

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2019



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

upcoming

November



**SAINT
MARY**
of the
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
Roman Catholic 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
6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group

25 Monday, Weekday (Last Week in Ordinary Time) [Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr]

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Praesidium in Parish Life Center, Room 100
12:45pm, Bible Study in the Courtyard Meeting Room
7:30pm, RCIA in the Church

26 Tuesday, Weekday

10am, Outreach Ministry Pillow Project in Parish Life Center, Room 100

27 Wednesday, Weekday

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions in the Church
6pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study in the Courtyard Meeting Room
6:30pm, Confessions in the Church
Adoration ends after confessions

28 Thursday, Weekday - Thanksgiving Day

Parish Office Closed
No 6:30am or 9am Mass
Mass at 10am: Please Bring Canned Food for our Food Drive

29 Friday, Weekday

Parish Office Closed
6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary in the Courtyard Meeting Room
8pm, Spanish Legion of Mary in the Courtyard Meeting Room
8pm, Candle Light Mass For Deceased Members of Our Parish

30 Saturday, Saint Andrew, Apostle

8am, Confessions in the Church
9:45am, CYM Craft Club in the John Paul II House
10am, Baptisms in the Church
10am, Al-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 204
3:30pm, Confessions in the Church

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.

December

1 SUNDAY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

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THANK YOU to Paul's Bakery for their generous donation for over 20 years of delicious donuts and pastries to our St. Mary's Sunday Coffee Shop! Your gift is appreciated and delicious!



Visit Paul's Bakery today for delicious treats!

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 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry, sfry@holycrossweb.com
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL	540-373-7553 Director, Sheri Castellarin
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	540-373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
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YOUNG ADULTS	stmaryya@gmail.com 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!

from our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

This past week we were blessed to have Bishop Burbidge visit our parish school. Since he has arrived in the diocese, he has made it a prime emphasis to support Catholic Education and visit each of the schools in the diocese. I could tell that he has honed his schedule and message by visiting schools to express his gratitude and support! Our teachers and staff worked so wonderfully to give him a great welcome.

He asked our children to fill in the blank: "Holy Cross Academy is great because we have great ____." And with their answers, he was able to weave a homily of gratitude for our great: teachers, students, priests, and food! Yep, the students told him how great our school's food is! I could tell that he was prepared for and expecting the other answers, but that we have "great food" was a pleasant surprise. His homily and message expressed gratitude for the dedication and service of so many that make our school great.

With Thanksgiving this coming week, a reminder that there is just one Mass on Thanksgiving Day. The last several years, we have been blessed to host the Micah Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service. This year I have been asked to preach it, and it will be held at the Presbyterian Church downtown. I am excited, as this is my first opportunity to preach at these lovely gatherings with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Advent family prayers. This week we have included a brochure with practical suggestions on how to make Advent prayer a part of your routine. I hope that the practical suggestions will be of some assistance so that when Advent begins next weekend, you will be ready!

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann



Urgent Need for Items

Micah's Cold Night Shelter is in desperate need of the following items for our homeless brothers & sisters:

- White tube socks (unisex adult sizes)
- Men's boxers/briefs (medium & large)
- Thermal underwear tops & pants (medium & large)
- Backpacks

Please drop off your donations to the parish office.
God bless you!

education

holy cross academy

Peace

Our Parish theme, Live by the Spirit, Walk by the Spirit, is incorporated monthly into religion classes by teaching the students about a different Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Middle School students have created a bulletin board in the hallway to highlight each month's fruit and did a beautiful job creating doves with a reflection of what Peace means to them.

Doughnuts with Dad

Every Veterans Day we welcome our Holy Cross dads to school for Doughnuts with Dad. It's our way of thanking them for all they do for their families. We love having our dads on campus!

Holy Cross Academy is a wonderful place to learn and grow. To learn more about our school, please visit our website, holycrossweb.com, or call us at 540-286-1600. We'd love to share with you what makes this place so special.



