

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 25, 2018



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

upcoming

November



**SAINT
MARY**
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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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

26 Monday, Weekday (Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time)

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidio, Parish Life Center, Room 100
4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
7:30pm, RCIA, Church

27 Tuesday, Weekday

4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6pm, Religious Education Classes at HCA
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
7:30pm, Life, Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

28 Wednesday, Weekday

9:30am, Prayers and Squares Meeting
3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church
4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
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

29 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100
6pm, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at HCA
6:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, CYM ASL and Cued Speech Club, John Paul II House
7pm, Nar-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 100

30 Friday, Saint Andrew, Apostle

9am, St Anne's Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House
6:30pm, CYM St Vito's Dance Club, Parish Life Center, Main Hall
6:30pm, Spanish Legion and Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House
9pm, CYM High School Lock-In at HCA

December

1 Saturday, Weekday

8am, Confessions, Church
10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204
10am, Baptisms, Church
10am, CCW Mini-Bazaar, Parish Life Center, Main Hall
2pm, Spanish Baptism Class
3:30pm, Confessions, Church
6pm, *Scrip on Sale, Parish Life Center*
6pm, KofC Family Dinner, Parish Life Center

2 SUNDAY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scrip on Sale after all Masses except for 2:30pm, and 7pm
KofC Christmas Card on Sale after all Masses
7am, CCW Mini-Bazaar, Parish Life Center, Main Hall
12pm, Spanish Convalidation Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 204
6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

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 26.**

See invitation on page 10

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

▪ **Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales are on sale now! — More info on page 8**

▪ **CCW Mini Bazaar next weekend in the Parish Life Center — Saturday, 10am and Sunday, 7am**

▪ **Advent and Christmas Season schedules are available on pages 5 & 6**

▪ **¡Nuevo! Sección de anuncios en español — Más información en la página 10**

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
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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY 540-286-1600
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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234
Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.

ST. MARY PRESCHOOL 540-373-7553
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Tatiana Beltran

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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,

A Blessed Thanksgiving Weekend to you!

So let me say that I am thankful for:

1. Washington Capital Stanley Cup... so many years of sports frustration ended.
2. Tacos: best I have ever had can be found in Fredericksburg.
3. People of St. Mary's. Your goodness and encouragement are a true gift.
4. My Family: thanks Mom & Dad.
5. Priestly Fraternity: we have a great rectory.
6. Brown Rice, Turkey, Apple Pie, Sesame Chicken, Ribeye Steaks - this list could go on and on!
7. Military Families - so many sacrifices to keep us safe and free.
8. Simple words of support and Kindness - Your gratitude lifts burdens.
9. Jesus: He is everything and without Him there are no #1 to #9.
10. The wisdom to end this list that could go on all year.

Parish Stewardship and Consultation:

In case you were traveling last weekend and missed it, I gave a critical update on parish finances, development, and future plans. This

included a 5 page explanation in the bulletin that I beg every parishioner to read so that you can prayerfully consider how you will support the parish in the coming year. Additionally, we will have a survey next Sunday in the church to get your opinion on several matters important to the life of the parish. If you did not get the bulletin last weekend, you will find a booklet with the financial information in the pews this weekend. Additionally, if you are reading this at home, it is available on the parish website: **stmaryfred.org**. Please read it carefully, so that you may give considered and informed feedback in the survey.

Candlelight Masses 7:01pm Sundays in Advent:

These will be back in the month of December. Please check it out if you wish for a fresh and especially contemplative take on the Sacrifice of the Mass! This will begin next week!!

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann

TE INVITA A LOS FESTEJOS GUADALUPANOS 2018

MAÑANITAS:

DÍA: 12 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018

HORA: 4:00 AM – 6:00 AM

LUGAR: SAINT MARY

INMEDIATAMENTE HABRÁ UNA PEQUEÑA RECEPCIÓN EN EL CENTRO DE VIDA PARROQUIAL

SANTA MISA

DÍA: 12 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018

HORA: 6:00 PM

LUGAR: HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

DIRECCIÓN: 250 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY,
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22406

POSTERIORMENTE HABRÁ UNA FIESTA EN HONOR A LA REINA DEL CIELO



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November Wrap Up

The month of November means so many things: giving thanks for our abundant blessings, offering prayers for the souls in purgatory, celebrating our Veterans, and reflecting on the Beatitudes and how we can all become saints.

