

# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018



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

# from our pastor state of the parish

**Dear Beloved People of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception:**

I am truly grateful to God for the opportunity to serve you. As your pastor, I am responsible for all the temporal and spiritual goods of the parish and I answer to God, the Bishop, and you for my administration of such. I love this parish and am filled with wonder at the great works of the Lord. First, I will address our current finances. Secondly, I will address our most pressing needs and thirdly, ask you for your help and discernment.

## Financial Report

This past year, the finance committee and I have been working on our 10 year plan to consider how we can best meet the needs of our parish family.

Consider Table 1, which shows in simplified form, our parish finances. We do show a net profit each of the last 5 years, but that 'profit' is prior to our paying principal on our parish loan. When paying down the loan is included, you quickly see that the parish is not running in a cash positive direction with the exception of 2014 and last year.

### St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 5 Year Financial Overview

TABLE 1

YEAR	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 387,272.23	\$ 325,071.80	\$ 316,281.16	\$ 192,886.02	\$ 410,533.41
<b>Capital Campaign (Building Fund)</b>	\$ 209,355.03	\$ 229,431.97	\$ 233,453.84	\$ 216,944.27	\$ 202,192.29
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 596,627.26</b>	<b>\$ 554,504.77</b>	<b>\$ 549,735.00</b>	<b>\$ 409,830.29</b>	<b>\$ 612,725.70</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>	\$ 552,301.14	\$ 72,609.69	\$172,867.36	\$ 424,315.02	\$ 25,338.00
<b>Interest on Debit</b>	\$ 197,669.71	\$ 183,803.38	\$ 170,346.04	\$ 168,947.27	\$ 155,736.29
<b>Net Other Expense</b>	\$ 749,970.85	\$ 256,313.07	\$ 343,213.40	\$ 593,262.29	\$ 181,074.29
<b>DIAL Loan Principal Payments</b>	\$ 215,748.14	\$ 325,387.10	\$ 344,610.42	\$ 340,243.21	\$ 353,454.19
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$ 369,091.73)</b>	<b>\$ 2,804.60</b>	<b>(\$ 231.26)</b>	<b>(\$ 523,675.21)</b>	<b>\$ 78,197.22</b>

As a stewardship parish, St. Mary's has relied upon the strength of our Sunday offertory to finance the necessary expansions that give us our current debt of approximately \$2.6 Million. This plan has served us well for many years and the attendant growth has allowed us be the most vibrant, active, and generous parish in the southern region of our diocese.

Where this model faces uncertainty for the future, is that our growth has not sufficiently kept pace with the 3% growth on which our former income model was predicated and is the standard diocesan model. Notice that our average growth in Sunday offertory over the last 5 years has been 1.54% See Offertory Growth and Table 2, which compares actual vs. projected growth. Because we have not grown 3% annually on which our financial model was built, the cumulative effect over the last 5 years is that we have \$625,000 less than originally projected. This adversely impacted our ability to fund the expansion of our parish school and make other improvements.

# from our pastor financial report

## St. Mary Projected Growth vs. Actual Growth (2013-2018)

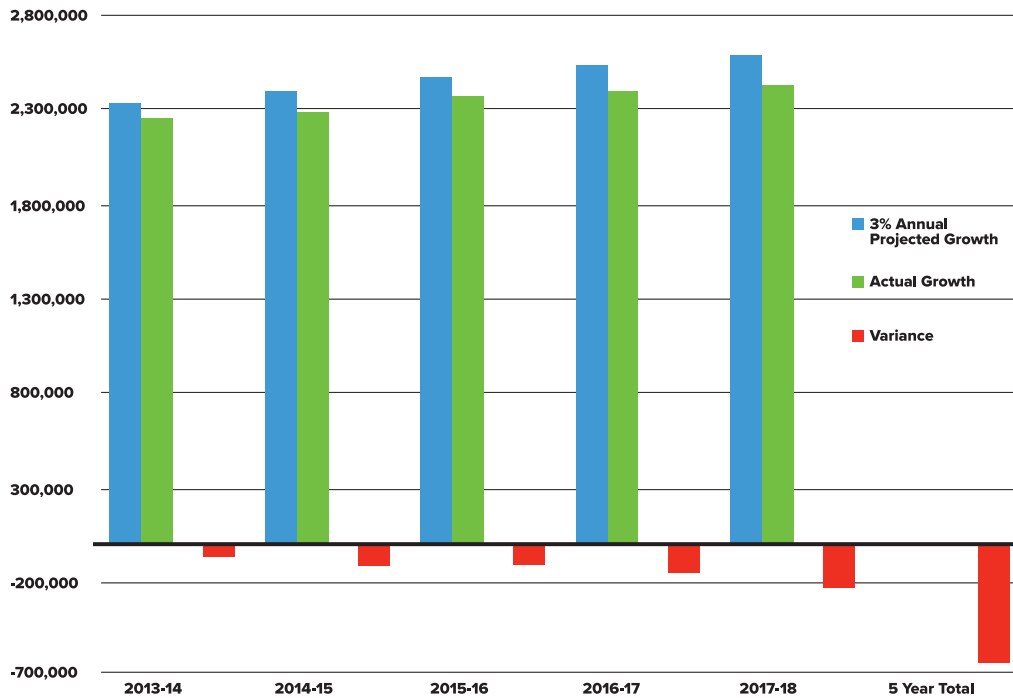


TABLE 2

### Offertory Growth

<b>2013-14</b>	0.5%
<b>2014-15</b>	1.1%
<b>2015-16</b>	3.6%
<b>2016-17</b>	0.8%
<b>2017-18</b>	1.7%
<b>5 Year Average</b>	1.54%

Further analysis shows that the average giving per parish family has shown fluctuation. It has decreased 4 of the last 5 years. Just last year we had 5,455 families registered and only 1,856 of those families contributed financially to the parish, that's only 34% of families giving. Out of that giving, 1,181 families gave less than \$20 weekly.

