

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 17, 2019



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

upcoming

November



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

17 SUNDAY, THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm

2pm, Youth Ministry WorkCamp Information Meeting, Parish Life Center

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group

18 Monday, Weekday [The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin]

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

12:45pm, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

4:45pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

19 Tuesday, Weekday

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room

4pm, Altar Server Training, Church

4:45pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

6pm, RE Class at HCA

6:30pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

20 Wednesday, Weekday

9:45am, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

9:45am, Prayers and Squares, Parish Life Center, Room 204

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church

4:45pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

6pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Confessions, Church

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

7:30pm, Young Adults Meeting, Parish Office Library

21 Thursday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

9:45am, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, Walking With Purpose, Parish Life Center

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

22 Friday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

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

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

6:30pm, YM St Vito's Dance Club, Parish Life Center Main Hall

8pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room

23 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr]

8am, Hispanic Morning of Reflection for Advent

8am, Confessions, Church

10:30am, Mary's Shelter Baby Celebration

10am, Baptisms, Church

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

3:30pm Confessions, Church

24 SUNDAY, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm

Thanksgiving Day Mass

There will be a Special Mass at 10am on Thursday, November 28, to celebrate Thanksgiving. As we have done for so many years, we ask all those attending to bring non-perishable food items with them for Thanksgiving, to be donated to the Food Bank for those in need. We hope you will join us and begin your day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, giving thanks to Our Lord. Please note there will not be a 6:30am or a 9am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

▪ **Virginia Catholic Conference Voter Education Resources** - *More information on page 12*

▪ **Bethlehem Wood Carvings will be on sale next weekend after Masses**

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▪ **Noticias en Español**

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Special First Thanksgiving Event

St. Mary's to Host a "First Thanksgiving" for Catholic Charities' Refugee Migration Services recent arrivals. Once again our parish family will embrace those who have recently arrived to our country and share with them the beautiful tradition of Thanksgiving. If you are interested in helping to cook, set-up tables, serve and/or welcome these new families, please contact Elena Doyle at the parish office or via email edoyle@stmaryfred.org. If you are a student and would like to play games or help kids with crafts, contact Tatiana Beltran at tbeltran@stmaryfred.org. Our MRS (Migration Refugee Services) Thanksgiving will take place on Thursday, November 21 at 6pm in the Parish Life Center.

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

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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234
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OUTREACH

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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 Sunday, 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 Brothers and Sister of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception,

Let me begin by saying that I am truly grateful to God for the opportunity to serve you. I love this parish and am filled with wonder at the great works of the Lord. In an extended bulletin note today, you will find: our annual financial report, HCA update, feedback from our parish survey, and action items.

Annual Financial Report

Today, you can find the annual financial report on page 8 herein. Let me highlight the bottom line that we are in good shape, showing a total parish surplus of \$533k. While standard account shows a 'surplus' of income, this is actually the money that we used to pay interest and principal on our loan.

For the whole year, we saw an increase of 5.9% in Sunday offertory! This is primarily because last November you prayerfully considered an increase to your Sunday offertory.

To isolate the specific effect of this increased offertory appeal, we compared July-October 2019 to the same period last year and are showing an increase of 10% in Sunday offertory. Thank you.

Offertory Growth

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 0.5% | 1.1% | 3.6% | 0.8% | 1.7% | 5.9% |

Average Offertory per Household —as calculated by diocesan audit

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| \$467 | \$454 | \$462 | \$452 | \$433 | \$436 |

“Expand our Parish School and...”

Holy Cross Academy has welcomed Dr. Stephen Fry with wonderful kindness and energy. In listening to HCA faculty, staff, and families, Dr. Fry has identified several projects that can help to better utilize the existing space, in advance of the absolutely needed expansion. These include re-purposing a conference room as a chapel, upgraded security measures, a divider in the gym, and new basketball hoops.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception and Holy Cross Academy are absolutely committed to the expansion and improvement of our school facilities. We have raised and saved \$815k for the expansion project, and those funds must be spent on expansion and improvement! Any short term projects will not spend the money that has been saved for the major expansion.

Survey 2018-9: Your Priorities

At the end of last year, we completed an in-pew and online survey with 2,155 responses. Let me share with you some key takeaways.