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School of
Excellence*



our parish concerts at st mary

St. Mary Festival Choir & Orchestra performed
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem, KV 626

A heartfelt thank you to those in our Festival Choir,
soloists, musicians and our own David Uschold who
conducted beautifully a gorgeous performance of the
Requiem. Thank you for sharing your talent with our
community ~ a truly uplifting gift.



our parish our volunteers

May God Bless All of Our St. Mary & Holy Cross Academy Volunteers!



Our 2019 Volunteer Dinner was a huge hit with over 225 parishioners gathering to enjoy a wonderful meal, warm fellowship and to honor several among us!

A special thank you to our honorees this year. Kate Breen, Wendy Roche, Angelo Espiritu, Balmore Diaz (Ruth), Adele Falardeau. Not pictured Anne Devine-Tetor.

Honored as the Lifetime Achievement Awardees, Barbara & Joe Walor who have been inspiring our parish family for over 25 years! Thank you for your example of selfless giving. You are a gift to our parish! May God continue to bless you both!

religious education

Magnifikid

Paradise

The Book of Genesis tells that God put the first man and woman in a magnificent garden-the garden of Eden, or paradise. Because the man and woman disobeyed God, they had to leave paradise. We also use the word paradise to designate another heaven, the Kingdom of God. Jesus promised paradise to the good thief, and to us.



Upcoming Dates:

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

December 8, Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 9-11, Monday to Wednesday

Religious Education Classes

December 9 and 10, Monday and Tuesday:

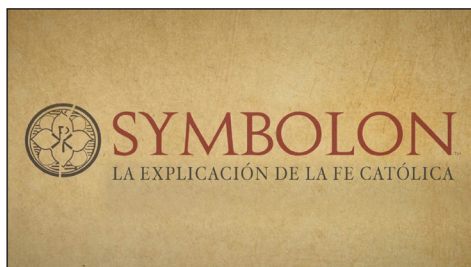
Deacon Alberto Bible study classes with Spanish speaking parents

December 10, Tuesday

Advent Confession for Religious Education students at HCA

JOIN FORMED

1. [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) 2. click register 3. enter parish code **F6F228**



Excerpts from Catholic Diocese of Arlington Faith Formation Policies and Guidelines

Parish Faith Formation Team

I. Introduction

The Great Commission extends to all baptized persons, commanding them to "Go forth and teach all nations." From the first proclamation of the Gospel through a lifetime of discipleship, "[c]atechesis is the word used to describe the essential ministry of the Church through which the teachings of Christ have been passed on to believers throughout the ages" (NDC 1).

All members of the community of believers in Jesus Christ participate in the Church's catechetical mission. Some are called to more specific catechetical roles. Parents, parish catechists, teachers, Catholic school principals, parish catechetical leaders for adults and children, youth ministry leaders, those who work in diocesan and national catechetical offices, deacons, consecrated religious, priests, and Bishops are all catechists with distinctive roles. From the earliest days of the Church, immediately following the Apostle's acceptance of Christ's missionary mandate, catechists have made and continue to make "an outstanding and absolutely necessary contribution to the spread of the faith and the Church by their great work. Esteemed members of the Church's apostolate, they perform 'a fundamental evangelical service'" (NDC 53, Ch. 8, p. 217-218).

Within the parish community, the Pastor oversees a comprehensive faith formation program in his parish, including liturgical and Sacrament formation, in accord with diocesan current Faith Formation Policies and Guidelines.

The Catholic Church recognizes parents as the primary and principal educators of their children. Parish Faith Formation programs assist parents in the Christian formation and the Sacrament preparation of their children (see NDC 54, Ch. 8, p. 234).

Symbolon: Knowing the Faith

Episode 5 - Who is Jesus?

Jesus as More Than a Moral Teacher

No one has ever had a greater impact on the world than Jesus of Nazareth — and the question of who Jesus really is, Son of the Living God, is central to our faith.

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 retreat pictures from November 9

StMaryCYM    

#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

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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 fonts 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.

parish life get involved

Emergency Food Pantry

Thanks in part to a generous grant from Catholic Relief Services, our emergency food pantry at St. Mary's will be stocked with nutritious staple products to offer those seeking assistance with food.