### Average Annual Offertory per Household (as calculated by diocesan audit)

<b>2013</b>	\$474
<b>2014</b>	\$467
<b>2015</b>	\$454
<b>2016</b>	\$462
<b>2017</b>	\$452

Your generosity makes our parish able to thrive! I learned recently that the federal government's budget for an office the size of our St. Mary's staff, could be as high as 4 million annually for salaries and benefits. We operate on a quarter of that, consistently doing more with less and relying on the army of volunteers that assist us to lovingly serve our Lord and parish families. Because of your generosity we accomplish so much together – we are blessed!

# from our pastor

# hca expansion

## “Expand our Parish School and...”

When I arrived here two years ago, I was immediately asked if I would support the expansion of our parish school, Holy Cross Academy. I answered that I was happy to support what the parish family had discerned to be our top priorities. The original concepts were believed to carry a price tag of \$2,000,000. Working with the Diocese, we discovered that estimate to be too low. Thus we concentrated our efforts and contracted the square footage significantly to try to be able to meet the needs of the school at a price we can afford. Tables 3 & 4 show the original HCA expansion plan (2016) and the revised 2017 plan. Tables 5 & 6 list the items that are to be included in the revised plan and the funding raised to date to cover the expense.

## Original Holy Cross Expansion Plans 2016

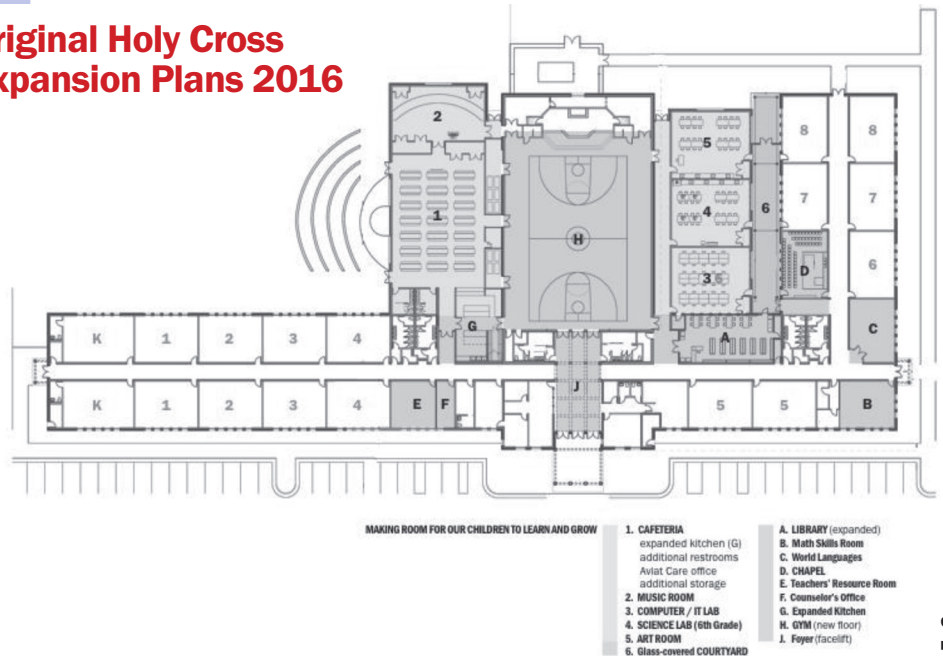


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## Holy Cross Expansion Plans 2018