1. Your number one expressed priority? Debt reduction. As many have expressed, no one builds a larger house when it is difficult to pay the mortgage on the current home. We have continued to keep fiscal responsibility as our number one priority. (See Table Q12).
2. You express widespread support for the many improvements, to HCA, the PLC, and Adoration Chapel and more. Fiscal reasonability does not exclude addressing the many short term and long term identified needs. (See Table Q14).

our parish financial report

3. You also support the need for the parish to run a capital campaign. 257 respondents also indicated a willingness to help with the campaign itself! (See Table Q15).

4. You would also like to see the Traditional Latin Mass offered. This one totally surprised me: 26.4% of respondents would like us to offer this. (See Table Q17).

5. You expressed widespread desire for more confession availability. (See Table Q18).

Action Items:

1. **Capital Campaign:** We must discern next the How & When.

2. **Holy Cross Academy:** Will move forward with the improvements that can be made to current facilities, and work towards fiscally responsible expansion.

3. **Confessions:** Beginning December 4th, we will add confessions after the noon Mass on Wednesdays. Your #1 preference was for Monday evenings, but the calendar does not make that regularly possible. By adding these mid-day I hope that we can meet the needs of some folks who find it difficult to come to our Wednesday evening hours.

4. **Latin Mass:** Beginning December 31st, on Holy Days of Obligation a Vigil Mass will be offered in Latin. Because none of your current clergy are capable of offering the Extraordinary Form this will be the ordinary form of the Mass. This will be a first step in gauging interest.

"Thank you"

I have shared with you a few targeted summaries of the wonderful data gathered in the parish survey. It has been a great help in understanding the mind and desires of the parish.

I read every single one of the comments, and they were insightful, corrective, helpful and mostly kind. Even the expressed frustrations were useful. One of my takeaways was that I could personally improve my celebration of the sacrament of confession. I love this sacrament, and in three years we added times for confessions and added extra priests to the hours we already had.

Additionally, in the last three years you have generously responded to the invitation to spend more time with Jesus in Adoration. We have moved from 10 hours to over 200 hours per month of adoration! Adding additional noon weekday Masses has greatly increased the number of daily Holy Communions!

With the generous support and ministry of our parochial vicars, this enriched sacramental life has been a great blessing for our parish family. Thank you for your love of Jesus, the Church, your priests, and one another.

I am ever grateful for your faithfulness, kindness, and generosity. May we continue to Live by the Spirit and Walk by the Spirit.

Pax et Bonum
Father Mosium

survey responses

Q12 Prioritize the following parish needs (Rank 1, 2, 3 as many as you think are important)

Answered: 1,719 Skipped: 436

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | TOTAL | SCORE |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------|-------|
| Debt Reduction | 35.73% 527 | 22.98% 339 | 18.92% 279 | 11.25% 166 | 6.71% 99 | 2.51% 37 | 1.83% 27 | 0.07% 1 | 0.00% 0 | 1,475 | 7.55 |
| Long Term Parking Solution | 15.85% 216 | 19.37% 264 | 15.99% 218 | 13.72% 187 | 10.49% 143 | 13.65% 186 | 10.49% 143 | 0.44% 6 | 0.00% 0 | 1,363 | 6.31 |
| PLC New Roof | 17.93% 236 | 26.44% 348 | 20.74% 273 | 14.51% 191 | 11.09% 146 | 6.31% 83 | 2.81% 37 | 0.15% 2 | 0.00% 0 | 1,316 | 6.95 |
| Holy Cross Academy Expansion | 20.44% 262 | 16.15% 207 | 18.17% 233 | 13.34% 171 | 9.28% 119 | 9.98% 128 | 11.08% 142 | 1.56% 20 | 0.00% 0 | 1,282 | 6.43 |
| Program Enrichment (Youth, Adult Ed, Marriage) | 13.42% 168 | 13.82% 173 | 18.05% 226 | 20.21% 253 | 18.29% 229 | 10.94% 137 | 4.95% 62 | 0.32% 4 | 0.00% 0 | 1,252 | 6.30 |
| Adoration Chapel | 16.29% 196 | 14.71% 177 | 16.38% 197 | 13.80% 166 | 16.79% 202 | 15.30% 184 | 6.57% 79 | 0.17% 2 | 0.00% 0 | 1,203 | 6.27 |
| Tabernacle Relocation | 6.18% 63 | 4.42% 45 | 3.73% 38 | 5.20% 53 | 11.78% 120 | 23.16% 236 | 43.28% 441 | 2.26% 23 | 0.00% 0 | 1,019 | 4.34 |
| Other: | 29.49% 46 | 8.33% 13 | 9.62% 15 | 5.13% 8 | 3.85% 6 | 6.41% 10 | 5.77% 9 | 31.41% 49 | 0.00% 0 | 156 | 5.55 |
| Other: Relocate Tabernacle | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 0 | 0.00 |

