### **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 29, 2019** 



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church 1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

# upcoming

## September



Roman Catholic Church

#### 29 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, Masses Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm 6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group

#### 30 Monday, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidio in Parish Life Center, Room 100 4:45pm, Religious Education Class, Parish Life Center 6:30pm, Religious Education Class, Parish Life Center 7:30pm, RCIA, Church

#### October

#### 1 Tuesday, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

10am, CCW Board Meeting Parish Life Center, Room 100 4:45pm, Religious Education Class, Parish Life Center 6pm, Religious Education Class at Holy Cross Academy 6:30pm, Religious Education Class, Parish Life Center

#### 2 Wednesday, The Holy Guardian Angels

9:45am, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church 4:45pm, Religious Education Class, Parish Life Center 6pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 6:30pm, Religious Education Class, Parish Life Center 6:30pm, Confessions, Church 6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House 7:30pm, Young Adult Meeting, Parish Office Library

#### 3 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, Craft Group in Parish Life Center, Room 100 9:45am, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 6pm, Walking With Purpose, Parish Life Center 7pm, Nar-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 100 7pm, Baptism Class, Courtyard Meeting Room

#### 4 Friday, Saint Francis of Assisi

9am, St Anne's Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House 6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room 8pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room

#### 5 Saturday, Weekday [Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest]

8am, Confessions, Church
9:30am, Letter to a Suffering Church with Fr. Kelly, Courtyard Meeting Room
10am, Baptisms, Church
10am, Al-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 204
2pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Courtyard Meeting Room
3:30pm, Confessions, Church
6-8:30pm, Knights of Columbus October Family Dinner, Parish Life Center

#### 6 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, Mass Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm 6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group

### pulpit nnouncements

#### nota bene (note well, please):

#### **Special Collection for Hurricane Relief Special Collection for Hurricane Relief Efforts in the Bahamas This Weekend**

All parishes in the Diocese have been asked to take up a special collection to aid in the relief efforts due to the devastating hurricane in the Bahamas. We will take up this collection this weekend, and all checks should be made payable to the parish. Your generosity is most appreciated.

- St Mary Marriage Ministry Date Nights are Back! More information on page 4
- Respect Life Sunday Annual Life Chain *Save the date and more information on page 9*
- Noticias en Español Más información en la página 10

#### We've Got Scrip Gift Cards For That!

Do you buy groceries at Giant, Walmart or Weis? We've Got Scrip Gift Cards For That! Buy breakfast or lunch at Chipotle, Taco Bell, Wendy's, or Panera? We've Got Scrip Gift Cards For That! Enjoy fine dining at Red Lobster, Outback, Bravos, Bonefish, Carrabba's, Bob Evans, or Cracker Barrel? We've Got Scrip Gift Cards For That! Stop by the Scrip Gift Card table in the Parish Life Center after Mass and purchase gift cards or to review the list of all the Scrip Gift Cards that are available. Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Scrip Coordinator at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase or with any questions. Thanks for using Scrip Gift Cards!

### contact us

Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm

Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am **DAILY** 

M/W/F: 12 Noon **MASS** 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

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BAPTISMS Parish registration (90 days) and class

required.

Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks

in advance.

**MARRIAGE** Parish registration required; contact

parish six months in advance to begin

preparation.

**JOIN US** New Parishioner Welcome meetings held in the Parish Life Center on fourth Sun

days, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication. Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

## from our pastor

# pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

How can I better "Live by the Spirit, Walk by the Spirit?"

Throughout the year I would like for us to consider the fruit of the Holy Spirit as enumerated in Galatians chapter 5. The first fruit of the Holy Spirit mentioned by Saint Paul is Love.

Love is divine charity. The life of grace in our souls. It is not what we feel, it is what we live. It is what makes us who we are as sons and daughters of the King!

We all must ask ourselves frequently, "Is this \_\_\_\_\_ leading me to greater charity?" If the answer is no, and if the \_\_\_\_\_ is leading us to more works of the flesh as described by Saint Paul, then we need surgery. Cut it out of your life.

Each of us is given sufficient grace by God to live our vocations. If you ask Jesus what draws you to Him, expect that he will answer. And it will likely start with a recognition of the things in your life which are leading you away from the life of Love.

Please fill in that blank, and honestly ask yourself the question. Then you will better live and walk by His power.