Contributions are always welcome and can be brought directly to our parish office. Items such as; peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, mac-n-cheese, cereal, canned chicken, tuna or ham are greatly appreciated! God bless you!



A grant from CRIS Rice Bowl of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington helps support this program

Working together to strengthen body and soul.

"Through your joyful witness and service, help to build a civilization of love."

Pope Francis

ricebowl@ccda.net

2019 Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities is Coming Up!

Your Generosity is Deeply Appreciated!

As you think about the many blessings you and your family have received, please consider making a special sacrificial gift to support those in dire need in our diocese by making a gift to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington on December 7 & December 8. Look for a special insert in the parish bulletin next weekend. Please put a check in the collection basket and note Christmas Collection Catholic Charities on the memo line or make a gift online at ccda.net/donate.

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!

St Mary Book Club

The Saint Mary Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 10th, in the Father Rooney Community Room at 10am. Each member will briefly discuss a book, video, etc. from the Parish library or home book shelves. We will also select the books for 2020.

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.

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, thurmanbrisbencent.org

parish life get involved

A Celebration of light . . .

The FAMILY ADVENT WREATH: Blessings and Prayers

"The Family that Prays Together Stays Together"
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Advent is drawing near, let's make plans NOW to prepare for the coming of Jesus and begin to pray as a family, if we don't already. The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly shares, "The Christian family is the FIRST PLACE of education in prayer" CCC 2685. Let's take advantage of the beautiful tradition of the Advent Wreath and gather weekly (or nightly) to center our celebration of Christmas on Christ. Take turns and allow your children to lead parts of the scripture or responses provided. Beginning family prayer, might be awkward, but utilizing the blessings and prayers contained in the advent wreath tradition, can help. A copy of THE FAMILY ADVENT WREATH is included in the bulletin this weekend. May peace settle and remain in your home this Advent Season.



*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.

holy cross academy visit from the bishop



Thank you, Lori Fowlkes for these wonderful photos!

noticias en español

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

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

Bautismo para los estudiantes de educación religiosa

Día: 11 de enero de 2020 a las 11am.

Los padres y padrinos tienen que asistir a una clase de bautismo en inglés o español

Clases:

5 de diciembre en el salón de las cruces (Courtyard Meeting Room) en inglés

7 de diciembre a las 2:00 pm en el salón de las cruces (Courtyard Meeting Room) en español

Visite la oficina parroquial para más información

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

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

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



*Recibamos Juntos
al Niño Dios
Posada Navideña*



**LUNES
23^{DIC}
2019**

6:30 PM
Holy Cross
Academy –
250 Stafford
Lakes Parkway,
Fredericksburg,
VA. 22406



Solicitamos a la comunidad hispana proporcionar un platillo típico de su país para compartir en esta POSADA. Hacerlo llegar no más tarde de las 6 pm

around the parish happenings

The Paul Stefan Foundation Celebration of Christmas

Come view the Regional Maternity Housing & Educational Center, as we get ready for our January Grand opening! (Please bring a small gift or diapers for a baby). The Paul Stefan Foundation appreciates your kindness and generosity as a volunteer and supporter. Without you we cannot do it!

Please join us for a Christmas Celebration Friday, December 13th from 12-2pm at the Regional Maternity Housing and Educational Center at 120 Caroline Street, Orange, VA.

Appetizers, desserts, and homemade hot chocolate, will be served along with a visit from Santa and Christmas songs! (All food is donated or homemade). For more details or to RSVP by December 1, call 540-854-2300, or email adihlmann@paulstefanhome.org



Wreaths Across America 2019

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom. Praying for the dead is one of our most sacred duties and spiritual works of mercy.

In honor of our beloved veterans, please consider helping our St Mary's Trail Life TL VA 4034 and American Heritage Girls AHG VA 0128 troops honor our fallen and deceased service members via Wreaths Across America. We will again participate in the December 14th ceremony and wreath laying. Please know that we as we lay wreaths upon graves at Quantico National Cemetery, that we will be praying for their repose of those who served.