Q14 I am willing to financially support my top priority need:

Answered: 2,053 Skipped: 102

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|----------------|--------------|
| Absolutely | 28.40% 583 |
| Likely Yes | 49.54% 1,017 |
| No Idea | 17.49% 359 |
| Likely Not | 3.99% 82 |
| Absolutely Not | 0.58% 12 |
| TOTAL | 2,053 |

our parish survey responses

Q15 Considering our \$2.6 Million debt, and the prioritized needs, I think the parish should launch a Capital Campaign:

Answered: 2,067 Skipped: 88

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-------|
| Absolutely | 22.25% | 460 |
| Likely Yes | 42.53% | 879 |
| No Idea | 25.40% | 525 |
| Likely Not | 7.79% | 161 |
| Absolutely Not | 2.03% | 42 |
| TOTAL | | 2,067 |

Q17 I would like St. Mary's to offer the Traditional Latin Mass:

Answered: 2,083 Skipped: 72

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-------|
| Yes Absolutely | 26.40% | 550 |
| Maybe | 28.42% | 592 |
| No Thanks | 45.18% | 941 |
| TOTAL | | 2,083 |

Q18 If St. Mary's could offer more confession times, I would like them to be available:

Answered: 1,584 Skipped: 571

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------|
| 7 AM on a Weekday | 4.92% | 78 |
| 8 AM on a Weekday | 6.00% | 95 |
| Noon on a Weekday | 19.95% | 316 |
| Evening Monday | 24.56% | 389 |
| Evening Friday | 16.60% | 263 |
| Sunday AM between Masses | 15.97% | 253 |
| Sunday PM between Masses | 11.99% | 190 |
| TOTAL | | 1,584 |

our parish financial report

| Income Statement | | Church | School | Parish |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | |
| | REVENUE SOURCES | | | |
| | Offertory/Tuition Related Income | 2,571,387 | 2,564,343 | 5,135,730 |
| | Ministry | 441,476 | - | 441,476 |
| | School | - | 460,062 | |
| | Other Sources | 135,167 | 175,506 | 310,673 |
| | TOTAL OPERATING INCOME | \$ 3,148,030 | \$ 3,199,911 | \$ 5,887,879 |
| | EXPENDITURES | | | |
| | Clergy | 249,070 | - | 249,070 |
| | Staffing | 849,067 | 2,573,072 | 3,422,139 |
| | Ministry | 556,496 | - | 556,496 |
| | School | 218,594 | 228,419 | |
| | Buildings | 322,080 | 289,654 | 611,734 |
| | Admin | 469,573 | 74,609 | 544,182 |
| | TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE | \$ 2,664,879 | \$ 3,165,755 | \$ 5,830,634 |
| | NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | \$ 483,151 | \$ 34,157 | \$ 517,308 |
| | OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE | | | |
| | Campaign/Extraordinary Income | 213,730 | 29,826 | 243,556 |
| | Capital Expendures/Renovations | 192,993 | 33,914 | 226,907 |
| | NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) | \$ 20,737 | \$ (4,088) | \$ 16,650 |
| | NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | \$ 503,888 | \$ 30,069 | \$ 533,957 |
| Balance Sheet | | Church | School | Parish |
| | | | | |
| | ASSETS | | | |
| | Operating Accounts | 270,157 | 108,635 | 378,792 |
| | DIAL Savings | 312,962 | 1,597,355 | 1,910,317 |
| | Fixed Assets | - | - | - |
| | Endowment Investments | - | 15,726 | 15,726 |
| | Other Assets | 8,839 | 22,651 | 31,490 |
| | TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 591,958 | \$ 1,744,368 | \$ 2,336,325 |
| | LIABILITIES | | | |
| | Accounts Payable | - | 30,768 | 30,768 |
| | Loans Payable | 2,374,378 | 15,000 | 2,389,378 |
| | Deferred Revenue | - | 26,389 | 26,389 |
| | Other Liabilities | 24,191 | 5,482 | 29,673 |
| | TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$ 2,398,569 | \$ 77,640 | \$ 2,476,208 |
| | NET ASSETS | | | |
| | Unrestricted | (1,970,087) | 587,517 | (1,382,570) |
| | Temporarily Restricted | 163,476 | 1,013,485 | 1,176,961 |
| | Permanently Restricted | - | 65,726 | 65,726 |
| | TOTAL NET ASSETS | \$ (1,806,611) | \$ 1,666,728 | \$ (139,883) |
| | TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | \$ 591,958 | \$ 1,744,368 | \$ 2,336,325 |