#### WE NEED YOU!



# **Our Parish Ministries in Need of Your Assistance**

#### **Parish Life Committee**

We are a fun bunch of folks who organize and set-up the many social events that promote community at St. Mary's like the Ice Cream Social, Catechist/Teacher Appreciation Dinner & Easter at the EXPO. We need heavy lifters and creative helpers.

Contact: Barbara Walor dhs321@comcast.net

#### **New Parishioner Welcome**

Are you friendly? How about joining this team in welcoming new parishioners once a month after the 10:30am Mass?

Contact: Elizabeth Dominguez elizabethdom@hotmail.com

#### **Ushers**

We sure could use some more reliable ushers. Are you up for welcoming and helping the other members of your parish find a seat and assist in collections etc. Ushers play a huge role in our ability to celebrate Mass. Tom Fish fishbrx@gmail.com
Javier Flores javier112690@yahoo.com

#### **Outreach Committee**

This group of inspiring people, help our brothers and sisters in so many ways throughout the year by delivering food, assembling birthing kits, visiting nursing homes etc. Always looking for more helping hands!

Contact: Torie Baldwin keetongirl2@yahoo.com

#### **Garden's Committee**

Do you have a green thumb or wish you did? Come and learn about all sorts of plants and help our parish campus stay beautiful at the same time.

Contact: Arlene & Joe Wilkinson, jbmwilkinson@verizon.net

### education

# holy cross academy

#### **Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

The Conor Jerome Catholic Education Assistance Program (CJCEAP) is a need-based scholarship grant program developed and administered by Fredericksburg Council #4034 of the Knights of Columbus. The purpose of the program is to give deserving students the financial means to continue their Catholic school education and to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to families who, because of financial difficulties, are unable to fully pay the current year's tuition at Holy Cross Academy.

Families that have applied for financial aid through FACTS Grant & Aid may apply for this scholarship for the 2019-20 school year. Applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2019. Holy Cross Academy will provide verification that the family meets the school's criteria for financial aid. To obtain an application, please contact HCA Business Manager Kathy Whetzel at hcabookkeeper@holycrossweb.com.

Eighth Grade student Theresa Varga won 1st place in the 7th & 8th Grade Division of the Elks Lodge

Americanism Essay Contest for the State of Virginia. The theme of the essay was "What Makes You Proud of America" and was given to students as an English assignment. Theresa received her plaque in July at Local Elks Lodge 875 in Fredericksburg. Her essay has been sent to the Elks USA Nationals. Good luck Theresa!



#### **Dress Down Days Success**

Holy Cross students earned their first Dress Down Day for contributing to the Manna Food Project food drive. HCA contributed \$216 and 679 pounds of food, providing 998 meals for the food-insecure population in our region. Way to go Crusaders! Holy Cross is a wonderful place to learn and grow. To learn more about our school, please visit our website, holycrossweb.com, or give us call at 540-286-1600. We'd love to share with you what makes this place so special.



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## our parish

# religious education

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#### **I Confess**

The Confiteor (Latin for "I Confess") is one of the prayers of sorrow for sin that may be recited by the

people as the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass. This prayer admits that we sin by what we have done, and also -- like the rich young man in today's Gospel – by what we have failed to do. We ask Mary, the saints and the whole Church to pray for us in our weakness.



#### **1st Week of Religious Ed. Classes**

Each class began in the main hall of the Parish Life Center where parents and students were briefed on the new school year. After that they went to their classrooms where they were also briefed by their catechists.





#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 30 - Oct. 2

Religious Education Classes

Monday & Tuesday Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 6:30pm

Deacon Alberto classes with Spanish speaking parents

Monday-Wednesday, October 7-9

Religious Education Classes

Monday and Tuesday October 7 & 8, 6:30pm

Deacon Alberto classes with Spanish speaking parents

Monday to Wednesday, October 14-16

No Religious Education Classes

Monday, October 14 - Columbus Day, Office closed

**Tuesday, October 15** - Teaching Masses at 4:45pm and 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 16 at 6pm

2021/ Yr. 1 Confirmation Class Formation Night at Holy Cross Academy

Thursday, October 17 at 6pm

2020/Yr. 2 Confirmation Class Formation Night at Holy Cross Academy

#### **FORMED**

PICK OF THE WEEK

#### Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi



"What a brilliant story, beautifully told. I was so moved and inspired."