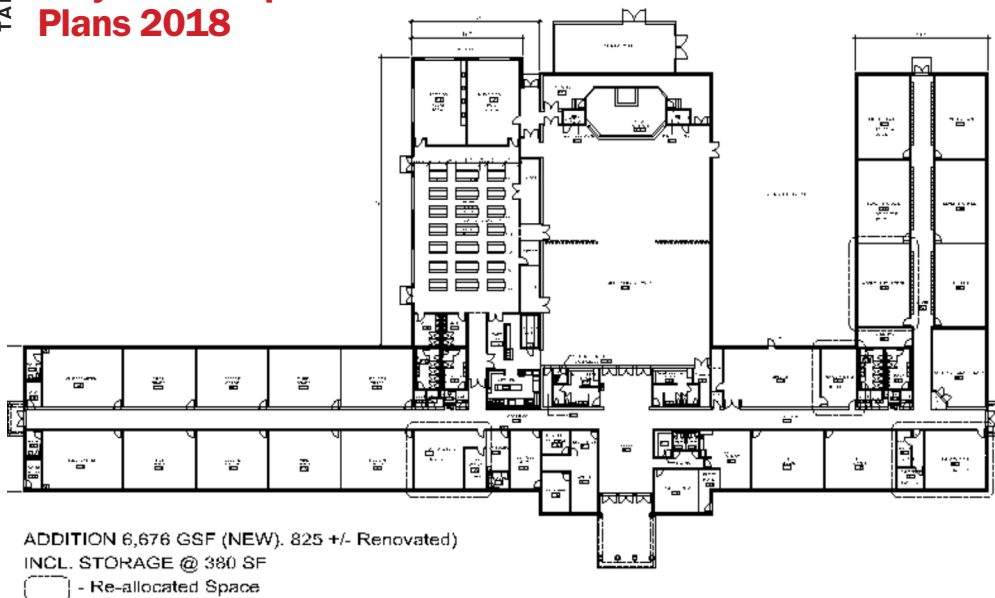


TABLE 5

## 2018 HCA Plans Include:

### New Cafeteria\*

### 2 New Classrooms

Art Room & Music Room

### Renovations to Accommodate:

Full-Size Technology Lab

Foreign Language Classroom

Resource Room

Honors Math Classroom

Math Resource Classroom

\*Addition of a cafeteria would allow the PE and Sports programs to offer more practice time and games freeing up the gym space currently utilized for food service and after school care and other programs.



# from our pastor 2016 - 2018

## Holy Cross Expansion Project: On Our Way!

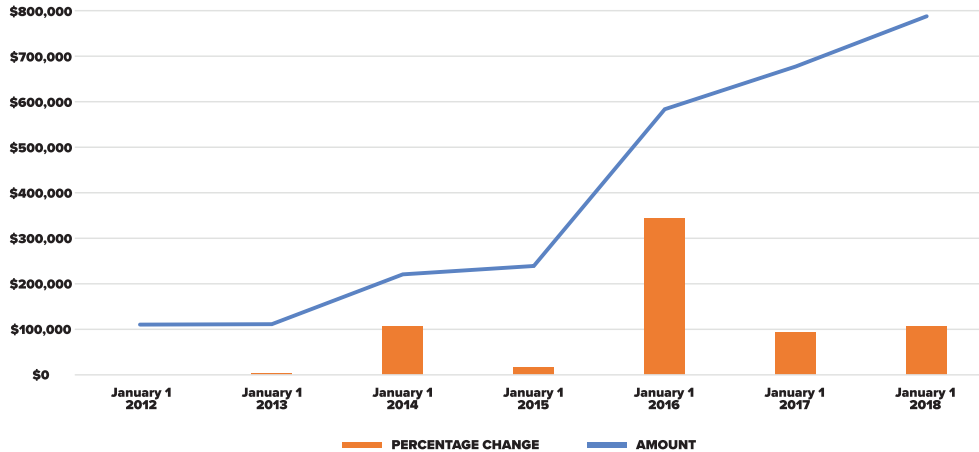


TABLE 6

### Our plan to expand the school has 3 sources of funding:

**School Fundraising** - which has grown our Expansion fund to \$790k!

**Stewardship** 3% growth model - we have not met this goal.

**Diocesan Loan** - because of #2, our finances are stretched to pay the current loan, and we are not able to borrow more today.

During this August's Parish Leadership Dinner, after laying out the challenges above, I took a survey of the gathered ministry and parish leaders on what our priorities should be for capital and improvement projects. 85 surveys were completed and expansion of the school was ranked the number one priority by 52% of the respondents. The table below shows their responses:

PRIORITIES	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH	SEVENTH	TOTAL
<b>HCA Expansion</b>	<b>42 - 49.41%</b>	11 - 12.94%	12 - 14.12%	5 - 5.88%	6 - 7.06%	4 - 4.71%	0 - 0.00%	80 - 94.12%
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	13 - 15.29%	<b>23 - 27.06%</b>	22 - 25.88%	12 - 14.12%	8 - 9.41%	1 - 1.18%	0 - 0.00%	79 - 92.94%
<b>PLC New Roof</b>	14 - 16.47%	22 - 25.88%	<b>22 - 25.88%</b>	14 - 16.47%	6 - 7.06%	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	78 - 91.76%
<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	9 - 10.59%	16 - 18.82%	10 - 11.76%	<b>17 - 20.00%</b>	27 - 31.76%	1 - 1.18%	0 - 0.00%	80 - 94.12%
<b>Program Enrichment</b> (Youth Ministry, Adult Edu., Marriage)	1 - 1.18%	8 - 9.41%	10 - 11.76%	30 - 35.29%	<b>27 - 31.76%</b>	1 - 1.18%	0 - 0.00%	77 - 90.59%
<b>Parking</b>	1 - 1.18%	0 - 0.00%	1 - 1.18%	0 - 0.00%	1 - 1.18%	<b>4 - 4.71%</b>	1 - 1.18%	8 - 9.41%
<b>Relocate Tabernacle</b>	2 - 2.35%	1 - 1.18%	1 - 1.18%	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	<b>4 - 4.71%</b>
<b>Alter Rail</b>	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	1 - 1.18%	1 - 1.18%
<b>Other</b>	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	0 - 0.00%	1 - 1.18%	0 - 0.00%	2 - 2.35%	0 - 0.00%	3 - 3.53%

One of the challenges of that list, is that all projects are not equal in our ability to accomplish them in the next 2 years, 5 years, or even 20 years. But it also expresses great enthusiasm for our parish needs and continued growth.

Please understand that as your pastor, I am are grateful for any gift. Many families are giving what they can. I share this with our parish family so you can see and understand the data of where we are financially and the challenges we face.