education holy cross academy

St. Mary Preschool October Fun

October at St. Mary Preschool was full of pumpkins, farm fun, grandparents, falling leaves, and of course our annual Fall Festival! There certainly is never a dull moment! Our activities help to cultivate a wonder for the natural world around us, a sense of belonging to our communities and families, and that learning is FUN! We would like to extend a special thank you to all the parents, grandparents, other family members, and baby sitters for your participation in our activities this past month. Thank you for sharing the gift of your children with us!

If you have a soon to be three or four year old and would like to learn more about our program, please contact our preschool director, Sheri Castellarin at 540-373-7553 or via email at preschool@holycrossweb.com.



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The Epistles to the Thessalonians

Thessalonica is a port situated in northern Greece. Paul went there to announce the Gospel and he founded a small community. He wrote two letters (or "epistles") to the Christians of Thessalonica. Bible specialists think that these are the oldest texts of the New Testament. They date from the years AD 50 to 52, about twenty years after the death and Resurrection of Jesus.



Upcoming Dates:

November 18-20, Monday to Wednesday

Religious Education Classes, Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 18 and 19, Monday and Tuesday

Deacon Alberto Bible study classes with Spanish speaking parents

November 25-27, Monday to Wednesday

No Religious Education Classes, Thanksgiving Break

December 2-4, Monday to Wednesday

Religious Education Classes, Advent Confessions at St. Mary

December 2 and 3, Monday and Tuesday

Deacon Alberto Bible study classes with Spanish speaking parents

Excerpts from Catholic Diocese of Arlington Faith Formation Policies and Guidelines

Diocesan Faith Formation Team

I. Introduction

The principal competencies of the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation are the following (GDC 266):

- To assess the state of the Diocese with regard to education in the faith and to identify real needs to be addressed;
- To develop a plan of action which sets out clear objectives, proposes definitive suggestions, and produces concrete results;
- To promote the formation and certification of catechists;
- To indicate to parishes and to catechists, the necessary instruments for catechesis, e.g., catechisms, directories, programs for different ages, guides for catechists, material for those being catechized, audio-visual aids, etc.;
- To promote diocesan institutions of a specifically catechetical character, e.g., programs for those with special needs; and
- To collaborate with the diocesan Office of Divine Worship, especially for Sacrament preparation programs and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and children.

Diocese Sponsors Science & Faith Presentations

Mr. Steven R. Hemler, President of CAINA (Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America) made two presentations in the Parish Life Center on November 29 and 30 starting at 7pm. The presentations were well attended and greatly appreciated. His website cainaweb.org has lots of valuable information.

On Tuesday, November 29 the topic was "Proclaiming the Reality of God: Scientific & Human Evidence of God's Existence". This presentation provided an overview of amazing scientific evidence and key insights drawn from human nature demonstrating God's existence. This objective evidence of God's existence helps dispel doubts and strengthen faith.

On Wednesday, November 30 the topic was "Which is True: Creation, Evolution, or Both?" First he presented the Catholic Church's teaching on Genesis. Next he explored the concept of evolutionary creation or theistic evolution. Then he looked at evolutionary naturalism or atheistic evolution. In closing, he looked at how an intelligent cause is a valid explanation for the genetic information found in DNA.

JOIN FORMED

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

St. Giuseppe Moscatti



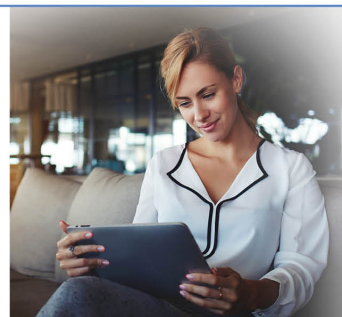
Doctor to the Poor

Giuseppe Moscatti, "the holy physician of Naples," was a medical doctor and layman who devoted his medical career to serving the poor.

