

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018



Thank you to the boys & girls who helped make our statues clean again!

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

upcoming events

September

30 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE WEEKEND: STOP BY OUR MINISTRY FAIR AFTER ALL MASSES

Coffee Shop After Morning Masses

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

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



SAINT
MARY

of the
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

October

1 Monday, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

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

12:45pm, 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

2 Tuesday, The Holy Guardian Angels

9:30am, CCW Board Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 100

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

6pm, Religious Education Classes at Holy Cross Academy

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

3 Wednesday, Weekday

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

4 Thursday, Saint Francis of Assisi

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

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

6:30pm, Walking With Purpose, Parish Life Center

7pm, Baptism Class, Courtyard Meeting Room

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

5 Friday, Weekday [Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest]

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

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

6:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

8pm, First Friday Mass, Church

6 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin]

8am, Confessions, Church

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

10am, Baptisms, Church

10am, Blessing of Animals, parking lot

3:30pm, Confessions, Church

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

6pm, Scrip on Sale, Parish Life Center

7 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Coffee Shop After Morning Masses

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

2pm, Life Chain on Route 1

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

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

Parish Life Weekend is Here! Be sure to stop by our tents after Mass this weekend and get involved!

• **Knights of Columbus #4034 Freedom 5K** is happening **October 7. Register today and help enrich our community!** *More information on page 9*

• **Blessing of the Animals** is next weekend.
More information on page 8

Respect Life Sunday

Annual Life Chain 2 - 3:30pm

St. Mary Parish welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well to participate in the Annual Life Chain. We will meet outside the Parish Life Center at 1:45pm 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. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn. *More info on page 10*

contact us

stmaryfred.org

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm
10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY MASS Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am
M/W/F: 12 Noon
Sat.: 9am
First Friday 8pm
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass,
Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am
Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass, Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSION Wed., 6:30-8:30pm;
Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE 540-373-6491, fax 371-0251
stmary@stmaryfred.org
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
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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!

from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

If you are reading this over a cup of coffee at Metro Diner, then thank you for participating in our Parish Life Weekend. (And for all of you who read the bulletin during Mass you have no excuse for not stopping on the way out this morning).

As has become a tradition, purely for your entertainment, and knowing that I have no future career as a comedian, here are this year's top excuses given for not signing up for a ministry today:

"I am busy playing replays of the Capitals Stanley Cup run!." (Finally a winner in town).

"I was busy with Snapchat, what did you say?"

"I parked on Stafford Avenue so I can escape."

"I only sign up for Costco samples."

"When the going gets tough, I forget the rest."

"My Fortnite squad needs me."


"I tried to join the Movie Ministry."

"I have to run a napping marathon."

"I helped last year... and need to recover."

"If I exceed my goals, I'll only have to work harder in the future."

With a smile,



Fr Mosimann



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**

A travel poster for Holy Land featuring a sunset over Jerusalem with domes and minarets.

