

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2018



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

upcoming

December



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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

23 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

No Coffee Shop

Scrip on Sale After All Masses Except 2:30pm

No 2:30pm Mass, Church

3pm Spanish Mass followed by Posadas at Holy Cross Academy

24 Monday, Advent Weekday

Parish Office closed, all meetings and activities canceled

4pm, Mass in English at St Mary

4pm, Mass in English at Holy Cross Academy

6:30pm, Mass is Spanish at St Mary

6:30pm, Mass in English at St Mary

8:30pm, Mass in English at St Mary

11pm Caroling in the Church before Mass at Midnight

25 Tuesday, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas) Holy Day of Obligation

12am, Midnight Mass in English at St Mary

7am, Mass in English at St Mary

8:30am, Mass in English at St Mary

10:30am, Mass in English at St Mary

12:30pm, Mass in English at St Mary

26 Wednesday, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Parish Office closed, all meetings and activities canceled

27 Thursday, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Parish Office closed, all meetings and activities canceled

28 Friday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Parish Office closed, all meetings and activities canceled

29 Saturday, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]

8am, Confessions

3:30pm Confessions

30 SUNDAY, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

No Coffee Shop

Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm

31 Monday, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Sylvester I, Pope]



pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

- **MERRY CHRISTMAS!** We wish each of you every blessing and happiness in this Christmas season, as well as the coming year!
- Complete some of your shopping by purchasing **SCRIP gift cards!** *Set up an account today and earn rebates for HCA. Email **Llyod Keeton** at **scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com** for the school enrollment code.*
- **Subscribe to the Saint Mary website, stmaryfred.org** and receive important updates via email. The subscription box is on the homepage. Enter your email address, click “**subscribe.**”

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

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Fr. Colin Davis
Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly
Fr. Michael Folmar
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Deacon Dick Delio

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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!



from our pastor **pax et bonum**

Dear Folks,

Merry Christmas. Today, before the frenzy of gift unwrapping begins with my parents, 7 siblings, and 23 nieces/nephews, someone will hush the whole house, and my mother will read this quote:

“And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans--and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused--and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.”

—Sigrid Undset

Merry Christmas. We give gifts because the Lord had given us the gift of Himself. All giving now takes on a Christocentric dimension when truly done in Charity. I have been unwrapping gifts all year, and so today I thank God for these gifts:

1. Another year of the Eucharist. Every day I get to hold Jesus in my hands!
2. Parish Staff. Folks, were really blessed with generous and hardworking Staff.
3. The amazing talents of the people of God. Every week, several times a week, I am struck by how much you do to build up the Kingdom.
4. Health. This year I have lost 57 lbs. A good start for me, but I'm glad for the progress towards better health.
5. Sesame Chicken, Tacos, and Roast Lamb. Yep, I love food, even still with #4!
6. St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, the only saint who promised me that she would pray for me. A story for another bulletin.
7. Family. Where love begins.
8. Skiing. For me a good ski trip is much like a retreat, and with #4, I should be better able to ski this year!
9. The Rosary. So many moments of calm, in a sea that can be turbulent.
10. and all of the other tiny things that cause me to say, "Thanks be to God" many times every day!

When I started the list, I thought it was going in a more specific direction, but I found I had to many people and events, and graces to list them all individually. May the material gifts you receive draw your soul to the uncreated gift of grace with which God desires to shower you.

pax et bonum,

Fr Mosimann

The **Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary**

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*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesdays 12:30pm - Friday 9am**

Please come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass.

parish life happenings

Calling All Young Adults 21-39

Join the Verso l'Alto Young Adult Group at Saint Mary's for weekly discussions on faith and holiness on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Office Library. Not on our email list? Email stmaryya@gmail.com to be added or if you would like more information!

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

Micah Cold Weather Shelter

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter is open 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, boxer briefs 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, dolovewalk.net or **Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter**, thurmanbrisbencenter.org.

Drivers Needed for Micah Cold Weather Shelter

Volunteers are needed to pick up guests at 6:15pm on Tuesday nights from the community dinner downtown and transport them to the Cold Weather Shelter, using Micah's 15-passenger bus. Any number of nights you can help would be greatly appreciated. No special license or experience necessary. Micah will provide a short orientation and add you to their insurance. Please prayerfully consider this much needed role and contact Greg Wheatley at stmary.cws@outlook.com if interested.

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.

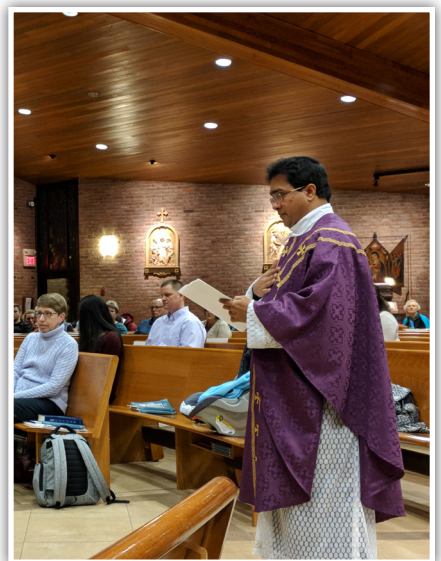
*We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary **Monday, January 14** as we "prepare a place for unity and peace"*



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.





ministries

getting involved

Here is a quick guide to getting involved at
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

	MINISTRIES	MINISTRY LEADERS	CONTACT INFORMATION
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ministries all are welcome

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Parish Life

Adorers of the Lamb
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Birthright
Book Club
Called & Gifted Program
Council of Catholic Women
Circle of Love
Craft Group
Cursillo
Funeral Reception Committee
Gardens Committee
Global Prayer Ministry
Homeschoolers Group
Knights of Columbus
Legion of Mary Mon. Morning
Legion of Mary Spanish
Lenten Small Groups
Life in the Spirit Gathering
Magdalenes
Mary's Shelter
Men's Group
Mom's Group (Sisters in Faith)
Over 40 Singles
Parish Food Chain
Prayers & Squares
Respect Life Ministry
Reparation & Healing
Retreats
Secular Franciscan Order
Senior Luncheons
Spanish Prayer Groups
Teams of Our Lady
Vocations Committee
Welcoming New Parishoners
Young Adults
Youth - American Heritage Girls

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Mary Podlesny/Mary Jo Medosch
Denise McCollum/Denise Whatley
Kathy Saladino/Lori Ibarra
Wanda Cushing
Tammie Chute
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