

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019



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

upcoming

December



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

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

2 **Monday, Advent Weekday**

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

3 **Tuesday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

10am, CCW Board Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room
4:45pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center
6pm, RE Class at HCA
6:30pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center
7:30pm, Life in there Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

4 **Wednesday, Advent Weekday** [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church]

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

5 **Thursday, Advent Weekday**

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
7pm, Baptism Class, Courtyard Meeting Room

6 **Friday, Advent Weekday/white** [Saint Nicholas, Bishop]

9am, St Anne's Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House
6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room
6:30pm, Middle School Youth Group
8pm, First Friday Mass, Church
8pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room

7 **Saturday, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7am, Spanish Legion of Mary Auxiliary Gathering
8am, Confessions, Church
10am, Baptisms, Church
10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204
2pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Courtyard Meeting Room
3:30pm, Confessions, Church

8 **SUNDAY, SECOND 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, Parish Life Center

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

■ Parish Christmas Collection

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■ Christmas Flowers Now Available

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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

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Fr. Sean Koehr
Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly
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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,

A Blessed Thanksgiving Weekend to you!

So let me say that I am thankful for:

1. Washington Nationals... two years in a row with Champions!
2. Prayers: thanks for all of your prayers for my mother who passed away this summer.
3. People of St. Mary's: we seem to be always growing and more and more large families!
4. 35 new servers: this year the biggest crop of new servers yet!
5. Priestly Humor: your priests laugh a lot when we are together.
6. Falafel: new spot in town, one of Fr. Kelly's favorites!
7. Puppies: dogs are so much energy and fun, and I don't have to walk/feed them!
8. iPhone 11 - yep, this was an upgrade year, and I love new technology!
9. 8th Graders: who I get to teach every week @ HCA!
10. Jesus: He is everything and without Him there are no #1 to #9.

Candlelight Masses 7pm Sundays in Advent

These are back beginning **THIS** Sunday at the 7pm Mass.

Please check it out if you wish for a fresh and especially contemplative take on the Sacrifice of the Mass!

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!

Adopt-a-Family-Member for Christmas

We have members of our parish family in need of assistance this Christmas season. If you are interested in "adopting a family member" please visit the link below. We kindly request that all gifts be brought UNWRAPPED to the St. Mary Parish Office NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th.

If you have any questions please contact the office.
Thank you and God bless you!

signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-2019

education

holy cross academy

Bishop Visits HCA!

We were so honored to welcome Bishop Burbidge and Superintendent of Catholic Schools Joseph Vorbach to Holy Cross Academy on November 19th. Bishop celebrated Mass, visited with every student, and concluded with a faculty and staff lunch. He even gave our students an early release day! Thank you Bishop Burbidge for sharing your joyful witness with us!

Our favorite memories ...

We sang "Jesus Loves Us" with the Bishop ~ Kindergarten

He told us the story of when he learned he became a Bishop ~ 5th grader

I loved how relaxed he was and that he said HCA is a big family ~ 7th grader

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.



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Excellence**





PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 7-8, 2019

"... and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because
there was no room for them in the inn."

Luke 2:7



In Virginia
18,577
children are homeless.

Source: U.S. Department of Education

Matthew and Lucy were two of them.

The toddlers slept in their car with their mom, Sarah, then in a domestic violence shelter. Traumatized and with nowhere else to go, they turned to Catholic Charities.



Our St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional Housing offered Sarah and her kids a safe haven and a better future.

They moved into a freshly painted St. Margaret's apartment the kids called "the blue house." Counseling and art therapy returned smiles to their faces. Child care allowed Sarah to attend classes and start a new job.

Now, the family has moved to their own home the kids call their new "blue house."

Sarah remembers when she was a child her grandmother gave regularly to Catholic Charities with no idea that decades later her granddaughter and great-grandchildren would need our help.



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***I thank God!
Catholic Charities gave
me hope. I will be
forever grateful."***

- Sarah



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The guiding theme for our 2019 diocesan Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection is *"With Love and Charity."* This theme is lived out daily through the good works Catholic Charities provides to the vulnerable within the Diocese of Arlington.

As we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth, I encourage you to help share the love of Christ with our neighbors and to support and accompany them during their times of struggle. On the weekend of *December 7 and 8*, please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to the Parish Christmas Collection. Your gift enables our diocese to support thousands of men, women, and families who are cared for every day by Catholic Charities. Through love and charity and with God's grace, we can manifest His presence in our midst.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family during this sacred Season of Advent. May Our Lord Jesus bless you with His peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael F. Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Your gift of \$100 will stabilize one family through crisis management in their first week at St. Margaret of Cortona.



Your gift of \$1,000 will furnish their apartment.

If you can give \$10,000, it will provide this family with one full year of housing, counseling, job training and child care to start and flourish in their new life.