"You'll fall in love with St. Giuseppe Moscatti. Very beautiful and touching."

—Blessy T., Fort Pierce, FL

[WATCH ON FORMED.ORG](http://WATCH.ON.FORMED.ORG)



our parish youth ministry

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.

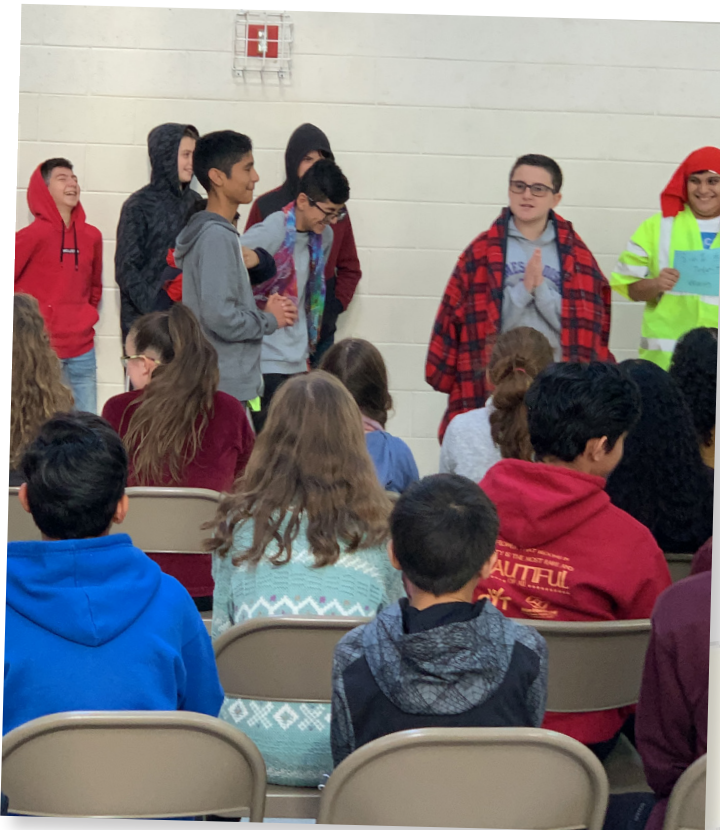
November 30th: Christmas Ornaments and Advent Wreaths

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 540-394-1212.

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



Confirmation pictures from HCA



StMaryCYM



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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

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales

The Knights of Columbus St. Mary Council 4034 is kicking off our Christmas Tree sales fundraiser. Sales are back at St. Mary and will start on Saturday after Thanksgiving - November 30 and continue through Sunday - December 22 or until we sell out.

These are Virginia grown (Mt. Rogers), freshly cut premium Fraser Firs with beautiful long-lasting soft needles and that great evergreen smell.

The best selection and freshest trees of course are when the trees arrive. The trees will be sold on weekends from 8am-8pm and weekdays from 3-8pm.

We also will be glad to work with anyone interested in volunteering to help with fulfilling your individual or group's community service requirements.

Questions about the Tree Sales can be directed to Tim Fleming at Trees@kofc4034.org

Please help us support the church and the community through helping the Knights of Columbus with your live Christmas Tree purchase.

SPRED at St. Mary

Special Religious Development (SPRED) serves children and young adults with developmental disabilities. SPRED meets on certain Saturdays, 12 times from September to May.

December 14, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, March 7 & 21, and April 4

**SPRED meets in the Main Hall of the Parish Life Center. Children attend from 10am-12pm

You can register your children in

the parish office. We invite you to join us as we share God's Word with God's Special Children! Contact Karen Sturtevant at ksturtevant@stmaryfred.org or 540-373-6491.

Cases of Love

Spreading love, one case at a time

Cases of Love is part of St. Mary's Outreach Ministry, which involves making and donating pillowcases for the homeless residents at the Thurman Brisben Center. We also donate to Mary's Shelter, and Paul Stefan Foundation, which both provide housing for women who are facing a crisis during pregnancy.

You don't have to know how to sew to be a part of this rewarding project. Meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Parish Life Center, Room 100.

