

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 1, 2019



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

upcoming

August



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

1 **SUNDAY, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

No Coffee Shop or Scrip - Labor Day Weekend

11:30am New Parishioner Welcome Meeting, Parish Life Center

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

2 **Monday, Weekday**

Parish Office Closed in Honor of Labor Day

3 **Tuesday, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

CCW Board Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 100

10am, Legion of Mary in the Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, Catechist Training, Parish Life Center

4 **Wednesday, Weekday**

12:45pm, Bible Study in the Courtyard Meeting Room

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions in the Church

6pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study in the Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, Confessions in the Church

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

7:30pm, Young Adult Meeting the Parish Office Library

5 **Thursday, Weekday**

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

7pm, Baptism Class in the Courtyard Meeting Room

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

6 **Friday, Weekday**

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

6:30pm, Junior Legion of Mary in the Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

8pm, First Friday Mass in the Church

8pm, Legion of Mary in the Courtyard Meeting Room

7 **Saturday, Weekday**

8am: Legion of Mary Our Lady Birthday Party, Parish Life Center

8am, Confessions in the Church

9:30am, Outreach Committee in Parish Life Center, Room 201

10am, Baptisms in the Church

10am, Al-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 204

2pm, Spanish Baptism Class in the Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, KofC Family Dinner, Parish Life Center

8 **SUNDAY, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, Mass

Scrip on Sale after All Masses

9:30am, RCIA Interest Meeting in the Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 14 at 4pm at
Holy Cross Academy bring a cake
and get ready to have some fun!



pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

■ RCIA Interest Meeting Next Sunday!

More information on page 4

■ Join us for Our Lady's Birthday Next Weekend

More information on page 8

■ Knights Family Dinners are BACK!

Join us next weekend and find more info on page 9

■ Noticias en Español

Más información en la página 10

■ The Manna Project Food Drive will be held September 13 and 14. Please plan to bring your non- perishable and monetary donations to Mass.

■ Respect Life Sunday Annual Life Chain

Save the date and more information on page 12

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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

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am
M/W/F: 12 Noon
Saturday: 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

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm;
Saturday, 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE

540-373-6491, fax 371-0251
stmary@stmaryfred.org
Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm;
students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann
Fr. Sean Koehr
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
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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234
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sfry@holycrossweb.com

ST. MARY PRESCHOOL

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Director, Sheri Castellarin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Director, Aristides Lucas
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

YOUTH MINISTRY

540-373-6491
Tatiana Beltran

YOUNG ADULTS

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540-847-1872

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. Thanks!

stmaryfred.org

from our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

First: a special request for prayers: Sister Susan Louise Eder, OSFS, was diagnosed with endometrial cancer in July. It was caught in the early stages. Sister will have surgery on this coming Wednesday (September 4) and the Noon Mass will be offered for her wellbeing.

Please keep Sister in your prayers. Specifically, Sister has asked you to include the prayer to Blessed Father Louis Brisson. We have included this prayer below my note.

Second: a reminder of the annual Ice Cream Social and Cake Walk at Holy Cross Academy in 2 weeks to celebrate our school feast day! Start planning your masterwork cakes, get ready for great fun, and come celebrate with your parish and school family.

Third: Happy and Blessed Labor day to you. Remember that when you work and study, you are using the gifts that God has given you. He doesn't give gifts without a purpose. Work has inherent dignity, that is often lost on modern man. We store up for ourselves the fruit of our labor in order to be able to provide for the future and live in a dignified manner. Moreover, work finds its ultimate reference when directed to God and we participate in the mystery of building up civilization in love and peace. Work took on an even greater dignity in the incarnation: God himself labored and earned His food by the sweat of his brow. I pray that you find great peace in your labors, that you not be enslaved by the demands of the modern workweek, and that

work always be prioritized behind your faith and family. Our worth is not determined by our job titles, but by our love.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Louis Brisson

God, Father of tenderness and mercy, we thank you for having given us in Blessed Louis Brisson a priest of lively faith and inventive charity. Empowered by your Spirit he walked in the footsteps of Christ, announcing to the poor and those struggling on the road of life that you love them. Come to our aid and grant by his prayer the favors we need, particularly the cure of Sr. Susan Louise's cancer.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

Blessed Louis Brisson, obtain this cure for us.