Ending homelessness is just one way Catholic Charities cares for the poor and vulnerable. Your gift will also help:



Feed 7,400 families through our St. Lucy Project



Ensure 3,300 families can stay in their homes through emergency rent and utility assistance



Provide health care to over 800 men, women and children at our Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic



Support 440 expectant mothers and parents for healthy pregnancies and successful adoptions



Equip 700 job seekers to support their families



Befriend and care for 334 seniors at our St. Martin de Porres Senior Center



Prepare 200 lawful permanent residents to earn citizenship



Minister to and welcome home 76 adults from prison

To make a gift in support of Catholic Charities, please place this envelope in your parish collection basket or mail it to the address listed.

YES! I/we will share our blessings with those in greatest need in our diocese.

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$10,000 ☐ Surprise us! \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ (to receive CCDA updates)

Phone: _____ Parish: _____

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www.ccda.net
SECURE • EASY • FAST

If using parish collection basket, make checks payable to your parish and note Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection in the memo.
If mailing your gift to Catholic Charities, make checks payable to Catholic Charities and note Parish Christmas Collection in the memo.

religious education

Magnifikid

Getting ready for a unique encounter

Advent is a time for waiting. Would you rather sit and do nothing or be active? Think of what you would do to welcome Jesus. You can smile more, be kinder to others, or collect books you have outgrown and take them to sick kids in the hospital. Can you think of others way to prepare for Jesus this Advent.



Decorate your home and your heart

With your family, you can make an Advent wreath, light its first candle, set up a nativity scene and decorate your home. You may also put decorations near your windows so that people passing by will be reminded to prepare for Jesus' birthday too.

Upcoming Dates:

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

2019 Diocesan Catechetical Conference

Catechists attended the annual conference on Saturday, November 16 at the Sheraton Reston Hotel. It started with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Each participant attended 3 of the 16 workshops. There was also a buffet lunch and many exhibits.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was great success. Twenty-six families got Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Cake, Macaroni and Cheese, Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Biscuit or Muffin Mix, Rice, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Tuna and Chicken, Stuffing Mix and a Turkey. Thanks to all Religious Education Families and the Knights of Columbus for helping more families have a delicious meal on Thanksgiving Day.



Lectio: Mary

Episode 1 - The New Eve

The New Fulfills the Old


The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."

JOIN FORMED

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

our parish youth ministry

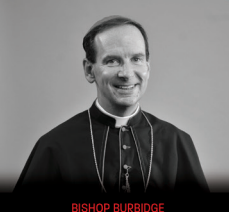
Join us as you pilgrimage to the March for Life!




**life is
VERY
good**

MORNING RALLY & MASS
(Including Confessions)


January 24, 2020
Fairfax, Virginia
9:00am - 11:00am
Doors open at 8:00am



BISHOP BURBIDGE



PAUL GEORGE



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**CHRISTMAS
SWEATER**

PARTY

DECEMBER 15
6PM DINNER | 7PM PARTY
PARISH LIFE CENTER
ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS INVITED

Open to all High School Students

St. Vito Dance Club

Friday, January 31st
6:15pm-8:45pm
Parish Life Center

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 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 CRS 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.

St Mary Book Club

The Saint Mary Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 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, thurmanbrisbencenter.org

CCW Christmas Cookie Sale

Buy your platters of homemade Christmas cookies and other seasonal goodies after morning Masses at church Sunday, December 8, at the PLC (outside, if fair weather)! All proceeds go to charities. To help, bring baked goods labeled "CCW" to the PLC kitchen between 9am and 9pm December 5th or 9am-5pm December 6, or to the Father Rooney Community Room by 10am on the 7th. To help assemble platters or sell, please contact Arlene Wilkinson, 540-785-7718 or jbmwilkinson@verizon.net.

CCW Sing Along with Patrick A'Hearn

Please join the St. Mary Council of Catholic Women at 10am, Tuesday, December 17 in the Father Rooney Community Room for refreshments and a very special guest speaker--Patrick A'Hearn, of the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts! We will then join St. Mary's own David Uschold in the church--we're hoping for a duet by Patrick and David--and have a Christmas carol sing along! Everyone is welcome--mark your calendars!

Daily Advent Prayer

O Jesus, little child,
come into my heart on
Christmas morn,
to wash away my sins
and remain there in
eternity. O Mary,
Mother of my Savior,
prepare for Jesus a
cradle in my heart.
Amen.

parish life get involved

A Celebration of light . . .

The FAMILY ADVENT WREATH: Blessings and Prayers

"The Family that Prayers 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. Copies of THE FAMILY ADVENT WREATH can be found in the vestibule of the church while supplies last. May peace settle and remain in your home this Advent Season.