Our HCA students start off the month with a Saints Parade. Students in kindergarten through 5th grade learn about a saint and dress the part. Our Saints Parade is a joyful expression of our faith and our hope in the future.

This year, some of our 5th grade saints went on pilgrimage to St. Mary Preschool. There they shared the life and spirituality of their chosen saint with our preschool friends. Their Living Saints Museum was a huge success. Even the teachers told us that they learned some things they did not know about these very special friends of Jesus.

Meanwhile our 4th graders were creating new products for their annual MiniMall. The students create a business plan, make a product and advertise it. There is a \$10 limit on what they can spend. The rest of the students gladly purchase their unique products. Proceeds from the MiniMall go to Catholic Charities, just in time for Christmas.

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 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.

Come and see!



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The Advent Season 2018 at Saint Mary

*One additional week of Confessions is added to the regular schedule in preparation for Christmas. All are encouraged to plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession **early** in the season to avoid the last-minute rush and crowded lines, and the risk of coming too late.*

Please note: There will be no additional Parish Confessions after **Saturday, December 23.**

Daily Mass

Monday—Friday • 6:30 & 9am - Noon (M,W,F); Saturday • 9am

Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception, December 8

*Our Parish Feast! December 7: Vigil at 6pm (English) & 7:30pm (Bilingual)
December 8: 7am, 9am, 10:30am & 12:30pm (All English)*

Our Lady Guadalupe, December 12

*4am, Mañanitas in the Church
6:30am, 9am & 12pm (English) in the Church
6pm, Mass & Reception in Spanish at Holy Cross Academy*

Gloria...The Music Season Christmas Concert

Friday, December 14 in the Church —Featuring the St Mary Festival Choir

7pm Sunday Advent Candlelight Masses: All Sundays of Advent

Sunday, December 23: 3pm Spanish Mass moved to Holy Cross Academy followed by Posadas

Regular Confession Schedule

Wednesdays • 6:30-8:30pm

Saturdays • 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

All are kindly asked to observe these times and arrive as near as possible to scheduled times, and to be patient if the line is not completed once Mass begins. Due to the sheer volume of Confessions, it is sometimes physically impossible to finish.

Additional Advent Confessions

Daily: Monday, December 17 - Friday, December 21 at 6:30pm

Monday, December 17 at 12:30pm | Wednesday, December 19 at 12:30pm | Friday, December 21 at 12:30pm

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2018



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7pm Candlelight Mass at Saint Mary Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (English)

6:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (Spanish)

4pm & 6:30pm Mass at Holy Cross Academy (English)

Carols in the Church at 11pm before Midnight Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Midnight Mass at Saint Mary Church

7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, & 12:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (English)

*Please Note: There are NO 10:30am Holy Cross Academy,
2pm Spanish, 5pm or 7pm Masses on Christmas Day*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

VIGIL MASSES for the SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

5pm & 7pm at Saint Mary Church (English)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at 7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30pm (English) - Spanish Mass at 2:30pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule of the parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

SOLEMNITY of the BAPTISM of the LORD

We will follow the regular Monday Weekday schedule for the parish

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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 or email questions and/or orders to scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com

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.

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

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 Firs 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

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

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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 or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, thurmanbrisbencenter.org

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.

CCW Reminders

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching as our days fill with exciting activities, delicious food, and shared fun. The St. Mary Council of Catholic Women will be very busy, so please squeeze the following reminders onto your calendar:

December 1 – After Masses

Deliver your delicious homemade cookies to the Parish Life Center marked for “CCW” so they can be packaged

December 2 – After Masses

Christmas Cookie Sale and Raffle Drawing

December 11 - General Meeting 10am – Our speaker will be Meghann Cotter, with Micah Ministries

December 16 – Matinee (arrive 1pm) “Rockabilly Christmas,” Riverside - Contact Donna Davis for reservations, 752-5502 home phone or email LadyDee519@aol.com NEW! Like and follow us at [Facebook.com/StMaryCCW](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryCCW)

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 or call 540-786-2200 (leave a message)

Virginia LARCUM Conference

Praying, Believing, Doing: An Ecumenism of Liturgy and Life - Rev. Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker Presenter

Virginia LARCUM Conference 2018 Charlottesville, Virginia Friday and Saturday, November 30 - December 1. Register as soon as possible. Regular conference fee: \$35. Student rate: no charge. NEW THIS YEAR - You can register online at virginiarlarcum.org

Invite your friends to the conference on behalf of the Virginia LARCUM Committee! Questions, contact Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernpar.org

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.