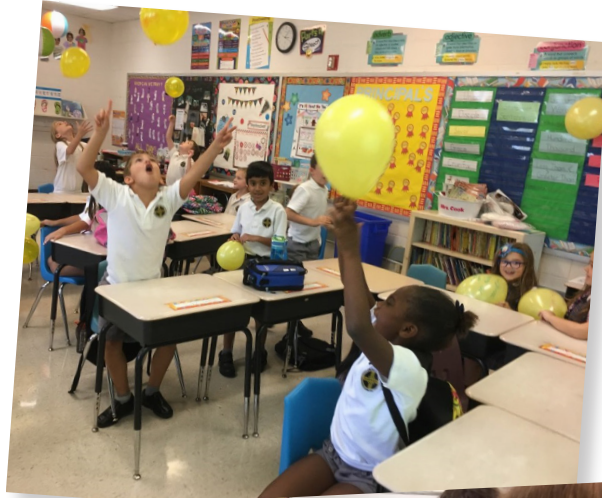
education holy cross academy

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

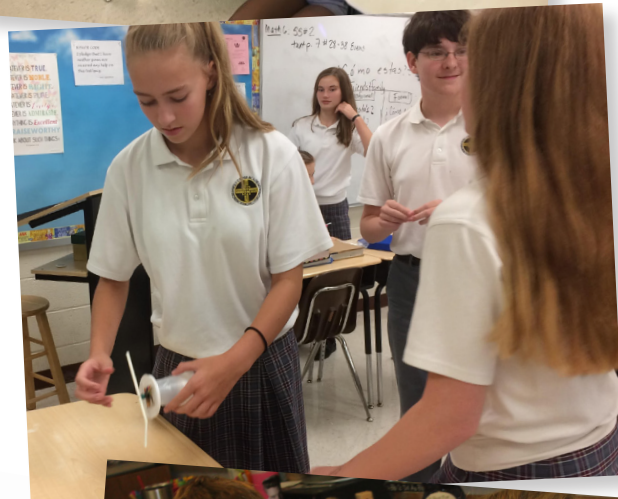
Our students are learning so much and having a wonderful time doing it. Our 8th graders are off to a fast start in physical science as they built rubber band racers to explore the different forms of energy that can be used to make a vehicle move. This activity also helped with understanding the Scientific Method, as the racers had to stop at a designated area. It is amazing how much fun we can have in physical science.

Our second graders faced a serious challenge when they were given two plates, Skittles, and a straw, and had to figure out how to get the Skittles from one plate to the next, without touching the plates or Skittles. Their teacher used a stopwatch to record times. They were given 5 timed attempts. Most started off by using the straw as a vacuum. They could not use the same technique twice so they then experimented by making the straw into chopsticks, knots, and slings. We could not believe how fast they got at figuring it out.

They also learned expanded form this week in math. The children 'expanded' balloons and then had to write a standard form and expanded form number on it. That is a lesson they will not soon forget!



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School of
Excellence*



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.

parish life

religious education



Magnifikid

A small gesture can be a great gift"

"The goodness that Jesus wants is very simple, as simple as handing a glass of water to someone who is thirsty. Jesus doesn't ask you to work miracles or climb mountains. One step is enough. ...This week, take a few steps toward Jesus by keeping your eyes and ears open, and your hand ready to serve others."

Why Is the Mass So Important to Catholics?

"For Catholics who view their communities as part of the family of God, the Mass, especially the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy, is like a family reunion. It's a time when the children of God gather to give thanks and praise to God, listen to the Word of Lord through sacred Scripture, and be nourished by the Christ's Body and Blood in Holy Communion. For mature Catholics, Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass isn't just another obligation but a celebration of faith that takes place at the table of the Lord. Individuals alongside the entire community of faith grow and are strengthened by the Liturgy, a word that means "the participation of the people of God in 'the work of God'" (CCC 1069)." *Journey of Faith for Teens, Inquiry, Q9*

Upcoming Events

Saturday & Sunday, September 29 & 30 - Parish Life Weekend

Tuesday, October 9 - Teaching Masses at 4:45pm and 6:30pm

Three Years of Religious Education Enrollment:

2016 - 895 students

2017 - 813 students

2018 - 788 students

DO NOT TAKE A VACATION FROM YOUR FAITH THIS FALL!

FORMED PICK

Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Experience the Power of God's Mercy

Join Fr. Michael Gaitley on a breathtaking journey to uncover the reality of God's merciful love as he weaves together history, Sacred Scripture, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and the world-changing witnesses of Saint Faustina, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope Saint John Paul II.

Watch on formed.org

"This series will change your life! Fr. Gaitley has scored another home run with this series."

—Dan S, Milledgeville, GA



MORE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Listen: Brother Francis
- Watch: John XXIII
- Watch: True Reformers Ep. 5: Saint Teresa
- Watch: Lectio: Peter Ep. 9
- Watch: Symbolon Ep.9: Mary and the Saints

JOIN FORMED — 1. formed.org 2. click register 3. enter parish code: F6F228

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

our parish youth ministry

YOUTH BOARD GAME GROUP

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month | 6pm
St. John Paul II house (upstairs)

Do you love to play Monopoly, chess, card games, Clue, or other fantastic board games? Then come join us to play your favorite games, listen to Christian music, and get to know other kids who share your faith.