We are always in need of fabric, so if you would like to donate fabric, or make a gift card donation, please contact Adele Falardeau at asfalardeau49@gmail.com. Gift cards for Joanne's Fabric and Walmart are available through Scrip after each Mass in the Parish Life Center. All donations can be left at the Parish Office.

Many thanks to those who have already given so generously to our cause!

Micah Cold Weather Shelter

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter will open on November 10 and remain in operation until mid- to late-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (white socks, thermal underwear, boxer briefs and t-shirts). Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully accepted at our

Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that the temporary shelter is available during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit Micah Ecumenical Ministries, dolovewalk.net or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, thurmanbrisbencentre.org

Virginia Larcum Conference

SAVE THE DATE - NOV. 22-23

Please plan to join us at this year's Annual State LARCUM Conference being held in Virginia Beach, Virginia at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23, 2019. Please note this is a week earlier than usual. Conference Brochure and Online Registration will be available at virginalarcum.org. If interested in attending contact Tom & Joyce O'Toole at tjotoole@verizon.net

New Time for Senior Luncheons

We would like to invite parish seniors to join us for Mass on Wednesday December 11 at 12pm to be followed by our Senior Luncheon at 12:30pm in the Parish Life Center. Join us for a hot lunch and singing of your favorite Christmas carols! All seniors in the parish are invited and admission is free. Please enjoy our new time for the luncheon that will now start after the noon Mass.

Save the date (and new time!) for our next luncheons - March 16 and June 10. Questions? Call Lara Traylor at 504-491-3029

parish life get involved

Bethlehem Wood Carvings

On the weekend of November 23-24, there will be a display of beautiful olive wood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These Carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now because of the situation. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit BethlehemCarvings.org.



Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Classes

Beginning January 8 or 9, 2020, the same class is offered on either Wednesday or Thursday, Pillar II--The Sacraments will be offered at St. Mary. The class starts at 9:45am in the Father Rooney Community Room.

Pillar II: This 12-part program explores the second section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church,

Sacraments. Not only will you learn about the power and purpose of the sacraments, you'll also discover how these fountains of inexhaustible grace can transform your life, providing strength, healing, and hope.

You need not have taken Pillar I in order to take Pillar II.

The cost for the workbook, with answers, is \$37, however, the Church is offering this study to you on a fee scale between \$30-\$37. Please pay for your workbook when you sign up. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church.

Class begins either: Wednesday or Thursday, January 8 or 9, 2020 at 9:45am. Each class will be limited to 35 people.

Capodanno Guild Guest

Please join the St. Mary CCW at 10am, November 19, in the Rooney Room for a program from Mary Catherine Dunn of the Father Capodanno Guild, who will speak about the cause for sainthood of Servant of God Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M. The Navy chaplain, known as "The Grunt Padre" for his devotion to the Marines he served, was killed in Vietnam in 1967. We will also have a 50/50 \$5 drawing and free copies of the December issue of Give Us This Day, a daily prayer resource from Liturgical Press.

Cursillo - ULTREYA

On Saturday, December 7 there will be an ULTREYA at the home of Lily and Julio Alarcon. It will begin at 4pm, to include a Potluck Dinner. There will be time for songs, eating, Group Reunion, a witness talk and lots of visiting. Please join us for this annual event! De Colores! For any questions, please contact: tammiechute@hotmail.com

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

Monday, December 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.

Invitado del Gremio Capodanno

Quién: Consejo de Mujeres Católicas (CCW)

Día: martes, 19 de noviembre

Hora: 10 am

Lugar: Salón Courtyard (salón de las cruces)

-charlas, refrigerios, rifa 50/50 y copias gratuita edición diciembre Give Us This Day, (recurso de oración diaria).

Decoración Recepción Virgen de Guadalupe

¿Desea ayudar con la decoración para la recepción de la Virgen de Guadalupe o simplemente darnos una mano?

Si puede cooperar, por favor, contacte a Janett Prohaska al 703-965-1491

CELEBREMOS JUNTOS

LA FIESTA DE

*Nuestra
Señora
de Guadalupe*

PATRONA DE LAS AMÉRICAS

MAÑANITAS

Día: 12 de diciembre de 2019

Hora: 4:00 am - 6:00 am

Lugar: Saint Mary

SANTA MISA

Día: 12 de diciembre de 2019

Hora: 7:00 pm

Lugar: Holy Cross Academy

Dirección: 250 Stafford Lakes
Parkway, Fredericksburg,
VA. 22406

Posteriormente,
habrá una fiesta en
Honor a Nuestra
Madre Santísima.

