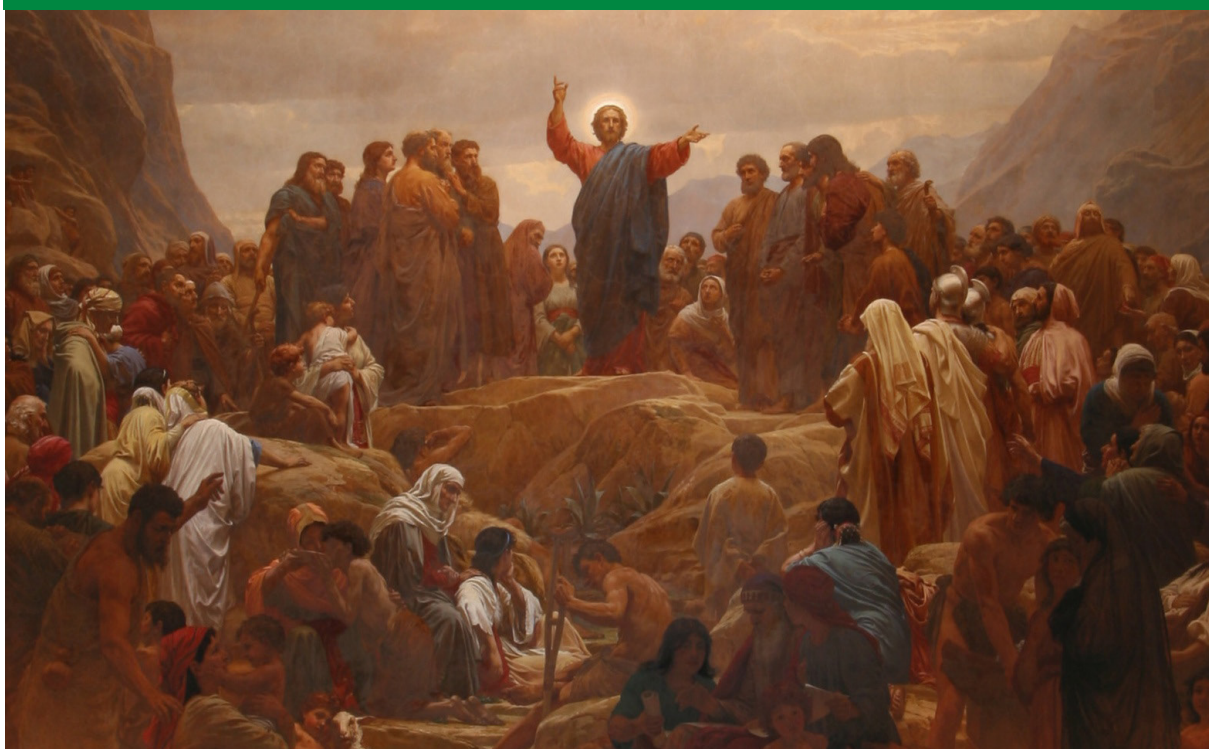


## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 17, 2019



**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

# upcoming

## February



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

### 17 SUNDAY, SIXTH SUNDAY, DAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Scrip on Sale After all Masses except 2:30pm*

**8am, KofC Fundraiser Breakfast, Parish Life Center**

11:30am, Evangelization Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group

### 18 Monday, Weekday

**President's Day—Parish Offices Closed**

7:30apm, RCIA, Church

### 19 Tuesday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room

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

7:30pm, Adult Confirmation Class, Parish Office Library

### 20 Wednesday, Weekday

10am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church

6pm, Catechist Training, 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 Adults Meeting, Parish Office Library

### 21 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

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

10am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

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

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

### 22 Friday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

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

6:30pm, CYM 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

**8pm, Concerts at St Mary Presents Emily Mason, Church**

### 23 Saturday, Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

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

6:30pm, CYM 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

8pm, Concerts at St Mary Presents Emily Mason, Church

### 24 SUNDAY, SEVENTH SUNDAY, DAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Coffee Shop after the 7am, 8:30am, and 10:30am, Mass*