—Flor De Liz P, Astoria, NY

LISTEN ON FORMED.ORG

#### Get to Know the Real Francis

Discover the astonishing life of Saint Francis, the fun-loving son of wealth and privilege who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.



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1. formed.org 2. click register 3. enter parish code F6F228

# our parish youth ministry

#### **JOIN FITNESS CLUB!**

Next meeting is October 12, please contact Rachel Luciani at **lucianir@comcast.net** 





# St. Mary's Craft Club

All children ages 3 and up are invited for a fun time creating craft projects with the "St. Mary's Craft Club". The club will meet the last Saturday of each month 9:45 - 10:45am in the John Paul II house.

October 26: Fall wreath

November 30th:
Christmas Ornaments and Advent Wreaths

Join the club! Please email Mrs. Julia at **Julia.Apicella@gmail.** com to receive a Craft Club enrollment form or pick one up in the parish office. For questions, please call Mrs. Julia at 540-344-1212.

Each craft club date includes faith formation activities as well. We look forward to seeing you!



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#GetInvolvedBeTransformed

Stay Up-to-Date

Be sure to stay in the know with St.
Mary CYM by visiting
stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry

### parish life

# get involved

#### Manna Project Food Drive Results

Thank you, parishioners, for your kind donations during Hunger Awareness Month. This month, we collected 1,963 pounds of donations and raised \$4,649.67. This equates to 10,935 meals for the food insecure in our area.

In the spotlight, we would like to give a special thanks to the families of Holy Cross Academy. You raised \$216 and 679lbs of food to contribute to our totals - that's 998 meals! Well done, Crusaders!

You, too, can help our neighbors by donating and/or volunteering with the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, fredfood.org.

You might be surprised to learn: More than 33,000 people in our area are food insecure.

1 in 5 children in our region are struggling with hunger.

1 in 5 seniors in our region does not have enough food to eat.

\$1 helps provide the equivalent of 2 meals into our community.

Thank you for supporting the Manna Project and the FRFB as we serve those in need.

# Save the dates for upcoming Senior Luncheons

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 Monday, March 16, 2020 Wednesday, June 10, 2020

We hope to see you there! Questions? Call Lara Traylor (note the area code) at **504-491-3029**.

#### **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.

#### **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: 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.

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

Preregistration is not required; books can be purchased online at walkingwithpurpose.com or you can order the book at our first meeting. Come and see what we're all about! For more information visit the walkingwithpurpose. com and/or contact Lori Mattson at Lori.Mattson@comcast.net.

# parish life **get involved**

#### **Calling All Crafters!**

The Annual CCW Craft Bazaar And Bake Sale will be October 26-27 . Please if you have any handmade items you would like to donate let us know. There WILL NOT be a mini bazaar this year, BUT we will have the cookie sale on December 8. Contact Wanda at wandasj823@gmail.com for more information.

#### 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.

#### **Contemporary Ensemble Invitation**

The Contemporary Ensemble is looking for additional vocalists, especially men. If you pray in song, St. Mary's wants to hear you. Our vision for the 5pm, Saturday evening Mass is a tasteful mix of contemporary songs and traditional hymns with instrumentation that includes piano, guitar, flute, trumpet and violin. We rehearse vocals Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm as well as Saturday afternoons at 4pm until Mass begins. Instruments rehearse Saturday afternoons at 3pm and are joined by vocalists at 4pm. If you like to sing "God songs" in the car or in the shower, email **Gordon.Alling**@ **comcast.net** or call 540-786-2200

#### **Cases of Love**

We are busy making pillowcases for the residents at the Thurman Brisben Center, Mary's Shelter, and Paul Stefan Shelter. Meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00 in the Parish Life Center, Rm. 100. 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

We are in desperate need of fabric! Donations are greatly appreciated! They can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

- One yard of 100% cotton brightly colored fabric for the body of the pillowcase. Flannel is okay, but make sure it is 100% cotton.
- One-half yard of 100% cotton for the cuff of the pillowcase. Choose something that matches or contrasts with the colors in the body of the pillowcase.
- -Choose appropriate themes for children, preteens/teens, and adults (mostly female).
- -Religious, Halloween, Christmas, patriotic themes should be avoided. -Place the two pieces of fabric for each pillowcase in a one-gallon Ziploc bag.
- -We will also accept gift cards from places that sell fabric, such as Walmart, Joanne's or Hobby Lobby. Stop by the Scrip Gift Card table in the Parish Life Center after Mass. They have gift cards for Joanne's Fabrics and Walmart.

