

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019



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

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

# upcoming

## February



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

### **25 Monday, Weekday**

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidio in Parish Life Center, Room 100  
1pm, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room  
4:45pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center  
6:30pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center  
7:30pm, RCIA, Church

### **26 Tuesday, Weekday**

4:45pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center  
6pm, Religious Ed at Holy Cross Academy  
6:30pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center  
7:30pm, Life on the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room  
7:30pm, Deacon Alberto Confirmation Classes, Parish Office Library

### **27 Wednesday, Weekday**

10am, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room  
11am, Respect Life Ministry Meeting, Parish Office Library  
3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church  
4:45pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center  
6:30pm, Religious Ed, 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

### **28 Thursday, Weekday**

9:30am, Craft Group in Parish Life Center, Room 100  
10am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room  
6:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center  
7pm, Nar-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 100

## March

### **1 Friday, Weekday**

9am, St Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House  
6pm, WorkCamp Formation Night at Holy Cross Academy  
6:30pm, Spanish Legion and Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

### **2 Saturday, Weekday**

8am, Confessions, Church  
10am, Baptisms, Church  
10am, Al-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 204  
2pm, Spanish Baptism Class  
3:30pm, Confessions, Church

### **3 SUNDAY, EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, Mass*  
*Scrip on Sale after all Masses*  
6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

■ **Virginia March for Life - SAVE THE DATE: April 3**  
*More information on page 4*

■ **Save the Date! Marriage Enrichment Workshop**  
*More information on page 7*

■ **Noticias en Español**  
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■ **Bishop's Lenten Appeal 2019 is beginning!**  
*More information on page 8*

■ **St. Mary's Lenten Program - "Put Out Into the Deep"** *More information on page 9*

■ **Knights of Columbus Social Meeting**  
*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,

I am trying to write this from an airplane as I travel out west for my annual ski trip and I can't believe how small this seat is. Having lost substantial weight this year with my ski trip in mind, I sit here with my knees wedged against the seat in front of me. Every time I travel on a plane like this I think, "never again, I'm driving everywhere." But every year I cram into a plane and come skiing- because I love skiing. I leave VA, cling to my laptop on a plane, all for the joy of skiing!

And crammed into this seat, I am thinking of our March 9 Marriage Conference. In Genesis, we hear why man "leaves his mother and father, clings to his wife, and the two become one flesh." (See what I did there at the end of previous paragraph?) Straight forward marriage stuff right? This is at the heart of the vocation of most of the members of our parish, whereby you share in the love of God for his creation and most especially his bride the Church!

Leave, Cling, One.

Leaving: what do we give up for the things we love? Yes, in marriage you have to leave your family to make a new one. This is about healthy detachment. Every time there is a disagreement with your spouse, you can't call your mom and complain! Yes, there is healthy support, but there is also unhealthy undermining when we can belittle our spouse in an effort to win the conflict. Can you even leave behind your past and the past of your spouse?

Cling: how firmly do we hold on to and pursue the good of our spouse? Not a selfish 'make me happy,' but a selfless pursuit of the good of your beloved. I love to see how much 'in love' couples treasure their time together and prioritize it, how much they cling to each other in they cling without crushing and suffocating.

One: union. Two become one. There is vulnerability without shame. Physical, emotional, spiritual, even life dreams. Your spouse isn't for your wish fulfillment but that you can find the intimacy that you are made for. The means of this union are found in serving one another, or in the words of the old marriage exhortation, "the sacrifice required to achieve this union is often difficult and irksome."

Leave, Cling, One. If I am going to ski majestic mountains, this uncomfortable flight is the price I must pay.

If you want to be truly happy, become what you are in marriage. And maybe, come to our Marriage Conference on March 9th.

The taller the mountains, the more majestic the views, but the deeper and darker the valleys. Be not afraid.

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**WEDNESDAY,**  
**APRIL 3,**  
**2019**  
**RICHMOND, VA**



VirginiaMarchforLife.org

St. Mary's parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend the VA March for Life! We will be providing bus service. Details for the March are still being confirmed. If you are interested in transportation, please email [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org) and include the number of people in your party. You may sign-up in the vestibule of the church or call the parish office at 540-373-6491

**WE MUST NOT REMAIN SILENT!**

# education holy cross academy

## Learning to Know and Love Jesus

Learning to know and love Jesus, exploring nature and the world around them, seeing the world through books and poems, singing and dancing all make up the day of a Saint Mary Preschooler.

Our children keep busy with activities designed to promote learning through play in a loving, faith centered environment. It is our mission to help develop the whole child – socially, spiritually, and academically. Saint Mary Preschool is the best possible place for children to begin their educational journey.

