If you are intrigued by the possibility of either (1) taking over as one of the Co-Coordinators, (2) selling SCRIP or (3) both, please email scripcordinator@holy-crossweb.com for more information.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in being a part of this important effort that directly benefits Holy Cross Academy, our parish school. After all, It's FOR the CHILDREN!

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 Servetnick, 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, Julio Diaz, Kelly Murray, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, Fernando Vazquez, James Derouin, Karen Danis, Jim Mann, Muriel Bovat, Gina Wood, Michelle & Lawrence Hudson, Monica White & Patrick White, Betty McKee, Arturo Mendoza Sanchez, Vickie Coburn, Susana Rios- Villagrana, Jeff Shinrock, Mary Ulmer, John Michaelides, Joyce Tally, Dona Tally, Thomas Biddulph, Pat Tholen

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, Jason Cullinan, Estrella Bernaola, Frank Spatt Jr., Roberta White, Linda Burrell

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

AI 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. **AI 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 or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

September

10 MONDAY

6:30am Isadore Bianco+
9:00am Lewis Wade+
1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

11 TUESDAY

6:30am Margaret Gralton+
9:00am Ruth Stellino+
1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

12 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Lewis Wade+
9:00am Ruth Quade+
1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

13 THURSDAY

6:30am Glen Sturtevant, Jr.
9:00am Charles White+
1 Cor 8:1b-13/Lk 6:27-38

14 FRIDAY

6:30am Jennifer Goonan+
8:15am* Holy Cross Academy
9:00am Evelyn Derouin+
Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

15 SATURDAY

9:00am Ray Gollopp
5:00pm Florence Kenney+
7:00pm Roberta Evans+
1 Cor 10:14-22/Jn 19:25-27

16 SUNDAY

7:00am Sr. Mary Bertha+
8:30am Trung Trinh+
10:30am Barbara Gatto+
10:30am* Frank Gurniak+
12:30pm For Our Parish
2:30pm Mauricio Chavez+
5:00pm Owen Lea+
7:00pm Daniel Merriman
Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

** 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.*