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann

RCIA 2019-2020

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC

JOIN US FOR OUR INTEREST MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:30AM | FATHER DON ROONEY ROOM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

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our parish religious education

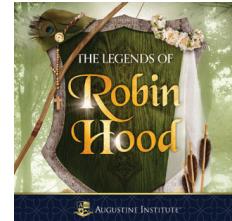
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Humility

Humility is the virtue that helps us accept the truth about ourselves. The truth is that we are human beings who need help, and need love. No one has the right to look down on others. Each one of us is God's "favorite one." Each of us has special gifts and talents from God. It is easy, however, to want to be better than others and look down on them. Jesus is the best example of humility, because he loved everyone, even the sinners and outcasts. The truly humble person rejoices in respecting others. Humility helps us to see Jesus in each other-and in ourselves



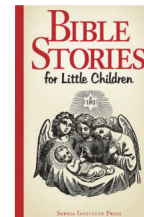
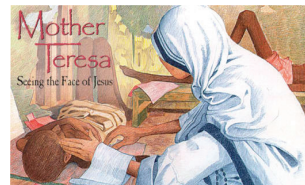
FORMED KIDS' KORNER



The Legends of Robin Hood

The child of a reputable family and a faithful son of the Church, Robert of Locksley had no intention of becoming an outlaw. But the relentless cruelty by the nobility of England demanded that someone rise up to give answer.

More Kids' Content



Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, September 3

First Catechist Training & /VIRTUS Renewal, 6-9pm

Saturday and Sunday, September 7-8

Catechists Profession of Faith

Monday to Wednesday, September 9-11

First Week of R E Classes, Parents accompany children to class

Sunday, September 15

Catechetical Sunday theme is "Christ, Our Mission".

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2. click register
3. enter parish code:
F6F228



Saint Philomena

By Dr. Mark Miravalle

Wonder Worker and Advocate

Martyred for her purity and fidelity to Christ, Saint Philomena is truly a saint for our times. Learn why so many love this young saint, the only one ever to be canonized solely on the basis of the profound miracles attributed to her intercession.

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



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"It's amazing that this saint withstood so much torture with such holy determination even at the young age of 13!"

—Anne Marie, Scarsdale, NY

holy cross academy welcome to the

Holy Cross Academy opened its doors this week and welcomed hundreds of happy students and parents! As is our tradition at Holy Cross, we began the year with the celebration of Mass, asking for our Lord's blessing on this school year. The faculty, parents and students recommitted themselves in a special ceremony, to continue to strive for excellence, academically and spiritually, with an emphasis on seeking to see Jesus in every person and circumstance. We are so excited to see what the Lord has planned for us this year!

Go Crusaders!



holy cross academy first day of school



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Holy Cross Academy Enrollment

We are currently enrolling students for the 2019-20 school year. To learn more about our school, please visit our website, holycrossweb.com, or call us at HCA at 540-286-1600 or St. Mary Preschool at 540-373-7553. We'd love to give you a tour and answer any questions. Our offices are open during the summer and we are happy to meet with you.

St. Mary Catholic Preschool

St. Mary Catholic Preschool has openings in their program for 3 and 4 year olds. Classes are held in the morning on either Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday. Please contact Sheri Castellarin, Preschool Director by phone at 540-373-7553 or via email at preschool@holycrossweb.com.

parish life get involved

Our Lady's Birthday

All are invited to a breakfast celebration for Our Lady's birthday sponsored by the Legion of Mary and the CCW on Saturday, September 7 after the 9am Mass in the Parish Life Center.

Adorer Needed

The Adoration Ministry is in need of a new adorer! Please help spread the word! The Friday EARLY MORNING team will need a new permanent adorer for the 2-3 am time slot on Friday mornings starting in September. Please email adoration@stmaryfred.org or leave your information with the office! Thank you!

Saint Mary Book Club

On Tuesday, September 10, we will be discussing A Pope and A President, by Paul Kengor. This is the extraordinary untold story of the partnership between Pope John Paul II and Ronald Reagan, and how their singular bond drove them to confront the great evil of the twentieth century: Soviet communism. If you have any questions, please email Maureen Guilfoyle at maureenpsg@verizon.net.

Knights Family Dinners are Back!