*Scrip on Sale after all Masses except the 2:30pm*

11:30am New Parishioner Welcome, Parish Life Center

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

### ▪ Concerts at Saint Mary - February 22

*More information on page 8*

### ▪ Noticias en Español

*Más información en la página 8*

### ▪ Bishop's Lenten Appeal 2019 is beginning!

*More information on page 9*

### ▪ Save the Date! Marriage Enrichment Workshop

*More information on page 11*

## Tickets now on sale for Parish Night Out: Friday, April 26

Last year our popular Parish Night Out was sold out—don't miss your chance! Join us for a great night of fun and catching up with parish family and friends. Includes dinner and dancing to the music of The Andrew Thielen Big Band, at the Jepson Alumni Center at UMW. Take advantage of our "early bird" special: you can buy tickets for a table of ten for the price of nine before the deadline of February 28. Tickets are \$75 per person. Cash bar 6-11pm, Dinner 7-8pm, dancing until 11:30pm. Not only a great value for the money with the great food and orchestra—the night includes drawings for great door prizes throughout the evening—wine and champagne packages, movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates, Theater passes, and more... Please join us! For info or tickets, please call **Marty at 540-373-0259** to reserve your table!

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

### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

540-286-1600  
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234  
Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.

### ST. MARY PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553  
Director, Sheri Castellarin

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

540-373-6491  
Director, Aristides Lucas  
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

### YOUTH MINISTRY

540-373-6491  
Director, Leo Chavarria  
Tatiana Beltran

### OUTREACH

540-373-6491  
Elena Doyle - 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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

## stmaryfred.org



# from our pastor

# pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

A friend recently told me that years ago I gave a homily that had helped him to change a habit of leaving Mass early! He said that I used the analogy of being a dinner guest in someone's home, and that nobody would ever get up and leave while the host has gone to the kitchen to clear the table. We always wait and express gratitude and have an appropriate farewell expression. In the Mass the appropriate farewell is the final blessing and the recessional hymn. Jesus wants to bless us for our coming to his wedding feast, and bid us farewell!

I also get asked, "what is that latest I can arrive for Mass and fulfill my obligation?" I understand the human urge to cut the corner, to take a short cut, but should we be doing this in regards to our weekly worship of God? No Way! I know what family life is like, and that sometimes the family walking in late is not doing so because of sloth. Sometimes it is because the children decide to walk the dog, or visit the bathroom, or hide in the basement at the very time when parents are trying to shepherd them to the minivan to go to Mass.

Tardiness is not always directly willed, and I will always try to be understanding of late arrivals. (Yes, and know that I am most guilty of this! Mass often is late because I am waiting for altar servers to vest, or trying to find a lector, or talking to a grieving widow, or sometimes

I am just plain late). If I ask your understanding as a parish family, I can give it as well.

However, everyone knows that missing Mass without serious cause is a grave sin. To look at this issue in terms of 'when is the latest I can arrive?' or 'when is the earliest I can leave?' is the wrong way to look at this. It is a recipe for spiritual disaster to measure our love for God by what is the minimum permissible. I give you this quote from St. John Chrysostom:

*When we perform an act of kindness we should rejoice and not be sad about it.... If you do away with miserliness and counting the cost, with hesitation and grumbling, what will be the result? Something great and wonderful! What a marvelous reward there will be: Your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will rise up quickly. Who would not aspire to light and healing.*

What costs are you counting? Extra time in the parking lot? First in line at IHOP? Jesus gives you life at the cost of his own life. Is it really too much cost to stay for the entire Mass?