St. Mary Preschool, located in the Parish Life Center of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is now enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year. We offer Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes or

Tuesday, Thursday classes for three and four year olds. If you are interested in taking a tour or would like additional information, please contact our Director Sheri Castellarin at [preschool@holycrossweb.com](mailto:preschool@holycrossweb.com) or by phone at 540-373-7553.

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

## 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](#)



# youth ministry

## Youth Craft Group

All children between the ages of 4-11 are invited to participate. Meetings are at 3:30pm in the Parish Life Center, room 204. There is a small fee for each craft to offset the cost of materials.

**March 9 - Sand painted 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.

## 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)

## Fitness Club

Open to youth in 6th - 8th grade

**March 9**

**April 13**

**May - No meet up**

**June 8**

**July 13**

**August 9**

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

## ASL and Cued Speech Club - ALL kids 4-8

**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 at [lauren.mcadams2@protonmail.com](mailto:lauren.mcadams2@protonmail.com)

**6:30 - 7:30pm | John Paul II House**

**StMaryCYM**



**#GetInvolvedBeTransformed**

our faith

# a profound gift

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

## BUILDING STRONGER MARRIAGES AND RELATIONSHIPS

Lead by Greg & Julie Alexander of the Alexander House

Saturday, March 9 | 9am-5pm

at Holy Cross Academy  
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, VA 22406

DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR MARRIAGE AND GAIN PRACTICAL TOOLS  
TO BUILD A STRONGER AND MORE JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE



SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

marriage ministry

**\$20 PER COUPLE | REGISTER AT STMARYFRED.ORG**

More about these wonderful speakers at [thealexanderhouse.org](http://thealexanderhouse.org)

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

**Please note:**

Baby sitting will not be provided due to the length of the Workshop, however, if you are interested in a list of baby sitters available from our St. Mary's Youth Group, please email Elena at [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org). Thank you.

# 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Lenten Weekend Retreat at Loyola

This year's theme is: "God's Dream". St. Ignatius Loyola knew that any human experience can reveal God's dream to us. So, he encouraged others to seek God in all things, and He was convinced that they could find God. This retreat will invite us to seek God in creation; in Scripture; in our living relationship with Jesus and the generosity it inspires; and in the future God opens up before us.

Women's Retreat 8- 10 March 2019.  
Men's Retreat 15-17 March 2019  
(Both during Lent). The retreats begin on Friday's with check in and Confessions from 5-6:30 PM, an orientation at 6:45 PM and dinner at 7 PM and concludes with lunch on Sunday following Mass. The suggested offering for the Retreat is \$245. A payment plan is available. Special Retreat Fee of \$195 for any retreatant making

their 1st retreat at Loyola and to "young adults" retreatants up to age 30. Contact Len or Sylvia Fontenot for more info: 540-663-2261 or email [lensyl1966@verizon.net](mailto:lensyl1966@verizon.net). To register, go to [loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://loyolaonthepotomac.com)

## St. Mary Book Club

The next meeting of St Mary Book Club will be on Tues. March 12 at 10am in the John Paul II house. We will be discussing Abandonment to Divine Providence by Jean-Pierre de Caussade S.J. For more than 250 years this simple classic of inspiration has guided readers of all faiths to the open-hearted acceptance of God's will. A great book for lent. For more info please call Mary Kenney at 540-898-0372

## The Manna Project Food Drive

On March 9 and 10, Manna Project Volunteers will collect non-perishable food and monetary donations outside of Mass for the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, a member of Feeding America. 1 in 7 Americans turns to Feeding America for food assistance and households often survive on limited budgets. Needed items include: canned meat/fish, peanut butter, pasta/sauce, canned goods, instant potatoes, rice, and personal items such as paper towels.

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## 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)



# our parish 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. This program allows our entire parish to actively experience the series "The Seven Deadly Sins" electronically, with their family and/or small groups, married couples etc. 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.

To sign-up for our Lenten Program, visit our website [stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org) and click on the link to join Flocknotes via email and join the group entitled "2019 Lenten Parish Retreat". JOIN TODAY!

*Note: If you are already a Flocknote member, you must go on the website and join the Lenten Group.*

## 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)

## SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH NIGHT OUT

# 4.26.19

## ANDREW THIELEN BIG BAND JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER AT UMW

*Reserve Your Table Today*  
**CALL MARTY FOR TICKETS (540) 373-0259**

# parish life get involved

The Food Bank currently feeds over 20,000 people monthly. For each \$10 donation, they are able to provide 20 meals for hungry families. Please help us feed the hungry!