The first Saturday-of-the-Month family dinners, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will begin again next weekend, September 7. We thank you for all the support that you gave us last year and hope that you will continue to support us again this year. All net proceeds from the dinners are distributed by the K of C Council 4034 Charity Committee to selected area charities. Beneficiaries will include local pro-life organizations, food banks, Catholic schools, and social service organizations that serve the Fredericksburg area

The September Family Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 7 from 6-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes pork loin, roasted red potatoes, sweet corn, garden salad, and ice cream. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is: Adults/Teens:\$7, Seniors (60&up):\$6, Children (7-12):\$5, Children (under 7): Free. THE MAX COST PER FAMILY is \$25

Cases of Love

Spreading love, one case at a time

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23.

How are you using the fruits of the Spirit in your life? Are you ready to share those fruits with the less fortunate in our community? Well, we have the perfect opportunity for you! As an extension of the Outreach Ministry, we are forming a Pillowcase Ministry. Its purpose is to provide colorful handmade pillowcases, along with a new pillow, to the homeless in our community. A pillow and pillowcase may not seem like much, but for a homeless person, it could be one of the only sources of comfort they have at the end of the day when they go to sleep. They will also know that each pillowcase is made with love from people who care about them. If you don't sew, no worries! You can help by donating items that will be needed. The first informational meeting will take place on Tuesday morning, September 10 at 10am in the Parish Life Center, Room 100. Future meetings will take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10am-12pm. If you can't make the meetings, but are

interested in helping, or if you want further information, please contact Adele Falardeau at asfalardeau49@gmail.com

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office through September 30.

- One yard of 100% cotton brightly colored fabric. Flannel is acceptable, but make sure it is 100% cotton.
- Choose themes such as sports, animals, cartoon characters, unicorns, generic patterns, etc. that would be appropriate for children, teenagers, and adults.
- One-half yard of 100% cotton for the cuff of the pillowcase. Choose something that matches or contrasts with the colors in the fabric.
- Place the two pieces of fabric for each pillowcase in a one-gallon zip-top bag.
- All-purpose thread (assorted colors).
- New Standard size pillows (please leave in plastic bag.)

Cursillo Three Day Retreats

Cursillo begins with a three day retreat to examine and celebrate yourself, your relationship with Christ and your relationship with your church community. You will have a short time of silent reflection, hear talks from laity and Priests or Spiritual Directors, have a chance for reconciliation and Mass. Those involved with Cursillo speak from experience, their hearts and their faith. Cursillo has retreat dates available for anyone who would like to participate. The cost is 250.00 which includes meals and accommodations. These dates are scheduled with the Arlington Diocese: Womens 153rd Weekend, September 5-8, 2019 at

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the Washington Retreat House, also Women's 154th Weekend March 19-22, 2020 at San Damiano Spiritual Retreat Center. Men's 139th Weekend is November 7-10, 2019 at the Washington Retreat House and Men's 140th Weekend May 28-31, 2020 at San Damiano Spiritual Retreat Center. Please consider expanding your faith experience to include Cursillo. For information contact: Tammie Chute at tammiechute@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Class

Learning the catechism can be interesting, maybe fun! It will deepen your appreciation and understanding of the Church Pillar I: The Creed provides the foundation needed to begin the four-part journey through the complete Pillars series. The Creed opens up the structure of the Catechism and shows how it is far more than a list of "faith facts," but instead a sure map for your journey of faith.

The cost for workbook, with answers, is \$35. Each class is limited to 35 participants max. This is a twelve week class

Class begins: Either Wednesday, September 11 at 9:45am or Thursday, September 12 at 9:45am. The Wednesday class is almost full.

Retreat for the Seriously Ill

The Retreat for the Seriously Ill, sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Arlington Diocese still has openings for the October 4-6 weekend at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. This is a unique opportunity for persons who face serious physical illness to come for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Celebrate life and the love of the

Lord in a beautiful and comfortable setting. The retreat is staffed by health care professionals who are available throughout the weekend to ensure medical needs are met. Physicians, nurses, priests and other volunteers are present to see you are comfortable and provide what you may need during the retreat. The retreat is open to men and women. There is no cost for this retreat. Please email contact information to Retreat@ccda.net or call 703-335-2779 option 9, for information on the weekend. A nurse from the retreat team will be in contact with you about care needs and the application process. Please provide the following information in the email or voicemail: Name, Phone Number, Available times for a return call, and please state you are calling for the Retreat October 4, 2019. When the return call is made by the nurse, the retreatant must be present to take the call. For any additional information please contact Tammie Chute at tammiechute@hotmail.com

Letter to a Suffering Church

Feeling hurt, angry, or demoralized about the sexual abuse crisis plaguing the Catholic Church? Our parish wants to help, and that's why we've ordered copies of a new book for everyone in the parish. It's titled Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis by Bishop Robert Barron. St. Mary will explore these issues with Bishop Barron's series with Fr. Kelly as moderator or group discussions. Please sign up at the Church Office by September 20. The program will run for 5 consecutive Saturday mornings at 9:30am starting on October 5 and ending on November 2. A free and short book by Bishop Barron and a video series will accompany each of sessions.