# from our pastor how we can help

## “How can everyone help?”

### 1. INCREASE OFFERTORY

This weekend, in preaching all Masses, I have asked you to prayerfully consider how you can take your giving to the next level. All bulletins have a brochure asking you to review your current weekly level of giving, and prayerfully ask if you could take it to the next level. The use of Faith Direct is an electronically reliable way to consistently and securely give. Please visit [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net). Use code **VA635** for St. Mary's

### 2. CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK / CONSULTATION:

Two weeks from now, at Mass, you will have an opportunity to fill out a survey and provide statistical feedback on:

Sacramental needs

Parish school need for expansion and repairs.

Adoration chapel (small weddings baptisms possible here)

Understanding of the Financial Situation of the parish, and willingness to support increased offertory and/or a capital campaign.

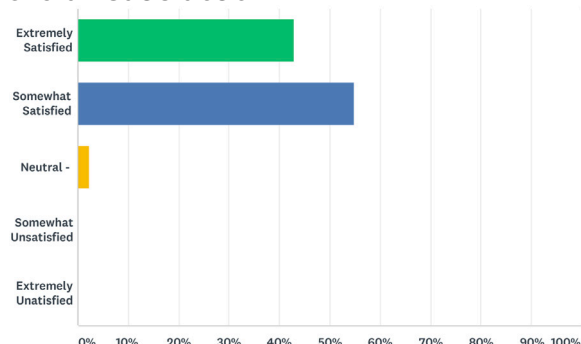
We will also post a link on the parish website for you to be able to fill out a survey. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts and give me much needed feedback. Each of you form an integral part of our parish family!

### 3. POSSIBLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

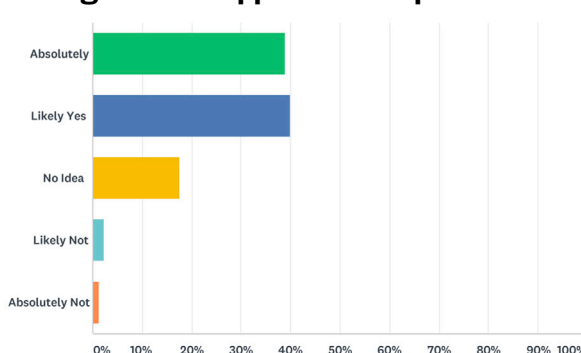
What we can accomplish as a parish family depends on you and what you are willing to do. St. Mary's has more people in our parish than all of the other parishes in our deanery combined! (The Deanery spans from Triangle, to Culpepper, and Kilmarnock)! People often tell me that they came to St. Mary's because of the vibrant, active parish life and welcoming community. Parish finances are always local, and our growth is enabled only by your generosity. For us to be able to afford our current debt and continue to grow, we must consider the possibility of a capital campaign for debt reduction, HCA expansion, and many of the possible needs listed above.

During the Leadership dinner this August, after an even more detailed explanation of our finances, I asked them a series of questions about our plans for the future and how to get there. Consider the results from these 3 questions in the tables to the right:

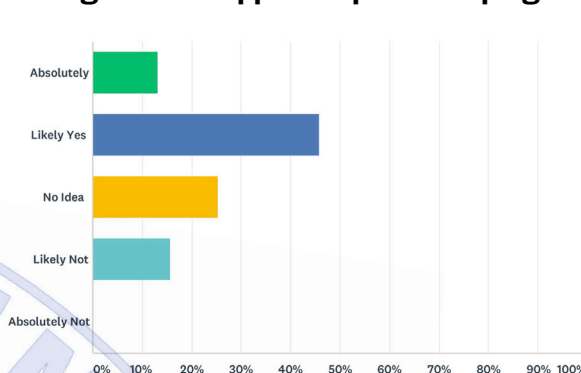
### Overall Satisfaction



### Willingness to Support HCA Expansion



### Willingness to Support Capital Campaign



Folks, I am very enthused to be your pastor. I believe in you and the wonderful community that the Lord has built up here through your generosity. Thank you for helping me to discern the future.

Be assured of my prayers and love.

Pax et Bonum (Peace and All Goodness),

*Fr. John Paul Mosimann*

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Pastor

# upcoming

## November



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*Roman Catholic Church*

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

### 18 SUNDAY, THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Coffee Shop After Morning Masses*

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

**KofC Christmas Card on Sale after all Masses**

11:30am, Evangelization Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room

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

### 19 Monday, Weekday

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

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

### 20 Tuesday, Weekday

7pm, MICAH Ministries Thanksgiving Prayer Service, Church

### 21 Wednesday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church

6:30pm, Confessions, Church

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

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

7:30pm, Young Adult Group, Parish Office Library

### 22 Thursday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr —Thanksgiving Day

**Parish Office Closed**

**No 6:30am, or 9am, Mass**

**10am, Mass for Thanksgiving Day**

**Adoration Canceled**

### 23 Friday, Weekday [Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr]

**Parish Office Closed**

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

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

### 24 Saturday, Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8am, Confessions, Church

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

10am, Baptisms, Church

3:30pm, Confessions, Church

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

### 25 SUNDAY, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

**KofC Christmas Card on Sale after all Masses**

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

▪ **13th Annual Saint Mary Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is 6pm, Thursday, November 29, Please RSVP no later than Monday, November 5.**

*See invitation on page 10*

▪ **Special Thanksgiving Mass, November 22**

*More information on page 9*

▪ **Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards on sale this weekend after all Masses.**

▪ **Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales are back starting November 24 — More info on page 9**

## Special Mass for Thanksgiving & Anniversary of Church Dedication

There will be a Special Mass at 10am on Thursday, November 22, to celebrate Thanksgiving and in honor of the Anniversary of our Church Rededication on November 22, 2010. As we have done for so many years, we ask all those attending to bring non-perishable food items with them for Thanksgiving, to be donated to the Food Bank for those in need. We hope you will join us and begin your day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, giving thanks to Our Lord. Please note there will not be a 6:30am or a 9am Mass.