Invita... Saint Mary Catholic Church,
Fredericksburg, VA.



EL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO PARROQUIAL "CONFIADOS EN JESUS Y MARIA"

TE INVITA: A LA MAÑANA DE REFLEXIÓN DE ADVIENTO

Sábado, 23 de Noviembre de 2019

Lugar: Centro de Vida Parroquial, Saint Mary Catholic Church

Hora: 8am-12pm

Tema: Adviento la esperanza nos ha llegado

Predicador Invitado: Hno. Manuel Ramos – Holy Family Catholic Church

ITINERARIO:

8am Oración Inicial, Bienvenida y Animación Mariana

8:15am Santo Rosario Meditado

9am Santa Misa

9:45am Desayuno

10:15am Ambientación: Ministerio Grupo de Oración

10:30am Desarrollo de Tema: Adviento la esperanza nos ha llegado

11:30am Rifa de la corona de adviento

11:50am Oración Final y Despedida

Rosario en comunidad

La Legión de María va a ofrecer un Rosario en comunidad por la Almas del Purgatorio.

Día- domingos en el mes de noviembre | Hora: 1:50pm (antes de la misa) | Lugar: iglesia

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

La Legión de María invita a la comunidad hispana a la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento:

Día- 21 de noviembre | Hora: 7-8 pm | Lugar: iglesia

**Toda la familia está invitada.

Invitado del gremio de Capodanno

El Consejo de Mujeres Católicas (CCW) de St. Mary, les invita el día martes 19 de noviembre a las 10am., en el salón Rooney para un refrigerio y un programa de Mary Catherine Dunn del Padre Capodanno Guild, quien nos hablará sobre la causa para la santificación del Siervo de Dios Vicent Robert Capodanno, M.M. El capellán Naval, conocido como "El Padre Grunt" por su devoción a los marinos a quienes sirvió, fue asesinado en Vietnam en 1967. También tendremos una rifa de 50/50 y copias gratis de la edición de diciembre Give Us This Day, un recurso para la oración diaria de Liturgical Press

around the parish happenings

Micah Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service

All St. Mary parishioners are warmly invited to participate in this special community prayer service on Tuesday, November 26, 7pm at the Presbyterian Church, 810 Princess Anne Street. Fr. Mosimann will serve as the guest preacher. Come and give thanks together!

Drivers Needed for Micah Cold Weather Shelter

Volunteers are needed to pick up guests at 6:15pm on Tuesday nights from the community dinner downtown and transport them to the Cold Weather Shelter, using Micah's 15-passenger bus. Any number of nights you can help would be greatly appreciated. No special license or experience necessary. Micah will provide a short orientation and add you to their insurance. Please prayerfully consider this much needed role and contact Greg Wheatley at stmary.cws@outlook.com if interested.

Holiday SCRIP

Christmas is coming! Have you placed your Scrip order yet?? Scrip is a great way to shop for all your holiday needs. Start pre-ordering your cards now so you can be ready bright and early on to get Holiday deals. We can order many great retailers like Walmart, Target, Macy's and Dick's Sporting Goods. Scrip can help you budget your holiday shopping expenses and help HCA at the same time. Stop by the Scrip table today and find out how to use Scrip for all your shopping needs! Last day to order Scrip cards is 15 December to ensure Christmas delivery.

To set up an account at shopwithscrip.com, use our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP or would like the school code, please email the Scrip Coordinator at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com. Thanks for using Scrip and supporting Holy Cross Academy.

DATE NIGHTS AT SAINT MARY'S



SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

marriage ministry

All married and engaged couples are warmly invited to attend! Mark your calendars and make a commitment to grow in your vocation, intentionally loving your spouse more fully.

JOIN US FOR THIS POWERFUL 6 SESSION PROGRAM

6:30-7pm Wine & Cheese Social | 7-9pm Gathering

United in Love – United in Christ | January 11

Session Three — Eucharist: The Source and Summit of Married Life

All gatherings are at the St. Mary's Parish Life Center

If you are interested in joining the Marriage Ministry Team, we would love to welcome you. In need of a babysitter? We have a list of High School Youth Group Students that might be available to help you. Please contact Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org. All are welcome Last name A-M bring an appetizer N-Z a dessert to share. The sessions require a book (shared between each couple) Please bring \$10 (cash or check).