Christmas Flowers

REMEMBER SOMEONE
YOU LOVE, EITHER
LIVING OR DECEASED,
WITH A DONATION FOR
OUR BEAUTIFUL
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.
ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE IN YOUR
ENVELOPE PACKETS, IN
THE CHURCH AND IN THE
PARISH OFFICE.



migration and refugee services

thanksgiving dinner

St. Mary's parishioners came together this past week to provide a "First Thanksgiving" for over 70 refugee family members who have recently arrived from Afghanistan via Catholic Charities Migration Refugee Services. After praying together, our volunteers provided a tasty dinner, engaged in conversation and warmly welcomed our new neighbors. A special thank you to our Knights of Columbus, Catholic Council of Women, Outreach Committee, Youth Group and St. Mary's volunteers for their generosity!



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

Venta de Galletas de Navidad por el CCW

El domingo 8 de diciembre después de todas las misas, tendremos venta de galletas de navidad hechas en casa y otras delicias en el PLC (afuera, si el clima lo permite). Todas las ganancias irán a obras benéficas. Donaciones de galletas y repostería, traerlos marcados "CCW" a la cocina del PLC, el 5 de diciembre de 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., el 6 de diciembre de 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. o el 7 de diciembre al Salón Father Rooney a las 10:00 a.m. Para ayudar a hacer arreglos o vender, contacte a Arlene Wilkinson al 540-785-7718o jbmwilkinson@verizon.net

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

CCW Canta Junto a Patrick A'Hearn

Por favor marque su calendario y acompañe al Consejo de Mujeres Católicas de St. Mary el martes 17 de diciembre a las 10:00 a.m. en el salón Father Rooney para un refrigerio e invitado especial-- Patrick A'Hearn del Riverside Center. Luego nos reuniremos con David Uschold en la iglesia- esperando un dueto de Patrick y David- y ¡cantaremos un villancico navideño! Todos son bienvenidos.

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: wreathsassamerica.org/pages/20575/

To Sponsor a wreath via American Heritage Girls AHG VA 0128, please visit: wreathsassamerica.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

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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).

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Weekly Offertory

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

Next week's second collection will support the Annual Catholic Charities Collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

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 all 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.

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. 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.

Pro-Life Reflection

The word "Advent" means "coming," and the season focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time, and then on His first coming at Christmas. The joy of Advent is joined by a strong warning that we must be prepared for His coming. Promoting justice and human rights is a key element of our preparation. A society that aborts its children is not prepared for the coming of Christ. Come, Lord Jesus. May we be prepared to welcome You by welcoming all human life.

Children's Charity for December

Our Children's Charity for the month of December is the Office of Migration & Refugee Services (MRS) in Fredericksburg, which assists refugee families and children, who have fled their homeland in

fear of persecution and in fear for their lives. After a lengthy resettlement process through the US Government, approved families arrive with no material possessions other than the clothes on their back. With only 1 to 2 weeks' notice, MRS "Welcomes the Stranger" and assists families with housing, food, employment, schooling for their children and many other urgent needs. For more information visit arlingtondiocese.org/mrs.

For Unto Us a Child Is Born, Christ the Savior!

Give a Gift for Life

This Advent, include a Gift for Life on your Christmas List, by supporting Project Rachel or the Gabriel Project. It is easy to make a small, tax-deductible contribution as a gift in the name or memory of a family member or friend, and it will make a big difference in a woman's life. You have the opportunity to assist a frightened young woman who has just learned she is pregnant, or a woman who opted to abort her child and is now experiencing the after effects of her choice. Your gift directly supports the cost of an expectant mother's prenatal vitamins, or counseling for a woman who is experiencing the emotional distress of an abortion.

Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the Church and follow the directions, or visit arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife to donate online.



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 Littlepaigne, 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, Zachary Payne, Ernalina Kyle, Betty Curtis, Patrick Sherba, Sr., Dennis Farmer, Ernalina Kyle, Maria Wood

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

December

2 MONDAY

6:30am Margaret Clancy+
9:00am Lee Mikalcus+
Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

3 TUESDAY

6:30am Chris Jaeger+
9:00am Theresa Ann Shimokoski
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

4 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Mary Ann Becker+
9:00am James Corso+
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

5 THURSDAY

6:30am Deborah June King+
9:00am Evelyn Derouin+
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

6 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation
8:15am* Marie Rooney+
9:00am In Reparation
12:00pm In Reparation
8:00pm In Reparation
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

7 SATURDAY

9:00am Greg Feroldi
5:00pm Elaine Wheeler+
7:00pm Barbara Carneal
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

8 SUNDAY

7:00am Louis Farrell
8:30am Stan Guzik+
10:30am Charles Trainum+
10:30am* David Spellman
12:30pm Luis Pacheco+
2:30pm Francisca Jaimes & Luz Jaramillo
5:00pm For Our Parish
7:00pm Charles White+
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

** 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.*