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann

**VIRGINIA**  
**MARCH FOR LIFE**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**WEDNESDAY,**  
**APRIL 3,**  
**2019**  
**RICHMOND, VA**

 [VirginiaMarchforLife.org](http://VirginiaMarchforLife.org)



# education holy cross academy

## Scientific Method

Observation, asking questions, gathering information, forming a hypothesis... It is sounding like the Scientific Method is front and center at Holy Cross Academy these days. Yes, it is, and our 7th and 8th graders recently completed their months-long projects and participated in our school Science Fair.

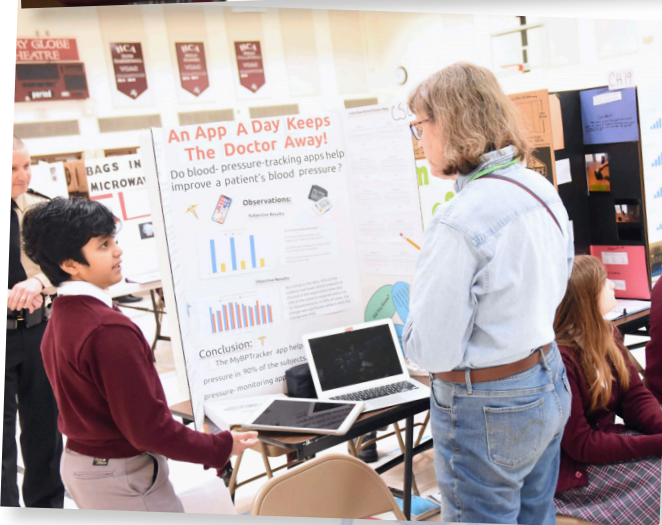
We viewed projects like "Rain, Rain, Go Away"; "Is it Important to Wash your Produce?" and "An App a Day". Students studied light pollution and the stars, the effect color has on perception, and various engineering, botanical and chemical principles. Our 25 volunteer judges came to see and hear the students' presentations and to rate them on their use of the Scientific Method, their underlying research, and the thoroughness of their trials.

We are very proud of the work of our students and the many educational lessons that came out of the Science Fair. Once again, HCA students, a job well done!

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.



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# our parish religious education

## Magnifikid

### Put yourself in someone else's place

If you have been upset recently because of something a friend has done, you can try to understand why he or she wasn't kind. You can either ask that person directly or you can ask other people who know him or her well.

### Discover God's love for me

Spend a few moments in your prayer cornering front of the Lord. You can talk to him quietly, but don't think of anything else except being in his presence.



## Religious Education First Holy Communion 2019

The sacraments mark the most sacred transitions – indeed, transformations - that we undergo! Baptism offers us a new life in Christ and a new identity as children of God. And each sacrament that follows it brings new graces for growth to our life lived in faith.

In the Eucharist, we find the most profound transformation – bread and wine transubstantiated into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Jesus Christ. In receiving the Eucharist, we experience the closest communion with Jesus that is possible.

### FORMED PICK

## First Penance

**Monday & Tuesdays, 6pm, During RE Classes**

Deacon Alberto meets with Spanish speaking parents

## 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)

## Presence

*Episode 1: God Is With Us*

### What's So Special about the Eucharist?

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist with the first episode of FORMED's most popular series.

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



## SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH NIGHT OUT

# 4.26.19

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# our parish youth ministry

## Youth Craft Group

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

### ASL and Cued Speech Club

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGES 4 - 8

Meeting dates:  
January 10  
Feb 7, 14, 28  
March 7, 14, 28  
April 4, 11  
May 2, 9

We will share our faith and learn to talk with our hands! We will teach American Sign Language (ASL) and Cued Speech. To register or for more information contact Mrs. Lauren McAdams: [lauren.mcadams2@protonmail.com](mailto:lauren.mcadams2@protonmail.com)

6:30pm - 7:30pm | ST. JOHN PAUL II HOUSE (DOWNSTAIRS)

### Fitness Club

Open to youth in 6th - 8th grade

## 2019 Dates

Feb 9th	Aug 9th
March 9th	Sept 14th
April 13th	Oct 12th
May - no meet up	Nov 9th
June 8th	
July 13th	

Contact Rachael Luciani for more info: [lucianir@comcast.net](mailto:lucianir@comcast.net)

## HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT

Feb. 22 - 24

## 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)





# parish life get involved

## Wednesday - Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**From Wednesday 12:30pm to  
Friday 9am**

*"Jesus speaks in the silence of  
the mystery of the Eucharist and  
reminds us each time that following  
him means going out of ourselves  
and making our lives not something  
we 'possess,' but a gift to him and to  
others."*

– Pope Francis

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. At least two people must be present with Our Lord at all times during Adoration.