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection - November 10

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| Offertory | \$32,041 |
| Archdiocese for Military Services | \$3,576 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious(add'l) | \$2,451 |

November Faith Direct Deposit:

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| Offertory | \$64,359 |
| All Saints | \$2,296 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | \$3,826 |
| Parish Building Fund | \$5,645 |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development | \$1,674 |

Next week's second collection will support the Campaign for Human Development.

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in October for the following unscheduled intentions: Rosalind Campbell, Mrs. JoAnn Formeller, +Mary Dudash (4), +Thomas Jeram, +Thelma Odilia Rivera, +Allison Shepherd, +Karen Scanlon, For Kids with Cancer, Anne Overington, +William Hackbarth (2), Madeline Hugel, Madeleine Filan, +Nicholas Carino, Megan Brady, Bob & Gerri Laird, Ed & Mary Kenney, +Mary Wehman, Patrick Johnson, Carol Byram, +Alice Murphy, and Father Colin.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Working on the Margins

Our second collection today is to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are over 46 million people in the United States living in poverty, and this collection supports programs to empower local communities to address the challenges they face. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty across the country to

identify and address the unique obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.

En la próxima semana, nuestra segunda colecta será para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. En los Estados Unidos hay más de 46 millones de personas que viven en la pobreza y esta colecta financia programas para capacitar a las comunidades locales para enfrentar los desafíos que se les presenten. La Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano apoya a aquellos que viven en la pobreza en nuestro país a fin de identificar y encarar los singulares obstáculos que ellos enfrentan mientras que tratan de salir de la pobreza. Además, el 25 por ciento de los fondos recaudados permanecerán en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos anti-pobreza en nuestra área. Al contribuir a esta colecta, ustedes están dándoles una mano, no una limosna, a aquellos que viven en la periferia. Por favor, sean generosos.

Children's Charity for November

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Fredericksburg. This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Pro-Life Reflection

God has joined all humanity to Himself in Christ. There is only one human nature, shared by all human beings, born and unborn, healthy and sick, rich and poor, wanted and unwanted. Every one of these human beings is joined to God through the Incarnation, which means our humanity has a sacred value even greater than it received just by being created. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for taking upon Yourself our human nature and for uniting our human family in Yourself.

Pregnant?
Feeling trapped and alone?
Know someone who may be?
Make us your first call
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-Confidential
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2006 Lafayette Blvd, #202
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
birthrightoffredericksburg.com

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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, Delia Flores, Bruce Berry, Glen Gress, Bobby Blankenship & family, Buddy & Vincent Yerkie & Family, 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, 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 Ribellino Soto, Giles Morgan, Kim Matkovsky, Frances Conn, Christine Frescas, James Murphy, Daniel Burke, Joan Baker, Stephen O'Byrne, Marian Wilinski, Martha Clements, Bernard Cruz, Margaret Krebbel, Floyd Carver, Jr., Michael Sharkey, Jerry Werline, Patricia Johnston, Claire Matthews, Isabelle McLoone, Kensington McLoone

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 Jobs, John Paul Smetek, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia

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

November

18 MONDAY

6:30am Giovana Siladin+
9:00am Deceased Members of the
Legion of Mary
1 Mc 1:10-63/Lk 18:35-43

19 TUESDAY

6:30am Karen Clemente
8:15am* Marie Rooney+
9:00am Shirley Barlow+
2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10

20 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Ismael Granados+
9:00am Patrick Hagans+
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

21 THURSDAY

6:30am Bon Van Than+
9:00am Emilia Quiles+
1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

22 FRIDAY

6:30am Lou and Carolyn Farrell
9:00am Matt Lamb
1 Mc 4:36-59/Lk 19:45-48

23 SATURDAY

9:00am Stan Guzik+
5:00pm Connie Sielicki
7:00pm Thomas and Patricia Finnegan+
1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

24 SUNDAY

7:00am Edward Holzworth
8:30am Peter Nguyen+
10:30am For Our Parish
10:30am* David Spellman
12:30pm Our Military Living & Deceased
2:30pm Maria Julia Ortiz de Alaz+
5:00pm Steven Menyess
7:00pm Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen+
2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

** 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.*