Hope to see you there!

Starting Oct. 18th. Open to all kids ages 5 - 10.
Contact Elizabeth Robens for more info Lizrobens@gmail.com

Rejoice at Rally!
October 21, 2018
Bishop Burbidge
Katie Hartfiel
MUSIC BY ALOB
FAITH
FRIENDS
FUN
ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 —12-8PM
PERMISSION SLIPS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
THIS WILL FILL UP FAST SO GET THEM IN!



MIDDLE
SCHOOL YOUTH
GROUP

6TH-8TH
GRADERS

1ST & 3RD
FRIDAY

SEPT. 7TH & 21ST
OCT. 5TH & 19TH
NOV. 2ND & 16TH
DEC. 7TH & 21ST

PLC: 6:30PM-8PM



OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
ST. VITO DANCE CLUB
Friday Sept. 28 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm.
Parish Life Center
For more details contact Mrs. Schamel
540-379-1449 or Schamelot@gmail.com

StMaryCYM
#GetInvolvedBeTransformed
Instagram
Snapchat
Twitter
Facebook

Every Wednesday | 6:30-8pm

YOUCAT

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

#GETINVOLVEDBETRANSFORMED

Stay Up-to-Date

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

our parish get involved

Blessing of Animals

The traditional blessing of animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on **Saturday, October 6 at 10am** in the Blessed Mother Prayer Garden in front of the Church. Please park away from the area to allow space for our "rambunctious" pets. Please also come prepared to clean up after your pet in case of "accidents". All animals should be contained or leashed.

Knights of Columbus October Family Dinner

Will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 6-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center. The net proceeds will be donated to local charities. The menu includes chicken cordon bleu, glazed carrots, boiled red potatoes, and peach cobbler. 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.

Fall Scrapbook Crop!

Boy Scout Troop 1410 is hosting a Fall Scrapbook Crop at Holy Cross Acad-

emy from 9am-9pm. We will provide a 6' crafting table, snacks/drinks, and Boy Scouts to help carry your supplies in/out to your car. Register by October 15 to **Torie Baldwin at vebaldwin1@gmail.com**. Cost is \$35 per person.

CCW Updates

October is a crafty month!

October 2 at 10am

Board Meeting in Room 100

October 16 at 10am

General Meeting in the Courtyard Meeting Room. Our crafty Wanda Cushing has a fun, hands-on project for all of us to enjoy making. Don't miss it!

October 27/28

Bazaar Weekend!

Remember, we need your wonderful creations and your delicious baked goods to make this a successful event. More information about drop-off dates will come soon.

Saint Mary Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9, in the John Paul II House (downstairs). We will discuss *Seeds of the Word* – Finding God in the Cul-

ture by Bishop Robert Barron.

Seeds of the Word - Since the first century, Christians have detected "seeds of the Word" in the surrounding culture. No matter how charred or distorted the fragments, we can always uncover inklings of the Gospel, which can then lead people to God. Through this evocative collection of essays, Father Barron finds those "seeds" in today's most popular films, books, and current events. How do Superman, Gran Torino, and The Hobbit illuminate the figure of Jesus? How does Bob Dylan convey the prophetic overtones of Jeremiah and Isaiah? Where can we detect the ripple of original sin in politics, sports, and the Internet culture? Finding the "seeds of the Word" requires a new vision. This book will train you to see.

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.

Thank You, Boys and Girls!

Several of the St. Mary's outdoor statues and benches are a bit cleaner and brighter today, thanks to some of the great kids in our American Heritage Girls AHG VA 0128 troop and Trail Life TL VA 4034 troops! The children were so happy to work together help serve our wonderful parish.