**Attention Wednesday afternoon adorers.** We need you to update your information. Please email [adoration@stmaryfred.org](mailto:adoration@stmaryfred.org) with your current email, phone number, and time and day that you adore. If you adore on Wednesdays from 1-6pm please send us an email so we can contact you.

**Adoration is currently in need of  
someone to join the adoration  
team at the 2-3 am Thursday.  
Please email us if are able to  
help: [adoration@stmaryfred.org](mailto:adoration@stmaryfred.org)**

## Taizé Prayer Gathering

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary Monday, March 11 as we "prepare a place for unity and peace" together.

Join us for the monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taizé Community in France, the second Monday of every month at 8:15pm.

## Noticias en Español

**Los invitamos a la Mañana de Reflexión en preparación para la Cuaresma:**

Día- sábado, 23 de febrero

Hora- 8:00-12:00pm

Lugar- Centro de Vida Parroquial

**Le pedimos que traiga un plato de comida para compartir.**

Clase de bautismo en español-

Día- sábado, 2 de marzo

Hora- 2:00-4:00pm

Lugar: Salón Father Rooney (al lado de la oficina parroquial)

## Concerts at Saint Mary

On Friday, February 22 at 8pm, *Concerts at Saint Mary* will present harpist and composer Emily Mason as she performs an evening of music for harp. Ms. Mason will also be joined by internationally-acclaimed Philippine-born American tenor Allan Palacios Chan and organist David Uschold.

Originally from southern Virginia, Emily Mason now, for over eight years, calls District of Columbia area her home where she has an active career as a harpist, classical/jazz pianist, mezzo-soprano and organist. She has been heard in venues such as the World Health Organization, the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Saint Thomas More Cathedral in Arlington, Virginia, and events for the Library of Congress. In addition, she occasionally joins the Manassas Symphony Orchestra. Known for her original transcriptions of orchestral, piano and ensemble music for harp, she enjoys playing music which is unusual to hear on the harp – jazz, pop, and even classic rock. Ms. Mason is currently Director of Music at St. Veronica Church in Chantilly, Virginia.



The concert program which will be presented by Ms. Mason will include performances of a variety of repertoire from classical to secular and will feature two original transcriptions: *Movement No. 2 ("The Lyre of Orpheus")* from the fourth piano concerto by Ludwig van Beethoven arranged for harp and organ; and *Love Bade Me Welcome from Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan William arranged for tenor, harp and organ. Admission to the concert is free and a free-will offering will be taken to support future *Concerts at Saint Mary* productions. Following the concert there will be a reception in the church's Parish Life Center where there will be an opportunity to meet the artists and share fellowship with others.



# parish life get involved

## St. Mary's Lenten Program - "Put Out Into the Deep"

We will be journeying with Bishop Barron this lent and participating in the Word on Fire Engage Program which allows our entire parish to actively experience the series "The Seven Deadly Sins" electronically, with their families and/or small groups. This powerful series will be emailed to you weekly during lent at no cost. You will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions directly to Fr. Mosimann as the material is presented. We look forward to this new innovative way to grow in our faith as a parish family.

In order to take part in our parish lenten program, visit our website, [stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org) and click on the link to receive Flocknotes via email and join the group entitled "2019 Lenten Parish Retreat." JOIN TODAY! Happy Lent!

## Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!

