

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 30, 2018



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

upcoming

December



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

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

No Coffee Shop or Script Sales

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

5pm, Vigil for Mary Mother of God, Church
7pm, Vigil for Mary Mother of God, Church

January

1 Tuesday, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Parish Office Closed

All Masses in the Church

7am, Mass
8:30am, Mass
10:30am, Mass
12:30pm, Mass
2:30pm, Spanish Mass

2 Wednesday, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; Bishops and Doctors of the Church

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidio in Parish Life Center, Room 100
3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church
6:30pm, Confessions, Church

3 Thursday, Christmas Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]

9:30am: Craft Group in Parish Life Center, Room 100
6pm: CYM Board Game Night, John Paul II House
6:30pm, Walking With Purpose, Parish Life Center
7pm: Nar-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 100
7pm: Baptism Class, Courtyard Meeting Room

4 Friday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

6:30pm, Spanish Legion and 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

5 Saturday, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8am, Confessions, Church
10am, Al Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 204
10am, Baptisms, Church
2pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Courtyard Meeting Room
6pm, KofC Family Dinner, Parish Life Center

6 SUNDAY, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Script on sale after all Masses except the 2:30pm
Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, and 10:30am, Mass
6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

■ ¡Nuevo! Sección de anuncios en español
— Más información en la página 8

■ There will be no Religious Education Classes
through January 2nd

■ March for Life, January 18. Join us — More
information on page 6



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.

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stmary@stmaryfred.org
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students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

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Fr. Colin Davis
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Tatiana Beltran

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Elena Doyle - edoyle@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 Parishioner Welcome meetings held
in the Parish Life Center on fourth Sun
days, 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,

The Feast of the Holy Family falls right smack in the middle of Christmas week. This year I lost track of the number of children that my 23 nieces and nephews have. Yep... what an uncle I am! But life is such an amazing blessing and mystery. I have observed how life has slowed down for my sisters and nieces as their lives now really revolve around their newborns. Ok, slowed down isn't the best word, as any parent can attest, but many of the things that they would otherwise be doing (social visits, extended family gatherings) just give way to the singular importance of caring for a new child. My sisters have dropped everything to be with their new grandchildren.

This is also fitting because the recent birth of the newest grand-nephews came just 2 weeks ago. Exactly as we were preparing for and reflecting on the birth of Our Lord. We run around 'getting ready for Christmas', we celebrate his birth with big fanfare and party, and now?.... Our lives do slow down this week. Thanks be to God! Do our lives revolve around this Child who has been born of the Virgin Mary? In your own experiences of the miracle of life, I hope you can see an image of the Life who has come into the world.

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4pm & 8:30pm 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 HCA, 2pm Spanish, 5pm or 7pm Masses 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

education holy cross academy



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Christmas at HCA

"A Special Gift" was the theme of our elementary Christmas program this year. Our children in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade explored all the wonderful gifts that they might receive for Christmas. We were treated to a special cameo performance by our Kindergarten train, the HCA Express. At the end, the children looked into their own hearts and discovered the gift of God's love as he sent his only Son Jesus to us, to be a Child among us.



Our Schools Invite You

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!**

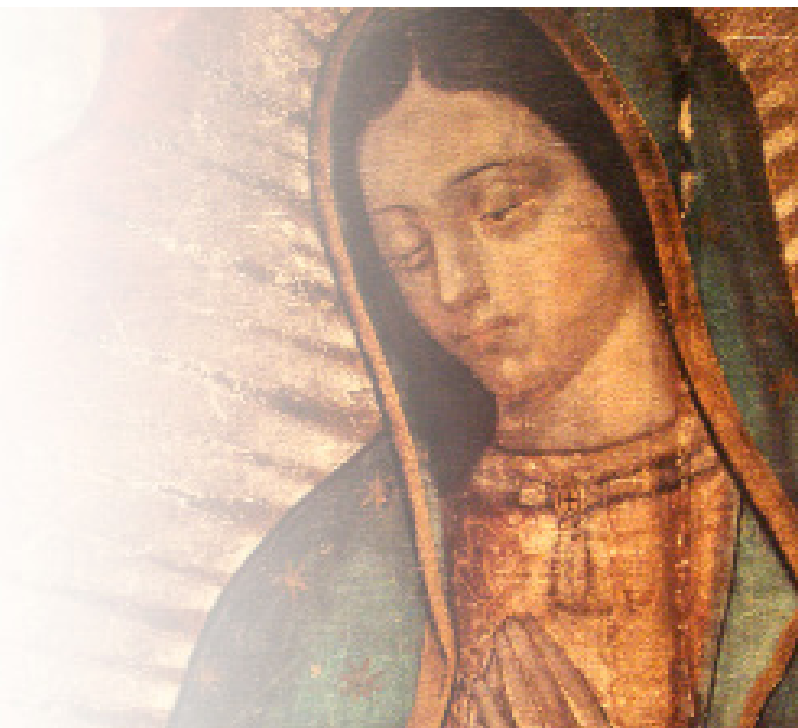
On behalf of the Oblate Sisters, our Holy Cross and St. Mary Preschool faculty and staff, and all our families, we wish you a most blessed, happy New Year 2019!

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Welcoming back the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The miraculous image of Our Lady returns to Saint Mary on **Tuesday, January 8 from 7-8:30pm in the church.**

A digital copy of the original tilma of St. Juan Diego in the basilica in Mexico City, this image communicates the loving presence of Mary, our Mother, through some beautiful signs. You, too, can experience these graces, signs and wonders through Mary's mediation and respond to our bishops' call for a culture of life in our country.