## 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 Stanislowski  
Parish Secretary, Jachebel Rios  
Director of Music, David Uschold

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Director, Sheri Castellarin

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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!



# education holy cross academy

## Science: We Love It!

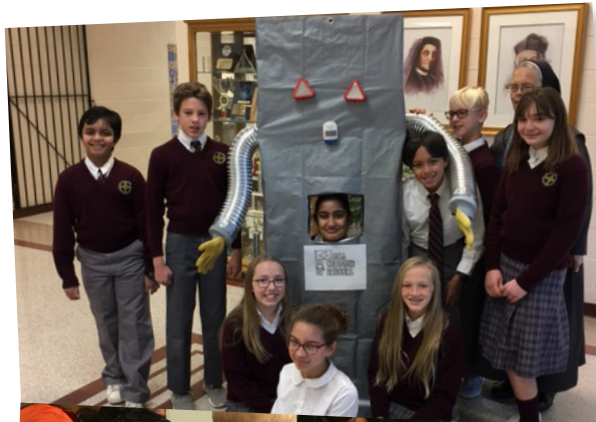
STEM is definitely today's buzz word. It stands for Science, Technology Engineering and Math. Holy Cross students are front and center with the STEM movement. HCA has formed its first robotics club with help from enthusiastic alumni, dedicated parents, and our own Sister Frances Carol to lead the way. A group of 7th graders will be competing in this year's First Lego League Regional Tournament being held at Dixon Smith Middle School this weekend. The theme is INTO ORBIT, and there are 15 challenges for students in the competition. Our parent teacher organization has been very generous in paying for STEM supplies for our classroom activities and projects.

Congratulations to our girls' Volleyball team for the 1st place win in the VCAC Volleyball Tournament. Way to go, Crusaders!

Our Oblate Sisters, faculty, staff and families wish each of you a blessed, happy Thanksgiving as we thank God for his goodness to us and for the wonderful parish family that supports us in so many ways!

## Where Are They Now?

Jessie (Sharpe) Stewart is a 2000 graduate of Holy Cross Academy. She attended Virginia Tech, and graduated in 2007 with a B.S. in Forestry. She taught Earth Science in Henrico County for two years, before moving back to Stafford. She currently resides there with her husband, Charles (who is a cantor at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception) and their four children. Her oldest two daughters both attend Holy Cross Academy. Catholic Education is important to this family as they have been involved in the parish school since the Montfort days.



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We would love to hear from more of our alumni. It is a great joy for us to know how you are doing and where your life's journey has led you. Please contact Mrs. Dalton at [mdalton@holycrossweb.com](mailto:mdalton@holycrossweb.com) and give her an alumni update!

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 at 540-286-1600 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

### Rooting yourself in the words of God:

Each day, slowly reread Psalm 16 (pages 583 and 584) and let the words sink in like a delicious meal you are tasting for the first time. Copy it into your prayer notebook and learn it by heart. Recite it in silence when you have a moment during the day.

**Be confident in Jesus:** Talk to God the Father, to Jesus, and the Holy Spirit about the things that frighten you. Ask Mary and your favorite saints to comfort you and to give you confidence in Jesus.



FORMED PICK

## Symbolon: Knowing the Faith

Episode 9: Mary and the Saints

### Discover the "Cloud of Witnesses"

What is our connection to Mary and the rest of the saints? Why do we ask Our Lady and other "dead people" to pray for us? Discover a framework for the Communion of Saints.



"Well done. Very good analogies used here."

—John T., Tehachapi, CA

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

**No Religious Education classes this week, November 19 -21.**

**We wish you the joy of a happy family and a memorable Thanksgiving!**

### JOIN FORMED

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



## A Guide for Confession

The basic requirement for a good confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the "prodigal son" and to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before the priest.

### Sin in my Life

Modern society has lost a sense of sin. As Catholic followers of Christ, we must make an effort to recognize sin in our daily actions, words and omissions.

The Gospels show how important is the forgiveness of our sins. Lives of saints prove that the person who grows in holiness has a stronger sense of sin, sorrow for sins, and a need for the Sacrament of Penance or Confession.

### Sin

As a result of Original Sin, human nature is weakened. Baptism, by imparting the life of Christ's grace, takes away Original Sin, and turns us back toward God. The consequences of this weakness and the inclination to evil persist, and we often commit mortal and/or venial sins.

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

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

# our parish youth ministry

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

## YOUTH CRAFT CLUB

All children between the ages of 4-11 are invited to participate in creating crafts in the "St. Mary's Craft Club". We will be meeting two Saturdays each month at 3:30pm in the Parish Life Center, room 204. You're welcome to attend one or attend all club meetings if you choose! There is a small fee for each craft to offset the cost of materials.

Please Email Ms. Julia at [Julia.Apicella@gmail.com](mailto:Julia.Apicella@gmail.com) or call 540-394-1212 if you are interested in joining the craft group. Children may attend one or all the activities we have planned for the year.