At the end of this month many of us will receive a mailing regarding the 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2019 BLA is "Together in the Light of Christ." After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serves thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Lord's work in our diocese.

## Saint Mary Book Club

On Tuesday, February 12, in the John Paul II House, we will discuss *The Ninth Hour*, by Alice McDermott. This is a story of a suicide, a pregnant wife, and a fire. In the aftermath that follows, Sister St. Savior, an aging nun, a Little Nursing Sister of the Sick Poor, appears not asked or summoned, to direct the way forward for his widow and his unborn child. This takes place in Catholic Brooklyn in the early part of the twentieth century.

Any questions, please email Maureen Guilfoyle at [maureenpsg@verizon.net](mailto:maureenpsg@verizon.net).

## Cursillo

Cursillo is an active community, alive in the Arlington Diocese and across the world! We are given a chance to participate in a fun, fast paced 3 day weekend, followed by small group reunions which foster community within the local church. The small groups meet to enrich each other's lives and bring accountability in the

areas of piety, study and action - the main tripod on which Cursillo is built.

Currently in the diocese there are weekends planned for men and women at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Va. The cost of a weekend is \$250 which covers the lodging and meals. Upcoming weekends are for women: March 28-31 and a September TBD. For men: May 2-5, and the the fall is TBD.

Please visit [arlingtoncursillo.org](http://arlingtoncursillo.org) or call Tammie Chute 540-370-6343 for more information.

## Calling all Crafters

Boy Scout Troop 1410 is hosting a Spring No Frills Scrapbook Crop-A-Thon Saturday, March 30 from 9am-9pm at HCA. Only \$35 per person! You bring your photos and supplies and we will provide a 6-foot table, snacks/drinks (meals on your own), and Boy Scouts to carry your supplies to and from your car. Please contact Torie Baldwin at [keetongirl2@yahoo.com](mailto:keetongirl2@yahoo.com) to register by March 23.

## Parish Pilgrimage March 30

Make plans now to join us for the annual CCW sponsored Parish Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 30. We will tour the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, its beautiful gardens and replicas of Holy Land shrines; and have Mass with Father Michael Folmar. From there, we will visit the Gift Shop at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and enjoy lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria, and will have time to check out the mosaics of the Trinity Dome. This trip is open to all parishioners; \$25 each for motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, and Monastery donation (lunch at the cafeteria is not included). The bus will leave from the St. Mary Church parking lot promptly at 8:15am, and we expect to be back to St. Mary by 4:15pm. Reserve your seats now with Malinda Jones, [mjones@stmaryfred.org](mailto:mjones@stmaryfred.org), and secure your tickets by cash or check payable to "St. Mary CCW." You may pay in person at our general meetings (3rd Tuesdays of each month), or at any time by delivering payment in an envelope marked "CCW" to the parish office.

Please visit [arlingtoncursillo.org](http://arlingtoncursillo.org) or call Tammie Chute 540-370-6343 for more information.

# around the parish get involved

## Knights of Columbus Social Meeting

Guest Speaker - David Bereit



David Bereit is a pro-life leader, in-demand speaker, media spokesman, bestselling author, mentor to leaders, and strategic advisor to many of today's most impactful pro-life organizations. Previously, David started and led the global 40 Days for Life movement through its first decade, building it into the largest grass roots pro-life mobilization in the world. His work has been featured in nearly every major media outlet. David is married to his best friend, Margaret, and they have two children, Claire and Patrick. The Bereits live in Spotsylvania County and are parishioners at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

**27 February, 7:30pm**

### Strangeways Brewery

350 Lansdowne Road,  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401



## 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, dolove-walk.net or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, bridges.fxbg@gmail.com**

## Drivers Needed for 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.

## 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 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**

## Volunteer Drivers Needed

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, VA, Migration and Refugee Services program in Fredericksburg is looking for volunteer drivers and front office receptionist. For more information please contact **Kristen Larcher, 703-399-0066.**