Walking With Purpose

Walking with Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible study that aims to bring us to a deeper relationship with Christ. The course involves personal study and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Be a part of a Catholic women's group that will help you grow in your faith.

- Thursdays 6:30-8 pm at the Parish Life Center (begins on October 3rd) and meets until May 2020
- Tuesdays 6:45-8:15 pm at Holy Cross Academy (begins on October 1st)
- Thursdays 6:30-8 pm at the Parish Life Center (begins on October 3rd)

For more information visit the walkingwithpurpose.com and/or contact Lori Mattson at Lori.Mattson@comcast.net.

Middle School Youth Group 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders Friday, September 6 & 20

1st & 3rd Friday of the Month
6:30-8pm in Parish Life Center

Prayers & Squares Ministry

Please come to our meeting and enjoy the fellowship of this Ministry that provides prayer quilts for fellow parishioners who are ill.

Prayers & Squares meetings will resume on **September 11**. Our meetings are at 9:30am the 2nd Wednesday of the month in room 204 in the Parish Life Center. Come for as long as you can and help string quilts and enjoy meeting some of our members.

We provide quilts tied with prayers for parishioners who are suffering with a serious illness. Our duties consist of making quilts, assisting after masses when a quilt is requested and stringing the quilts at our meetings. You can perform all these tasks or pick and choose what you enjoy.

Currently, we are in need of individuals who would be willing to contribute 15 minutes after the mass they are attending. This individual would put the requested quilt out after mass for others to tie a knot and say a prayer. After the congregation leaves they would return it to the closet in back of the church.

We would like to begin some basic quilting classes during this time if the interest is sufficient. If you are interested in joining our ministry please contact either Barbara Walor at 540-786-9324, dhs321@comcast.com or Dian Epp at 703-475-6232, dianepp2@msn.com

noticias en español

HORARIO DE MISAS sábado (vigilia)- 5 & 7pm
domingo- 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am,
12:30pm, 2:30- español, 5pm, 7pm
10:30am en la Academia Holy Cross

MISA DIARIA lunes a viernes 6:30am y 9am
lunes, miércoles y viernes- 12 mediodía
sábado- 9am
Primer viernes del mes- 8pm
Días de obligación, se anuncia en el
boletín y en anuncios de la misa en español

DEVOCIONES Adoración al Santísimo diaria
entre misa 6:30 y 9am
Adoración Perpetua- miércoles
12:30pm hasta viernes 9am
Novena Medalla Milagrosa- lunes
después misa 9am
Coronilla Divina Misericordia
miércoles 3pm

CONFESIONES miércoles 6:30-8:30pm
Sábados - 8am & 3:30pm o por cita

OFICINA PARROQUIAL 540-373-6491, fax 371-0251
stmary@stmaryfred.org
lunes a viernes- 8:30am-4:30pm
Secretaria parroquial- Jachabel
Ríos (habla español)

MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES 540-373-6491
Director, Leo Chavarria
Tatiana Beltra

BAUTISMOS clases el primer sábado del mes a las
2pm en el Salón Father Rooney (Salón de
las cruces al lado oficina)

MATRIMONIO contacte la oficina parroquial para
más información

CONVALIDACIONES contacte a la oficina
parroquial para más información

QUINCEAÑERAS contacte a la oficina parroquial
para más información

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (CATECISMO) contacte a la oficina parroquial
para más información

RCIA lunes 7:30pm comienzan en septiembre -
más información en la oficina parroquial

CORO PARROQUIAL Practicas los viernes 7-9pm, domingos
12:30-2pm en el salón música
Centro de Vida Parroquial

GRUPO DE PAREJAS El cuarto domingo del mes de 12-2pm
en el salón 204 Centro de Vida
Parroquial

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN "Confiados en Jesús y María" todos los
viernes a las 7pm en la Casa Juan Pablo II

LEGIÓN DE MARÍA JUNIOR Viernes 6:30-8:30pm en el
Salón Father Rooney

LEGIÓN DE MARÍA Viernes 8pm en Salón Father Rooney



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SÁBADO SEPTIEMBRE 21

Feria Legal 2019
9:00AM A 3:00PM

CONSULTAS LEGALES GRATIS CON ABOGADOS DE INMIGRACIÓN, CRIMINAL Y FAMILIA, CONSULTORES FINANCIEROS, BANCARIOS, EXPERTOS EN TEMAS DE VIVIENDA, PRÉSTAMOS HIPOTECARIOS, SEGUROS Y MUCHO MÁS...