**November 24 - \$10**  
Fleece no-sew pillow

**December 8 - \$5**  
Christmas Ornaments

**December 22 - \$5**  
Christmas Ornaments

**January 12 - \$5**  
Making Rosaries

**January 26 - \$5**  
Making Rosaries

**February 9 - \$5**  
Wooden birdhouses

**February 23 - \$5**  
Suncatcher Crosses

**March 9 - \$5**  
Sand painting flower pots and planting

**March 23 - \$5**  
Beaded bracelets and Rosaries

**April 13 - \$5**  
Easter crafts

**April 27 - \$5**  
Photo frame craft

**May 11 - \$10**  
Fabric Painting (bag)

**May 25 - \$10**  
Tie Die Shirts

**June 8 - \$10**  
Fabric Painting (Hat)



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



### Youth Ministry Middle School Fitness Club Faith, Fun, and Fitness!

Meets Saturday mornings twice a month; alternates between James Monroe Track and Green Fitness & Wellness (private gym)

Partners with Life Runners of Fredericksburg

Running, Strength, and Agility training

Open to grades 6-8; all levels of fitness welcome

Contact Rachel Luciani: [lucianir@comcast.net](mailto:lucianir@comcast.net)

StMaryCYM



#GetInvolvedBeTransformed

### 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)



*Thanks to all our wonderful donors for making this project a reality. Fr. Weber will have a great basketball court to play on with the youth of Atoviejo, as well as a means to gather them for fun and formation.*



# our parish get involved

## Gifting of Giving Back

Find gifts for everyone on your gift list while raising funds for Holy Cross Academy with the Scrip holiday gift guide. Shop gift cards from over 750 top brands, including Best Buy, Amazon, The Home Depot and more. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or use them to buy your gifts – Holy Cross Academy earns with every gift card purchased. It's simple, it's thoughtful and it's truly the gift that keeps on giving. Start today and buy a couple of gift cards each week, it's a great way to budget for Christmas and avoid the last-minute rush.

Check out the Scrip holiday gift guide at [ShopWithScrip.com/GiftGuide](http://ShopWithScrip.com/GiftGuide) or email questions and/or orders to [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com)

## CCW November Notes

A huge thank you goes out to Wanda Cushing of Craft Group and bakery supervisors Arlene Wilkinson and Lucy Holzworth and all their helpers whose efforts made this year's bazaar and bake sale a wonderful success! The money earned will definitely help us to support our designated charities.

**December 2 – After Masses**  
Christmas Cookie Sale and Raffle Drawing

**December 16**  
Matinee at Riverside Dinner Theater - 1pm arrival, 3pm show, "A Rockabilly Christmas." Buy tickets through Donna Davis, 540-752-5502, [LadyDee519@aol.com](mailto:LadyDee519@aol.com).

## Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach

The Clinic is in need of a part time medical clinic coordinator to supervise, manage, and direct operations of the Clinic's volunteer medical, pharmacy, and administrative staff. For more information please email the Executive Director at [lcarrington@guadalupe-freeclinic.org](mailto:lcarrington@guadalupe-freeclinic.org) or call the clinic at (804) 224-0571.

## Vocalists Wanted

The Contemporary Ensemble is looking for vocalists. If you pray in song, St. Mary wants to hear you. Our vision for the 5pm Saturday evening Mass is a tasteful mix of contemporary songs and traditional hymns with instrumentation that includes piano, guitar, flute, trumpet and violin. We rehearse vocals Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm as well as Saturday afternoons at 4pm until Mass begins. Instruments rehearse Saturday afternoons at 3pm and are joined by vocalists at 4pm. If you like to sing God songs in the car or in the shower, email [Gordon.Alling@comcast.net](mailto:Gordon.Alling@comcast.net) or call 540-786-2200 (leave a message).

## Special Mass for Thanksgiving

There will be a Special Mass at 10am on Thursday, November 22, to celebrate Thanksgiving. As we have done for so many years, we ask all those attending to bring non-perishable food items with them for Thanksgiving, to be donated to the Food Bank for those in need. We hope you will join us and begin your day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, giving thanks to Our Lord. **Please note there will not be a 6:30am or a 9am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.**



## WISDOM: God's Vision for Life – Bible Study

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Mary's will begin Wisdom: God's Vision for Life on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:30pm in the library at Holy Cross Academy.

You will not only benefit personally from being part of this adult Bible study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together. Cost for study materials is \$18, collected at the first class. Class size limited to 35 participants. For more information or to register, call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491.

## Pilgrim Virgin Statue

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](mailto:maryloufelts@gmail.com).

## 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).



# our parish get involved

## Micah Cold Weather Shelter

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



### KofC CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Christmas Tree Sales are back at St. Mary and will start on Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24 and continue through Sunday, December 23 or until we sell out.

These are Virginia grown (Mt. Rogers), freshly cut premium Fraser Fir with beautiful long lasting soft needles and that great evergreen smell.

The best selection and freshest trees of course are when the trees arrive. The trees will be sold on weekends from 8am-8pm and weekdays from 3-8pm.

We also will be glad to work with anyone interested in volunteering to help with fulfilling your individual or group's community service requirements.

Any questions about the Tree Sales can be emailed to Tim Fleming, [Trees@kofc4034.org](mailto:Trees@kofc4034.org)

Please help us support the church and the community through helping the Knights of Columbus with your live Christmas Tree purchase.