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 happenings

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 by Monday, November 26

Noticias en Espanol

Fiesta de nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe el miércoles, 12 de diciembre de 2018:

Las mañanitas: en la iglesia, de 4:00 a 6:00 a.m.
Seguido de una pequeña recepción en el Centro de Vida Parroquial.

La Santa Misa se celebrará en la Academia Holy Cross a las 6:00 p.m. Después de la santa Misa, habrá una comida internacional. Recuerden, en honor a la Virgen, de traer a sus niños vestidos de ropa típica.

Voluntarios favor de comunicarse con la Sra. Lorena Hernández, después de la misa en Español.

Posadas

Las posada se llevarán a cabo desde el 15 hasta el 23 de diciembre de 2018. La última posada, se llevará a cabo el domingo 23 de diciembre de 2018 en la Academia Holy Cross después de la Santa Misa.

Misa

Atención: la Santa Misa del domingo, 23 de diciembre de 2018, será a las 3:00 p.m. en la Academia Holy Cross. No habrá misa en la parroquia ese día.

La ultima posada será el 23 de diciembre de 2018, después de la Santa Misa.

Voluntarios favor de comunicarse con la Sra. Lorena Hernández, después de la misa en Español.

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.

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our parish happenings

Wreaths Across America 2018

REMEMBER the Fallen. . .
HONOR those who Serve.
. . . TEACH our children the
value of Freedom. Praying
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 TL 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 December
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

To Sponsor a wreath via American Heritage Girls AHG VA
0128, please visit: 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 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!



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.



operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

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!

Parish Christmas Collection for Special Charities

As many of you know, every year at Christmas we take up a special collection for charity. None of the money collected stays at St. Mary, but is distributed as a gift from our Parish to different charities. The collection this year will be taken up on December 1 and 2. We know you will be generous, as you have always been, and we thank you for sharing the joy of this holy season with those who are less fortunate.

Children's Charity for December

Our Children's Charity for the month of December is the Office of Migration & Refugee Services (MRS) in Fredericksburg, which assists refugee families and children, who have fled their homeland in fear of persecution and in fear for their lives. After a lengthy resettlement process through the US Government, approved families arrive with no material possessions other than the clothes on their back. With only 1 to 2 weeks' notice, MRS "Welcomes the Stranger" and assists families with housing, food, employment, schooling for their children and many other urgent needs. For more information, visit arlingtondiocese.org/mrs.

Choose Life Reflection

Jesus is Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and the entire universe. All history finds its fulfillment in Him. The Dominion of Christ over all creation is shown in the fact that He has conquered death. That is why His followers are pro-life. They bear witness to His Kingdom and look forward to His Second Coming. Lord Jesus, continue to extend Your victory over death throughout the work of Your disciples.

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.**

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.

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.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

November

26 MONDAY

6:30am Sergio Almeida+

9:00am Shila Lindsay

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

27 TUESDAY

6:30am Jessica Plicastro

9:00am Peter Chuong Ngujen

Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

28 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Kenneth Penczak

9:00am Ross and Lynda Retterer

Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

29 THURSDAY

6:30am Rafael Bernoala+

9:00am Sophie Kerr+

Rv 18:1-23; 19:1-9a/Lk 21:20-28

30 FRIDAY

6:30am Fanny Baggett+

8:15am* Nicole Policastro

9:00am Leo Chavarria

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

December

1 SATURDAY

9:00am Joe O'Connor+

5:00pm John Leo Caton, Sr.+

7:00pm Royal Schmidt+

Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

2 SUNDAY

7:00am Gene Aberle+

8:30am Stanley Guzik+

10:30am Those Who Died in November

10:30am* Edward Holzworth

12:30pm Jeanette Griczin

2:30pm For Our Parish

5:00pm Judy Bowie+

7:00pm Thelma Odilia Rivera

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-36

* 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.