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Faith Direct

Gracias por ser parte de nuestra St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception familia. A medida que se prepara para el fin de verano y el comienzo de una ocupada temporada de otoño, por favor considere inscribirse en dar electrónicamente a través de Faith Direct para que sus donaciones puedan llegar a nosotros incluso cuando usted no pueda. Visite www.faithdirect.net y utilice el código de la iglesia: VA635. ¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial!

around the parish happenings

UMW Students

We would like to invite you to join our community at the St. John Bosco Center! We are the Catholic Campus Ministry for the University of Mary Washington. Come by to visit us at 1614 College Ave. across from University Center on the UMW campus.

For more information, visit our Web site at umwcatholic.org

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Would you like the Blessed Mother to visit your home for two weeks? Please contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or email maryloufelts@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Freedom 5K Run/Walk & Kids 1-Mile Fun Run

The Knights of Columbus Freedom 5K Family Walk/Run is back and scheduled for October 5, 2019. NEW this year — Kid's 1-Mile Fun Run! Be sure to register early and find more information at kofcfreedom5k.com or find us on facebook @kofcfreedom5k. 100% of all donations will be used to support three local organizations. This year, the three organizations that will benefit from your generosity are Mary's Shelter, Loisann's Hope House, and Birthright of Fredericksburg.

Back-Packs for Fredericksburg Kids

Members of the outreach committee came together this week to pack 100 back-packs filled with ingredients for a meal for a family of four along with snacks and juice for school-aged children. St. Mary's is proud to support this program through our affiliation with Micah's Food Insecurity Council. The program was launched last year and has supported over 1,500 families.

Thank you St. Mary parishioners for your generous support!



*We invite all Christians to
gather in the peace of Christ
at St. Mary*

Monday, September 9
*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.

Come to the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party at The Colonial Tavern

Home To The Irish Brigade

406 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA

Sunday, September 15th 1pm to 5pm

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Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collections for August 18

Offertory \$34,109

Offertory Collections for August 25

Offertory \$29,861

Assumption Collection \$9,040

Little Sisters of the Poor \$10,979

Food Bank Children's \$1,973

Parish Building Fund (add'l) \$3,114

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$341

Second collection next week will support the Religious Education Program for our Parish. Thank you for your generosity!

Religious Education Program

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, parish expenses for our Religious Education Program were \$39,224.64, and your generosity in supporting the faith formation of our children is sincerely appreciated.

Pro-Life Reflection

"A child is God's greatest gift to the family, to the nation, to the world. The child is a life from God, created in the image of God, created for great things, to love and to be loved" (Saint Teresa of Calcutta). Saint Teresa of Calcutta died twenty-one years ago on September 5, 1997. She saw in each person – no matter how sick or depraved – the image of God. She spoke boldly to those in power about the evil of abortion. In her Nobel Peace Prize lecture, she said that the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. She led women away from abortion clinics and toward alternatives. Let us honor her by imitating her. "Saint Teresa, pray for us so that we may defend life as you did."

O Heavenly Father, we praise and

thank You for the life of Saint Teresa of Calcutta and her extraordinary service of love, especially to the poor, the unwanted, the sick and the dying. On the anniversary of her death, we ask You, Beloved Father, to flood our lives with the light and spirit of Christ. Allow us to always light the way for others with the same deep faith and love that Saint Teresa showed. Let our actions resemble her generous and humble ways. May she rejoice forever in the Light of Your Love for she dedicated herself unselfishly in the service of Your Holy Name. Amen.