Trail Life and American Heritage Girls are Christian adventure, character, integrity, and leadership programs for young men and women, respectively. The K-12 programs build skills and allow growth on a personal level and as a role model and leader for peers and to support the Church. For more information visit traillifeusa.com or americanheritagegirls.org

Questions? Email troopmasterva4034@gmail.com for Mark Gardner (Trail Life) and ahgva0128@yahoo.com for Maureen Siegmund (American Heritage Girls)



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 kofc-freedom5k.com. Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook as well! @[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

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight." – St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Feast Day October 1

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. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. 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 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Check Out These New St. Mary Ministries and a Few Seeking More Help

Teams of our Lady

"The couple that prays together, stays together" Teams of Our Lady is a fantastic way for couples to deepen their spirituality in marriage. Each couple takes time to pray and prepare spiritual material together, and then meet monthly to pray and share with the other couples over dinner.

A second Fredericksburg team is in the works! Contact us to learn more.

Helene (540 361 5662) and Gonzague (540 361 5673) de Bonfils, or hdebonfils@gmail.com

Out Reach Committee

This group of amazing parishioners takes on a variety of programs in our community from feeding hungry kids through the Stafford County Brain Builders Program and the Fredericksburg City Schools Back Pack Meal Program to helping students read through Head Start. We could use some help! Please considering joining us! Contact **Torie Baldwin** at keetongirl2@yahoo.com

Adorers of the Lamb

Adorers of The Lamb

Mission: Adoring the Eucharistic presence of Christ. St. Alphonsus Liguori shared, "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us".

Time: One hour per week. Anytime between Wednesday noon – Friday 9am (excluding Mass times)

Coordinators: **Lori Fowlkes, lori.fowlkes@gmail.com and Fr. John Mosimann, frmossiman@stmaryfred.org**

Reparation & Healing

Mission: To pray and sacrifice for the healing of victims of sexual abuse and the sins of the clergy.

Time: Commit to one hour weekly of adoration, one day per week of fasting and an annual day of recollection/retreat.

Coordinator: **Fr. John Mosimann, frmosimann@stmaryfred.org**

Gardens Committee

Mission: To enhance the gardens and land- scape of St. Mary and Holy Cross Academy.

Time: Seasonal. Specific activities in late spring, summer and early fall. Special **Skills:** Enjoyment of gardening. Plant knowledge is helpful.

Coordinators: **Arlene and Joe Wilkinson, jbmwilkinson@verizon.net**

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

Walking with Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible study that aims to bring us to a deeper relationship with Christ. The course involves personal study and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Be a part of a Catholic women's group that will help you grow in your faith. We offer two different studies beginning this fall. Pick the one that is most convenient for you!

Tuesdays 6:45-8:15pm at Holy Cross Academy (begins on October 2nd)

Do you feel pulled in many directions? Do you find it hard to balance the demands placed on your time? Is it difficult to manage all the details thrown your way? God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our



walking with purpose

lives.

The study Keeping in Balance will take us on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. Join us as we explore biblical ways that we can manage life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. A lifestyle of health and holiness awaits!

Thursdays 6:30-8pm at the Parish Life center (begins on October 4th)

Are you stretched and would like a way to refuel and be refreshed while making authentic connections with others? Would you like to have a better understanding of your faith and learn more about God?

The study Opening Your Heart is designed for women who are new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience. Join us as we examine the core questions that we wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

Each of these WWP studies is 22 weeks long and meets until April 2019. This may sound like a lot of time, but there are several breaks built in. And, we are confident that you will grow in your faith and knowledge!

Preregistration is not required; book information will be given at the first meeting. Come and see what we're all about! For more information contact Lori Mattson at Lori.Mattson@comcast.net and/or go to walkingwithpurpose.com.

around the parish happenings

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

All Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools grades 8-12, are invited to participate in the 2018 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This years theme is *"How does your family keep its Catholic Faith in Action?"*

In an essay of 500-750 words, reflect on how your family puts its Catholic Faith in Action, every day. This could be through daily prayers as a family, volunteering to help the less fortunate in your community, or even just reminding each other of what they mean to us.