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Fredericksburg, VA 22406

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For questions contact Elena Doyle | [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org) or 540-373-6491

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

### Collection Figures for February 10

Offertory \$33,780

Parish Building Fund \$8,628

Arlington Catholic Herald (add') \$846

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$102

### Faith Direct Figures

Offertory \$59,023

Parish Building Fund \$5,240

Arlington Catholic Herald \$1,621

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Choose Life Reflection

"Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift," [usccb.org/perfect-gift](http://usccb.org/perfect-gift)). *May God show us the way of compassionate respect for all human life.*

## Children's Charity for February

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in February is Hazelwild Farm's Therapeutic Riding Program. The program offers specialized horseback riding lessons for all ages of riders with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The lessons increase stability, flexibility, strength, motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence for the riders, along with providing many other physical and emotional benefits. For more information, go to [hazelwildfarm.com](http://hazelwildfarm.com).

## Helpful Hints & Reminders

- Did you know that when you write a check, you should use only black or blue ink? All other colors may look very nice, but they don't show up on bank scanners and will not be accepted by the bank. So please use only black or blue ink when writing a check.
- When you receive your 2018 contribution statement, you may notice that one or more of the collections may show only a penny as your contribution. That's because when the envelope was received for posting in our database, no amount was written on the envelope, so a penny was entered to show that an envelope was received but the amount was unknown. Don't forget to write the amount of your contribution on the outside of your contribution envelope.
- From time to time we receive contributions in envelopes from other parishes in the Diocese. If there is no notation, it is our policy to send these contributions to the parish indicated on the envelope. If your contribution is actually meant for St. Mary, please be sure to use St. Mary envelopes, or a plain envelope with your name and address indicated, or cross out the name of the parish on the envelope and clearly write St. Mary on the envelope so that we can process your contribution properly.
- Our parish supports the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in their outstanding ministry to those in need, through all Poor Box Donations. If you wish to make a poor box donation by check, please be sure to make the check payable to St. Mary Catholic Church. If you make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul, the check should be mailed directly to them at PO Box 1493 College Station, Fredericksburg VA 22402.

## 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](mailto: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:** 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, 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, Joseph Daley, Carolyn Shebora, Melvin Schreckinger, Stephen Inguanti, Karen Scanlon, Rhonda Wolfe, JJohn Druiett, Delia Flores, Bruce Berry, Glen Gress, Bobby Blankenship & family, Buddy & Vincent Yerkie & Family and William Davis III, Carolyn Allen, Elise Dutton, Nancy Firestone, Mitchell Wood, Felicity Peletier, Leah Sanford, Dawn Dittmer

**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., Thomas Wickham

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

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

### February

#### 18 MONDAY

6:30am Elden and Rebecca Boothby  
9:00am Katherine Perusi+  
Gn 4:1-25/Mk 8:11-13

#### 19 TUESDAY

6:30am Odilon and Eliodora Barrios+  
9:00am William Joseph Chism+  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-10/Mk 8:14-21

#### 20 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Katherine Perusi+  
9:00am Billy Moore+  
Gn 8:6-22/Mk 8:22-26

#### 21 THURSDAY

6:30am Charlotte Self+  
9:00am Joseph Cooke+  
Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

#### 22 FRIDAY

6:30am Rosa Anita Vasquez+  
8:15am\* Ram Gongireddy  
9:00am Adam Stanislawski  
1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

#### 23 SATURDAY

9:00am Gianna Guthrie  
5:00pm Patrick and Allyson Kearney  
7:00pm Daniel and Lori Fowlkes  
Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13

#### 24 SUNDAY

7:00am Rich Dao Le+  
8:30am Elizabeth Overington  
10:30am Charles Howgate+  
10:30am\* Jerry Haley+  
12:30pm Our Military Living & Deceased  
2:30pm Dennis Haselhorst+  
5:00pm Bon Van Than  
7:00pm For Our Parish  
1 Sm 26:2-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

\* 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 "un-scheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

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