September Children's Charity

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of September will be donated to the Stafford Junction HUGS Program. Stafford Junction is a faith-based nonprofit organization that serves high-need children, youth and their families residing in Stafford County. Their mission is to transform lives through faith and action. They partner with residents, local churches, service agencies, and businesses to connect lives, build relationships, and foster understanding across socio-economic lines. Partners share the love of God by meeting the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of those we serve. HUGS (Helping Us Grow Strong) is a program uniquely designed to complement the success of the Brain Builders after school program by working with children ages zero to five. Offering activities to enhance children's social and emotional development, HUGS helps to prepare these children for the school environment. Additionally, their partnership with the YMCA Massad Preschool allows the children to participate in structured preschool learning to further enhance their school readiness. For more information visit their website at www.staffordjunction.org. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education

Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Respect Life Sunday

National Life Chain

Sunday, October 6

Annual Life Chain 2-3:30pm

"But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in depth, so also grace might reign through righteousness."

– Romans 5:20-21

What is a Life Chain?

The first Life Chain, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by Please Let Me Live, a small pro-life ministry in Yuba City, California. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that claims over one million American lives annually, and has claimed over sixty million lives worldwide, through surgical abortion. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration. Hundreds of Christians – clergy and lay people -- stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs reading Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: The Loving Option, Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation, Life: The First Inalienable Right. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives. Consider the words of Pope John Paul II who said, "When life before birth is attacked, we will stand up. No one ever has the authority to destroy unborn human life."

St. Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 6 and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in the Parish Life Center at 2pm. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Emma Gilbert, Virginia Gannon, Daniel Burke, Dorie Lee, Christopher Szynal, Joy Zerby, Mariah Ceidlinger, Kelly Carperter-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, Patricia Russo, Charles Dittmer, Bruce Mattern, Dorothy Simmons, 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, 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, Thomas Biddulph, Fernando Guadarrama, Margaret Dougherty, Betty Gil, Adrienne Menjivar, Deanna White, David Mares, 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, Frank Pollack, Leslie and Charlotte Heagney, Joseph Daley, Carolyn Shebora, Melvin Schreckinger, Stephen Inguanti, Rhonda Wolfe, John Druiett, Delia Flores, Bruce Berry, Glen Gress, Bobby Blankenship & family, Buddy & Vincent Yerkie & Family and William Davis III, Carolyn Allen, Mitchell Wood, Felicity Peletier, Leah Sanford, Jason Stoker, Makenna Anne Koetzle, Peggy Silverman, Jack Ryan, Amy Peretta, Janet Fisher, Paul Scott, Wendy Vann, Michael Vann, Michelle Thomas, Jerry Hall, Zeldia Meyer, Jack Ryan, Robert Boggio, Ryan McNichol, Bianca Sanchez, Jackeline Sanchez & Family, Mary Hope Burkett, Dick Geary, Sean Duarte, Linda Schaaf, Ingrid Mohammed, Dave & Joy Zerby, David Silberman, Mrs. Joann A. Formeller, Jim Matarese & Son, Paula Hass, Leony Scott, Catherine Laski, Winifred Herrin, Brenda Leffel, Deborah Nunez, Larry Hays, Alma Keyes, Mary Carr-John, Phil Fuller, Jean Guinn, Sylvia Littlepaige, Alma Keyes, Andy Johnston, Jacoby Smith, Andrew Prybys, Richard Epp, Mary Wehman, Barbara Sisbarro, Maria Atkins. Santo Domingo Hernandez Gomez & family

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, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobes, John Paul Smetek, Matthew Molino, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman

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

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.**

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings September

2 MONDAY

6:30am No Mass - Labor Day

9:00am Alma Bonner+

1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

3 TUESDAY

6:30am Lynne Smith+

9:00am Walter Heffner+

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

4 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Mary Liberty+

9:00am Barbara Mertens+

12:00pm Sister Susan Louise

Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

5 THURSDAY

6:30am Bill Gellerman & Vicky Thorpe

9:00am Sarah Taylor

Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

6 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation

8:15am* Joanne and Donald Osowski

9:00am In Reparation

12:00pm In Reparation

8:00pm In Reparation

Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

7 SATURDAY

9:00am Donald Colwick+

5:00pm Dennis Haselhorst+

7:00pm Alex Pellar

Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

8 SUNDAY

7am Mark & Heather Gardner & Family

8:30am Robert Chase+

10:30am For Our Parish

10:30am* LTC James W. Doepp, Jr.+

12:30pm Margarita Martinez Romero+

2:30pm Roxana Granados

5:00pm Grace Walsh

7:00pm Guerrero Bencomo Family

Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33