Many thanks to those who have already donated fabric and pillows!!

#### **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.

#### **Adorer Needed**

Adorer Needed Looking for Permanent Adorer at the following times: 1-2am; 2-3am; noon-1pm Thursdays. Please email adoration@stmaryfred.org

#### Fr. Mick Kelly's Lecture Celebrating Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart"



Join us for this special lecture in honor of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman's canonization as SAINT

#### Friday, October 11 7:30pm in the St. Mary's Courtyard Meeting Room

Fr. Kelly presents an overview of Blessed Newman's life and incredible works. All are welcome!

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

You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taizé Community in France, the second Monday of every month at 8:15pm.

It is our hope that this monthly prayer brings together Christians of all churches, pastors and flocks, as together we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about Unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one." It is something we are unable to do ourselves.

This Unity which embraces all people stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...and belongs to the essence of our community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and fulfill his plan for us.

# vida parroquial

**HORARIO** 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 9:am

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

540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 PARROQUIAL stmary@stmaryfred.org

lunes a viernes- 8:30am-4:30pm Secretaria parroquial- Jachabel

Ríos (habla español)

**MINISTERIO** 540-373-6491

**DE JÓVENES** 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 contacte a la oficina parroquial

**RELIGIOSA** para más información

(CATECISMO)

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

Practicas los viernes 7-9pm, domingos

PARROQUIAL 12:30-2pm en el salon música

Centro de Vida Parroquial

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

Parroquial

**GRUPO DE** "Confiados en Jesús y María" todos los

ORACIÓN viernes a las 7pm en la Casa Juan Pablo II

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

**MARÍA JUNIOR** 

**LEGIÓN DE** Viernes 8pm en Salón Father Rooney

MARÍA

#### ¿ Desea aprender a leer la Biblia y no sabe como empezar?

Lo invitamos a la clase de Biblia en español con el Diácono Alberto lunes y martes a las 6:30 pm (durante las clases de educación religiosa) en el Centro de Vida Parroquial. No tiene que registrarse. Lo esperamos.

#### Clase de Bautismo en Español

Día - sábado, 5 de octubre | Hora - 2-4 pm | Lugar - Courtyard Meeting Room (salón de las cruces al costado de la oficina parroquial)

#### Próxima reunión Ministerio de Bendiciones Especiales para padres o encargados de niños con necesidades especiales es

Día- jueves, 10 de octubre | Hora: 7-9 pm | Lugar: Salón Courtyard (salón de las Cruces) al costado de la oficina parroquial.

#### Fredericksburg 40 **Days for Life**

Since Choices opened in 2012, the number of abortions in our community has decreased from 927 every year... down to 478 each year. That's 449 lives saved every year that we continue to stand in faith & obedience with our King!

I believe that even greater things are possible when we unite together in prayer. For 40 days, I will be standing in faith, praying for even greater Abundant Life in our community. I'm inviting each one of you to join me as often or as little as you're able.

What We're Praying For...

Weekdays at UMW: We are praying for The Love of Christ and The Power of The Gospel to transform the UMW campus, standing in faith that everyone on campus will be set free to receive and live in the fullness of the Abundant LIFE God has purposed for them! Where Abundant Life in Christ dwells, the deceptions of abortion cannot stand. So, we're going to be The Love of Christ at UMW. This is prayer & outreach, not protest.

Weekends at Choices Women's **Center:** We're standing in faith together to pray for God's perfect will to be done through the ministry at Choices until every client & baby are, indeed, SAVED!

#### Ways You Can Participate...

1 - Sign up to pray at 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/fredericksburg. Create a Login > Add Fredericksburg Campaign > Sign Up for Vigil Hours

Contact: Miranda 540-809-7344/ mwallo@cwcva.org

- 2 Churches & Life Groups can pray together! Invite your life group or congregation to gather & pray together on a particular day/ time of your choice. Let me know the day/time and I'll add the announcement on the vigil calendar & Facebook page.
- 3 Come out and worship with us during Worship Nights, Fridays at 7pm at Choices Women's Center (Event tent set up in case of rain; Office bathrooms open).

Follow the Fredericksburg 40 Days for Life Facebook page for updates, testimonies & events.

# live by the spirit



2019 Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church Ministry

#### We Welcome Your Unique Gifts!



- Are you seeking...
  ... a way to deepen your relationship with Christ?
  - ... to feel connected to your parish family?
  - ... to be a part of something greater than yourself?