## Cursillo Gathering

Cursillo gathering for ULTREYA at the home of Lily Alarcon, 6 Stratford Hall Ct., Fredericksburg 22406, November 18 at 4pm. This will be a potluck get together so please prepare a large dish to share! For information call Tammie Chute 540-370-6343.

## Legal Aid Workshop

Please join us for a presentation and workshop by Legal Aid Works® following the 2:30pm Mass on Sunday December 9, from 3:30-5pm in the Parish Life Center. The presentation will inform you about your rights when you are interacting with immigration authorities. The workshop will help you fill out Power of Attorney documents that specify your wishes for your children, housing, and financial affairs in the event that you are deported. Childcare will be provided during this event.

Por favor únase a nosotros para una presentación y un taller de Legal Aid Works® después de la Misa el Domingo 9 de Diciembre, de 3:30 a 5 de la tarde en el Parish Life Center. La presentación le informará sobre sus derechos cuando esté interactuando con las autoridades de inmigración. El taller le ayudará a completar documentos de Poder de Abogado que especifican sus deseos en cuanto a sus hijos, su casa, y sus asuntos financieros en caso de ser deportado. Se proporcionará cuidado de niños durante este evento.

## 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)

# our parish volunteer dinner

*All Who Have Volunteered at Saint Mary or Holy Cross During the Past Year*

*You are warmly invited to attend the*

## **13th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

**Thursday, November 29th**

*6pm - Holy Cross Academy*

*Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 or email [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org) by Monday, November 26*

### **Past Lifetime Recipients**

Jim and Irene Hagerty  
Hugh Graninger  
Joe Cascio  
Joe & Julia O'Connor  
Dale Featherston  
Kay Janis  
Sharon McKenna  
Ed and Mary Kenney  
Tom and Joyce O'Toole  
John and Barbara Carneal  
Jerry and Sandi Nini  
Roger Moure  
John and Donna Hetrick  
Paul Scott  
LaVaughn Halloway  
Nikki Corey Pechin

### **2005-Present Past Recipients**

Chris Kaila  
Wanda and Wayne Cushing  
Ed and Marilyn Knapp  
Pat Corbett  
Donna Kurtz  
Brian Cook  
Harry and Bobby Crisp  
Wayne and Wanda Cushing  
Paul and Sandy Glancy  
Charlie Herbek  
Barbara Walor  
Ann Graf  
Regis Keddie  
Bill Crisp  
Peg Baker  
Glenn Pickerel  
Bob and Susan Hohenberg  
Barb Frasher  
Wilma Evans  
Mary Podlesny  
Ken Krok  
Sara Fartro  
Dianne Paquette  
Dolores Rubino  
Bill Shorter  
Katherine Pereira  
Maria Hays  
Mary Keeton  
Vicky & Jack Kopcak

Jennifer Lupi  
Furman McCormick  
Beth Merriman  
Sheryl & RJ Sollohub  
Arlene & Joe Wilkinson  
Nick Kennedy  
Dave Medosch  
Rochelle Grey  
Barbara Walor  
Theresa Schlachter  
Eileen DelRosso  
Peg LaRose  
Judy Hellmann  
Dawn Miller  
Jeanne Bergeron  
Alberto & Miralba Bernaola  
Sylvia Bibby  
Louis & Carolyn Farrell  
Jeff Fitzgerald  
Torie Baldwin  
Tibor Baksy  
Barbara Balint  
James Crockett  
John Cross  
Eileen Lanzarone  
Gail Russell  
Luisa Slaughter  
Judy Thielman  
Charlotte Lynch  
Maggie Lynch  
Matt and Eve Muggeridge  
Marie Sheckels  
Mary Ellen Wheeler  
Karen & Steve Zawisa  
Tess Thome  
Margaret Schlachter  
Joan Doherty  
Tina Horan  
Margaret Ford  
Joe Walor  
Dr. Roberto Canizares  
Bob Speier  
Julie Appleton  
Rocio Atkinson  
Sue Bain  
Gregg Carneal  
Leticia Gonzalez  
Joe Bussard

Mary Beth Cameron  
Pearl Conroy  
Doug and Nancy Craig  
Ann Duhamel  
Leigh and Jim Florio  
Steve Keene  
Christi Greenwell  
Maureen Jones  
Patti Kaila  
Maria D'Amico  
Mary Jo Medosch  
Rick Caporali  
Lori Fowlkes  
Donna Hart  
Gladys Williams  
Jane Gallagher  
Summer Hughes  
Susan Hamann  
Mark & Dori Sewell  
Tom Mukunnemkeril  
Lori Simms  
Lynda Retterer  
Bob and Lyn McMorland  
Susan Keddie  
Lorie Clark  
Angie Tompkins  
Mark and Heather Gardner  
Steve and Jane Stoecker  
Suzette Young  
Alvin and Lilian Romero  
Tom and Pat Fish

**Our Parish is Blessed! Look at all those who have been recognized as Outstanding Volunteers! If you see someone is missing from this list, nominate him or her TODAY! Nominations are now being accepted for those whom we would like to recognize this year for sharing the gift of themselves with our parish family. If you would like to nominate someone, please email Elena Doyle at [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org) with the individuals name and a short paragraph describing your nominee's service. **Deadline for submissions is Friday, November 23rd.** Thank you!**



# our parish happenings

## Wreaths Across America 2018

REMEMBER the Fallen. . .  
HONOR those who Serve.  
. . . TEACH our children the  
value of Freedom. Pray-  
ing for the dead is one of  
our most sacred duties and  
spiritual works of mercy.