Catholics are called to joyfully and enthusiastically live the faith. In a world of increasing noise and activity and so much self-interest, it can feel impossible to focus on what is most important: our families, our communities, our faith. Our Catholic faith is the starting point of all our actions. Just as Jesus challenged his disciples: *"As the Father has sent me, so I send you"* (Jn 20:21), our families must constantly rise to Christ's challenge. In ways both large and small, He sends us. How have we answered the call to put our faith into action?

"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God himself, with Jesus our Lord"- Saint Mother Teresa

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the contest with prizes distributed to the top 3 in each grade. Participants are required to furnish written parental

consent. Top Winners will be sent to the state level for further judging.

For entry forms can be downloaded at <https://goo.gl/9ap7MK>. Any additional information contact: Mr. Mark Gardner at youthdirector@kofc4034.org. Essay and Consent Form must be emailed or turned in by October 31, 2018.

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).

Rosary Rally for America

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking his urgent help. Saturday, October 13 from 12-1pm, on Route 1 in front of Giant, at Eagle Village, near Mary Washington College. For more information, please call **Maria Costa at 540-220-5886 or 540-373-4763.**

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

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Collections for September 16

Offertory	\$32,558
Building Fund	\$6,691
Religious Education (add'l)	\$1,695
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$172

Collections for September 23

Offertory	\$28,142
Building Fund (add'l)	\$2,820
India Flooding	\$7,855
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$262

Thank you for your generosity!

Next week's second collection will support the Porto Charities Annual Collection For God's Special Children

The month of October has been designated as Disabilities Awareness Month, and Bishop Burbidge has enthusiastically endorsed Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. Next Sunday there will be a second collection to assist special need programs such as the Paul VI High School, Saint John Paul the Great and St. Mark's School Special Education Options Program, the Helen Keller Institute, Gabriel Home, Special Olympics, and the "Keyboard for Kids" program which provides audio visual communication capability to special needs students in the diocese. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, their families and this entire diocese. Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for October

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

October - The Month Of The Holy Rosary

By Apostolic Brief at the Eucharistic Congress of Bologna, in September 1927, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who recite the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for veneration or reserved in the Tabernacle.

A Prayer To Our Lady Of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God

calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Choose Life Reflection

"God's infinite love for each one of us helps us to grasp our identity and our worth. The recognition of this dignity leads us to respect and protect each person's life..." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities) *We pray for the world that all people may recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God's creation.*

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 or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**

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, Mary Ulmer, Fernando Guadarrama, Margaret Dougherty, Fred Becker, Betty Gil, Adrienne Menjivar, Deanna White, David Mares, Linda Burrell, Margaret Craig, Mary Dudash

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.

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

*We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary
Monday, October 8 as we "prepare a place for unity and peace" together.*

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.

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.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

September

1 MONDAY

6:30am Edward Kelly+
9:00am George Graf+
Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

2 TUESDAY

6:30am Fr. Daniel Kelly
9:00am Roseanne Burke+
Jb 3:1-23/Mt 18:1-10

3 WEDNESDAY

6:30am James Goodman
9:00am Lila Matthews+
Jb 9:1-16/Lk 9:57-62

4 THURSDAY

6:30am Gabriella Lozinsky
9:00am Stanley J. Guzik+
Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12

5 FRIDAY

6:30am Mary Ann Holzworth
8:15am* Ellen Sandkuhler
9:00am Mary Ngat Vu+
8:00pm The Priests of St Mary
Jb 38:1—40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16

6 SATURDAY

9:00am Charles Stewart
5:00pm Rev. Joseph Sredzinski+
7:00pm Royal P. Schmidt+
Jb 42:1-17/Lk 10:17-24

7 SUNDAY

7:00am Franjo and Juliana Jovanovic+
8:30am Lloyd Lester+
10:30am Those Who Died in September
10:30am* Timothy Hanlon+
12:30pm Rosemary Jordan+
2:30pm Maria Santos Mejia+
5:00pm Dorothy McCusker+
7:00pm For Our Parish
Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

** 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.*