#### You are needed at St. Mary!

With over 80 ministries, there is something for everyone... so many ways to grow and share your faith. NOW is the time to become an active participant in your parish family!

How does one even begin to discern how or where to serve? We can help! Members of the Stewardship Committee are happy to meet with you and discuss your gifts and talents, and how they match up with current needs within the many ministries and opportunities here at St. Mary's. (The following page has many ministries listed within particular charisms.)

Take the first step by filling out the form below. Return it to the parish office or put it into the collection basket at Mass so that we can schedule a time to meet with you and help you decide!

Name:	
Address:	
Preference to Meet (i.e. day of the week/morning/aftern	
Identify below any area(s) that you can relate to:	
I like teaching/evangelizing	I am drawn to pro-life work
I feel drawn to working with the poor/homeless	I am organized and like planning
I have and/or yearn for a deeper prayer life	I love music
I am a writer and like to encourage others	I like spending time with the elderly
I am outgoing and welcoming	I like spending time with children
other (write below)	I am crafty

Esta página está disponible en español. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquial. Please contact the Stewardship Committee with your questions: stewardship@stmaryfred.org.

## operations

# given in love

#### **Weekly Offertory**

#### Offertory Collection - September 22

Offertory \$31,520
Building Fund \$8,648
Catholic University (add'l) \$2,011

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$133

Second collection next week will support the Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs". Thank you for your generosity!

### Porto Charities Annual Collection

### For God's Special Children October 5 & 6

The month of October has been designated as Disabilities Awareness Month, and Bishop Burbidge has enthusiastically endorsed Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. Next Sunday there will be a second collection to assist special need programs such as the Paul VI High School, Saint John Paul the Great and St. Mark's School Special Education Options Program, the Helen Keller Institute, Gabriel Home, Special Olympics, and the "Keyboard for Kids" program which provides audio visual communication capability to special needs students in the diocese. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, their families and this entire diocese. Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church. For more information, visit portocharities.org.

# October Children's Charity

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coor-

dinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each

#### **Pro-Life Reflection**

"God's infinite love for each one of us helps us to grasp our identity and our worth. The recognition of this dignity leads us to respect and protect each person's life..." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities) We pray for the world that all people may recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God's creation.

# A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight." – St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Feast Day October 1

Come, adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, and honor His Holy Mother by saying the Rosary in His Divine Presence. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7am to 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

#### **Blessing Of Animals**

#### Saturday, October 5, 10am

The traditional blessing of animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on Saturday, October 6 at 10:00am in the Blessed Mother Prayer Garden in front of the Church. Please park away from the area to allow space for our "rambunctious" pets. Please also come prepared to clean up after your pet in case of "accidents". All animals should be contained or leashed.

# liturgy

# daily bread

#### **Saint Mary Prayer List**

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 Boyat, 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, Zelda 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, Otilia Dogmoc, Linda Rager, Samantha Stumpf, Lonnie Dalton, Gail Erickson, Brenda Dudley, Debbie Beebe, Blanca Garcia, Rildo Ribelino Soto, Giles Morgan

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, 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, Andrew Qualls

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

#### **30 MONDAY**

6:30am Sr. Susan Louise Eder 9:00am Margaret Langfeld+ 12:00pm Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Charles Calabro, Sr.+

Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50

#### **October**

#### 1 TUESDAY

6:30am Katrina Oteyza 9:00am Tatiana Beltran Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

#### 2 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Malcolm Mackinnon+ 9:00am Charles A. Trainum+ Neh 2:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10

#### **3 THURSDAY**

6:30am Elizabeth Husselman 9:00am Roseanne Burke Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

#### 4 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation 8:15am\* Timothy Hanlon+ 9:00am In Reparation 12:00pm In Reparation

8:00pm (First Friday) In Reparation

Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

#### **5 SATURDAY**

9:00am Kristine MacKinnon 5:00pm George Billing+ 7:00pm Barbara Phelan+ Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

#### 6 SUNDAY

7:00am Sharon Ludwig 8:30am Respect For All Life 10:30am Edward Holzworth 10:30am\* Lloyd Miller+

12:30pm Those Who Died in September 2:30pm Jose Rafael Guia Reynoso+

5:00pm For Our Parish 7:00pm John A. Walker Jr.

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10