## 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.

## 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 fall is TBD.

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

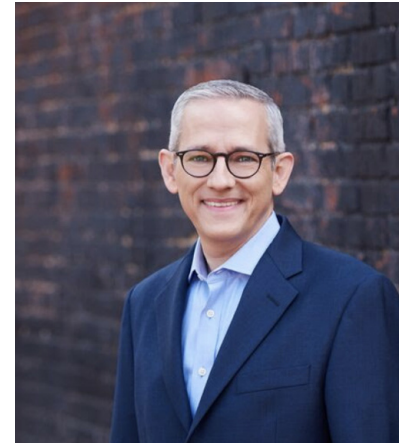
## Parish Pilgrimage March 30

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.

## 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



# around the parish get involved

## 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](http://dolovewalk.net) or **Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter**, [bridges.fxbg@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70a0f4facaf2aa3f85-bridges) For more information contact Aaron Sawyer [asawyer2@mail.umw.edu](mailto: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.



APRIL 13, 2019 FREDERICKSBURG, VA

**LIFE WALK**

a pro-life walk benefitting  
Mary's Shelter  BETHANY   
Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center WOMEN'S CENTER CHRISTIAN SERVICES

2019 marks our second annual Life Walk Event!

Acknowledging that **LIFE** begins at conception and is worthy of protection, the community of Fredericksburg is **WALKING** in support of the various **LIFE-AFFIRMING** ministries that directly sustain and offer hope to those most vulnerable

Bring your family, church group, and neighbors for a fun walk, food and music as we raise awareness and funds together!

Every registrant will receive a t-shirt and goody bag the day of the walk!

**5 K • WALK WITH US**

**APRIL 13 — OLD MILL PARK**

After the walk, join us as we cheer on Fredericksburg's fastest babies in the **DIAPER CRAWL**

REGISTER FOR THE WALK - BECOME A SPONSOR

**LIFEWALKFXBG.COM**



# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

### Collection Figures for February 17

Offertory	\$34,442
Parish Building Fund (add'l)	\$3,923
Micah "Love Your Neighbor"	\$4,689
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$322

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Masses were offered in January for the following unscheduled intentions:** +William Hackbarth (3), +Ann Engelberget, All Souls (2), +Robert Grossman, +Kathy Peaone, +Jorge Antonio Alfaro, Toni Stanislawski, +Samuel Stanislaw, +Salvadore Subirats, +Rosie Calaguero, +Brian Shaw, +Michael McCabe, Jon Collins, The Taylor Family, +Richard Lorey, +Sister Martine-Elisabeth Robert OSFS, +Robert Tipton, +April Rivardo Parsons, +John Conroy, Kaitlin Ketchum, Toni Conradi, +Thomas Smith, +John "Jack" Hurley, +Jack Hurley, +Jean M. Barger (2), +Claudette Main, +William Bartelloni, +Constance Konczyk, +Edna Gracik (2), +Richard Crook, Maryann Seidlinger, and +Everett Jude Ketchum.

## Choose Life Reflection

"Christians know that suffering cannot be eliminated, yet it can have meaning and become an act of love and entrustment into the hands of God who does not abandon us; in this way it can serve as a moment of growth in faith and love." — Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*, 56

*We pray for all families concerned with how to provide for their loved ones, especially expectant mothers: May they turn to the Lord, trusting in His providence, and experience the support of the Christian community.*

## February Children's Charity

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in March is parish support for Stafford Junction, a faith-based nonprofit organization tasked with improving the lives of children and their families in low-income neighborhoods in Stafford County through programs focusing on education, nutrition, and healthy living. With the intervention of Stafford Junction, the crime rate in the Olde Forge neighborhood dropped by more than 50% within two years. Stafford Junction is a mission project of our parish and children's donations will assist the parish in providing much needed support for their programs. For more information, visit their website at [staffordjunction.org](http://staffordjunction.org).

## 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.
- 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 envelopes.
- 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 yours 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 so 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. Poor box donations by check, please be 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 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, 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 Druett, 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 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., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser

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

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## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

### February

#### 25 MONDAY

6:30am Richard and Allison Pleasant  
9:00am Alfred Puppot+  
Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

#### 26 TUESDAY

6:30am Buddy Morgan+  
9:00am Ruth Stellino+  
Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

#### 27 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Martha Saunders+  
9:00am Claire Chavarria  
Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40

#### 28 THURSDAY

6:30am Providence Moeller+  
9:00am Michael Reyes  
Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

### March

#### 1 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation  
8:15am\* In Reparation  
9:00am In Reparation  
8:00pm In Reparation  
Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

#### 2 SATURDAY

9:00am William Novick+  
5:00pm For Our Parish  
7:00pm Wilma P. Venable+  
Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

#### 3 SUNDAY

7:00am Rich Bartkiewicz+  
8:30am Jean Fenney+  
10:30am Those Who Died in February  
10:30am\* Mary Ellen Kautz+  
12:30pm Julie Appleton  
2:30pm Joseph Cascio+  
5:00pm Bon Van Than+  
7:00pm Alfreda Wasiak+  
Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

\* 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.