March for Life Friday, January 18

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, DC and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the US Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on Friday, January 18, to commemorate the 46th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

St. Mary will have two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation; however, participants are asked to bring diapers and/or baby items for Birthright.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am

Mass at St. Mary and will return to St. Mary at approximately 5:30pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. Sign up sheets will be available after January 1st in the vestibule of the Church. Please consider taking a visible stand to for life, and sign up as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the bus.

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!

Religious Freedom Day Celebration

The 2019 Religious Freedom Day Parade and Commemoration will

feature a keynote address by Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz and benediction by Richmond Bishop Barry C. Knestout. Parade starts at 1:30pm on Sunday, January 13, at the Fredericksburg train station on Lafayette Blvd., with a 2pm ceremony at the Monument for Religious Freedom on Washington Ave.

For more information, contact **Rick Reschick** at 540-368-9345 or rez55@cox.net.

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.

Help Needed at Homeless Shelter

The Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter has a program called Bridges. This program operates every Monday from 7-8pm and is

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designed to provide fun activities for the children staying at the homeless shelter. We are seeking volunteers to lead the kids in activities such as ball, tag etc. and if the weather isn't cooperating, to lead indoor activities (provided by the shelter). A Sign-Up Genius allows groups or individuals to sign-up easily for evenings available. Please consider helping our community.

Please note, this program requires all participants to arrive early. Volunteers MUST complete a registration form and provide a photo ID in an effort to protect the children staying at the shelter.

m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70a0f4facaf2aa3f85-bridges

For more information contact Aaron Sawyer asawyer2@mail.umw.edu

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

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.

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, thurmanbrisbencentral.org.

Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach

The Clinic is in need of several part time paid positions, a Medical Clinical Program Coordinator and a Pharmacy Manager; 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@guadalupefreeclinic.org or call the clinic at (804) 224-0571.

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

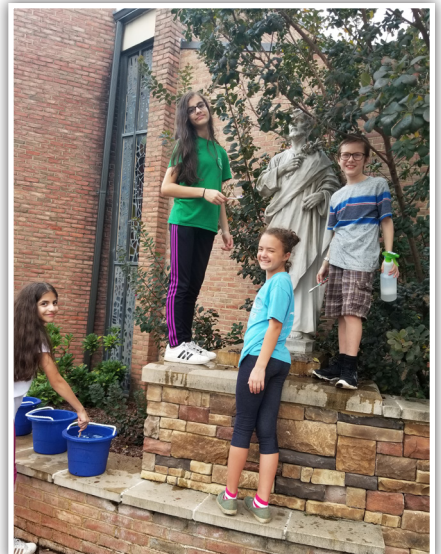
Noticias en Espanol

■ 31 de diciembre- Misa de vigilia Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios
5:00pm & 7:00pm St. Mary's (inglés)

1 de enero- Misa Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios
7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, & 12:30pm St. Mary's (inglés)
2:30pm en St. Mary's (español)

■ Clase de bautismo en español, sábado, 5 de enero de 2-4pm en el Courtyard Room (Salón Father Rooney)

our parish a look back



our parish at 2018



our parish farewell 2018



our parish

welcome 2019



operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Due to early publication deadlines, collection figures will be published in the January 13 bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

Choose Life Reflection

God gives us the gift of life, in units of years and months and days, and we likewise give it back to Him, in days and months and years of faithful service. In the New Year, let us put the defense of the unborn at the top of our priority list. Lord, enable me to devote more time, energy, and resources to the greatest human rights movement of our day, the pro-life movement.

Children's Charity for January

Camp Rainbow is held every Spring for children who are coping with the loss of a loved one. Camp Rainbow provides a path for child campers along their journey through grief and toward healing. Little Buddies (child

participants) are paired with trained Big Buddies (adult volunteers) to explore their feelings through age-appropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-on-one time. Expressive therapies such as art, music and dance are used to assist children with their grief and are balanced with traditional camp activities, like arts and crafts, kayaking, and singing by the fire. For more information, go to griefsupport@mwhc.com.

Al Anon Surviving the Weekend Group

For those 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. Especially at this time of year, it's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. **There is an Al Anon meeting 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 100 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.**



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liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 Carpenter-Silvers, Suzi Eggleston, Bernad Castillo, Michael Durant, Matthew Gomer, Tricia Davis, Martha Clements, 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, 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, Jackie Davia Johnson, Jenna Cappello, Matt Seidlinger, Benjamin Grillo, Gavin Menteer, Jim Seidlinger, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kurt Gutzmann, Lois Michell, Albert Lemanski, Frank Pollack, Leslie and Charlotte Heagney, William Crandall, Joseph Daley

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 Haken-son, 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, Thomas Wickham

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

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

December

31 MONDAY

6:30am Adrienne Palma+
9:00am Joyce Gordon
5:00pm Freddy Arevalo+
7:00pm Paul, Patricia Ramity & Family
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

January

1 TUESDAY

8:30am Debbie Cooley+
10:30am For Our Parish
12:30pm Emilio Flores & Mirtala Bonilla+
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

2 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Becky Mikel
9:00am Caedmon Paul Gorman
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

3 THURSDAY

6:30am Maureen McCleary+
9:00am Brian Will
1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-3

4 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation
8:15am* John and Jean Rura+
9:00am In Reparation
12:00pm In Reparation
8:00pm In Reparation
1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

5 SATURDAY

9:00am Virginia Clay+
5:00pm Lois Michele
7:00pm Pail Mazzone+
1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

6 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish
8:30am Jerome Palauskas+
10:30am All Those Who Died in December
10:30am* Barry Hagans
12:30pm Khang Nguyen Family
2:30pm Ana Rodriguez Salazar
5:00pm Bich Dao Le+
7:00pm Vu and Trinh Families
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-6/Mt 2:1-12

* 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.

*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" 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.