In honor of our beloved  
veterans, please consider  
helping our St Mary's Trail  
Life VA 4034 and  
American Heritage Girls  
AHG VA 0128 troops honor our fallen and deceased service members  
via Wreaths Across America. We will again participate in the Decem-  
ber 15 ceremony and wreath laying. Please know that we as we lay  
wreaths upon graves at Quantico National Cemetery, that we will be  
praying for their repose of those who served.

Please visit our troop links below and click the red "Donate" button to  
sponsor a wreath!

Thank you so much for supporting Trail Life VA 4034 & AHG VA 0128  
and Wreaths Across America!

To Sponsor a wreath via Trail Life VA 4034 please visit:  
[wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=20575&relate=17252](http://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=20575&relate=17252)

To Sponsor a wreath via American Heritage Girls AHG VA  
0128, please visit: [wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=25111&relate=17252](http://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=25111&relate=17252)



## 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 indus-  
try after receiving certification. The  
Café also serves as a vehicle to cre-  
ate 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 Thurs-  
day from 11am-2pm. Check it out!

## Micah Furniture Bank

The Furniture Bank provides fur-  
niture for clients of Micah Ecu-  
menical 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 Sat-  
urday 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 [micah-fredericksburg.org](http://micah-fredericksburg.org).



# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

### Collections for November 11

Offertory	\$31,062
Retirement for Religious	\$8,344
Parish Building Fund (add'l)	\$2,023
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$242

### November Faith Direct Deposit

Offertory	\$50,557
All Saints	\$1,930
Retirement for Religious	\$3,036
Parish Building Fund	\$4,637
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$1,681

*Due to early bulletin deadlines because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next Financial Report will be published in the December 2 Bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!*

Masses were offered in October for the following unscheduled intentions: +Irving Carbo, +Magaly Santiago, Dr. Claire Curcio, Sister Marian, In Gratitude to Dr. Lawrence Finkel, +Joseph Sullo, Elena Doyle, +Santi Maraldo, +Frank & Margaret Clancy, +Charles Herold (2), Deacon James J. Waalkes, Donna Davis, +John Joseph O'Brien, +Nancy Buhite, Janie Sherry, Fr. John Mosimann, +Oscar James Tuck, Chuck McCollum, +Clara & Harold Moulton, +Nina & Adam Kemmler, +Willard Hopwood, and +Max Dudzic.

## Children's Charity for November

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Fredericksburg. This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November

will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

## Choose Life Reflection

*God has joined all humanity to Himself in Christ. There is only one human nature, shared by all human beings, born and unborn, healthy and sick, rich and poor, wanted and unwanted. Every one of these human beings is joined to God through the Incarnation, which means our humanity has a sacred value even greater than it received just by being created. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for taking upon Yourself our human nature and for uniting our human family in Yourself.*

## 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.**



## The Thanksgiving Legend of the Five Kernels

It was very cold for the Pilgrims that first winter. Food was in short supply. Some days, they had only five kernels of corn. When Spring came, the Pilgrims planted the remaining corn. The sun and rain helped the seeds to grow and much food was harvested in the Fall. Every Thanksgiving thereafter, the Pilgrims placed five kernels of corn beside each plate to remind them of their blessings:

The first kernel reminded them of the autumn beauty.

The second reminded them of their love for each other.

The third reminded them of their family's love.

The fourth reminded them of their friends, especially their Indian brothers. The fifth kernel reminded them of their freedom.

*At your Thanksgiving celebration, may The Legend of the Five Kernels always remind you of God's many blessings.*

## 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:** 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, Fernando Guadarrama, Margaret Dougherty, Fred Becker, Betty Gil, Adrienne Menjivar, Deanna White, David Mares, Linda Burrell, Margaret Craig, Mary Dudash, Chuck Boyer, Daniel Bustamonte, Hector Rios-Villagrana & Family, Miguel Correa & Family, Tamlyn Leaf, Gordon Leffel, Graciela Chavez, Nico Luiggi, Vickie Coburn, Ana B. Rojas, Maria Mangini, Melanie and Chris Koumentakos, Maryanne Schram

**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., Major Matthew Molino

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

## 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.

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

### November

#### 19 MONDAY

6:30am Trung Trinh+  
9:00am Deceased Members of the  
Legion of Mary  
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

#### 20 TUESDAY

6:30am Danielle Zuccaro  
9:00am Daniel Burke  
Rv 3:1-22/Lk 19:1-10

#### 21 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Louis and Carolyn Farrell  
9:00am Emilia Quiles+  
Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

#### 22 THURSDAY

10am In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings  
Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

#### 23 FRIDAY

6:30am Patricia Gasper+  
9:00am Matt Lamb  
Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

#### 24 SATURDAY

9:00am John Haas+  
5:00pm Connie Sielicki  
7:00pm William Marlow+  
Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

#### 25 SUNDAY

7:00am Annette Addorio+  
8:30am Carol Retan+  
10:30am Our Military Living & Deceased  
10:30am\* Mary Ann Holzworth  
12:30pm For Our Parish  
2:30pm Telma Odilia Prudencio+  
5:00pm John Arvai+  
7:00pm Annette Addorio+  
Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

\* 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.