Sponsor a wreath via Trail Life VA 4034 please visit: wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/20575/

To Sponsor a wreath via American Heritage Girls AHG VA 0128, please visit: wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/25111



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 17

Offertory	\$29,735
Parish Building Fund	\$12,113
Military Services (add'l)	\$1,104
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$397

*Next week's second collection
will support the Parish Christmas
Collection for Special Charities.*

Thank you for your generosity!

*Due to early bulletin deadlines because
of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next
Financial Report will be published in
the December 8 Bulletin*

Parish Christmas Collection for Special Charities

As many of you know, every year at Christmas we take up a special collection for charity. The collection this year will be taken up on November 30 and December 1 for the following special charities:

The Holy Land Christians Society for the benefit of the Creche Orphanage in Bethlehem in the Holy Land. The orphanage, managed by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, has a long history in Bethlehem and has welcomed orphans since its foundation in the late 19th century. The Crèche provides services of high quality for children and people of the Palestinian Authority Area and continues to function thanks to the support of its benefactors.

Conversion of a conference room at Holy Cross Academy into a new Chapel for the students, faculty and staff.

Micah Ministries receives much parish support for its good works for the poor and homeless in the Fredericksburg area. Our parish is

one of nine governing Churches, which financially support Micah through annual dues, and financial and volunteer support for their many ministries, including the Community Dinners and cold night shelter. This collection will assist the parish in continuing to provide much needed financial support to Micah.

We know you will be generous, as you have always been, and we thank you for sharing the joy of this holy season with those who are less fortunate.

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

Jesus is Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and the entire universe. All history finds its fulfillment in Him. The Dominion of Christ over all creation is shown in the fact that He has conquered death. That is why His followers are pro-life. They bear witness to His Kingdom and look forward to His Second Coming. Lord Jesus, continue to extend Your victory over death throughout the work of Your disciples.

Thanksgiving Legend of the Five Kernels

It was very cold for the Pilgrims that first winter. Food was in short supply. Some days, they had only five kernels of corn. When Spring came, the Pilgrims planted the remaining corn. The sun and rain helped the seeds to grow and much food was harvested in the Fall. Every Thanksgiving thereafter, the Pilgrims placed five kernels of corn beside each plate to remind them of their blessings:

The first kernel reminded them of the autumn beauty.

The second reminded them of their love for each other.

The third reminded them of their family's love.

The fourth reminded them of their friends, especially their Indian brothers.

The fifth kernel reminded them of their freedom.

*At your Thanksgiving celebration,
may The Legend of the Five Kernels
always remind you of God's many
blessings.*



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 Kovalsky, 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 Stoeher, David Semeglo, Robert L. Gomer, Carla J. Gomer, Thomas Moeller, Lorraine Becker, Gerald Gardiner, Larry Delaney, James Keddle, 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, Zeld 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 Ribelino 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, Zachary Payne, Ernalina Kyle, Betty Curtis, Patrick Sherba, Sr.

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

25 MONDAY

6:30am Rita Daniel
9:00am Carol Retan+
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

26 TUESDAY

6:30am Mary Brady+
9:00am Sheila Lindsey
Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

27 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Norma Garcia
9:00am William Marlow+
Dn 5:1-28/Lk 21:12-19

28 THURSDAY

10am Thanksgiving for God's Blessings
Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

29 FRIDAY

6:30am Sr. Juana-Francisca, OSFS
9:00am Rafael Bernola+
7:00pm All Deceased of the Parish
Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

30 SATURDAY

9:00am Leo Chavarria
5:00pm Sally Sarber
7:00pm Thelma Odilia Rivera+
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

1 SUNDAY

7:00am Joseph John Palmer+
8:30am Joe O'Connor+
10:30am Those Who Died in November
10:30am* For Our Parish
12:30pm Hellmuth Freund+
2:30pm For the People of Venezuela
5:00pm John Paul Guthrie
7:00pm Ana Ban Nguyen+
Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

** 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.*