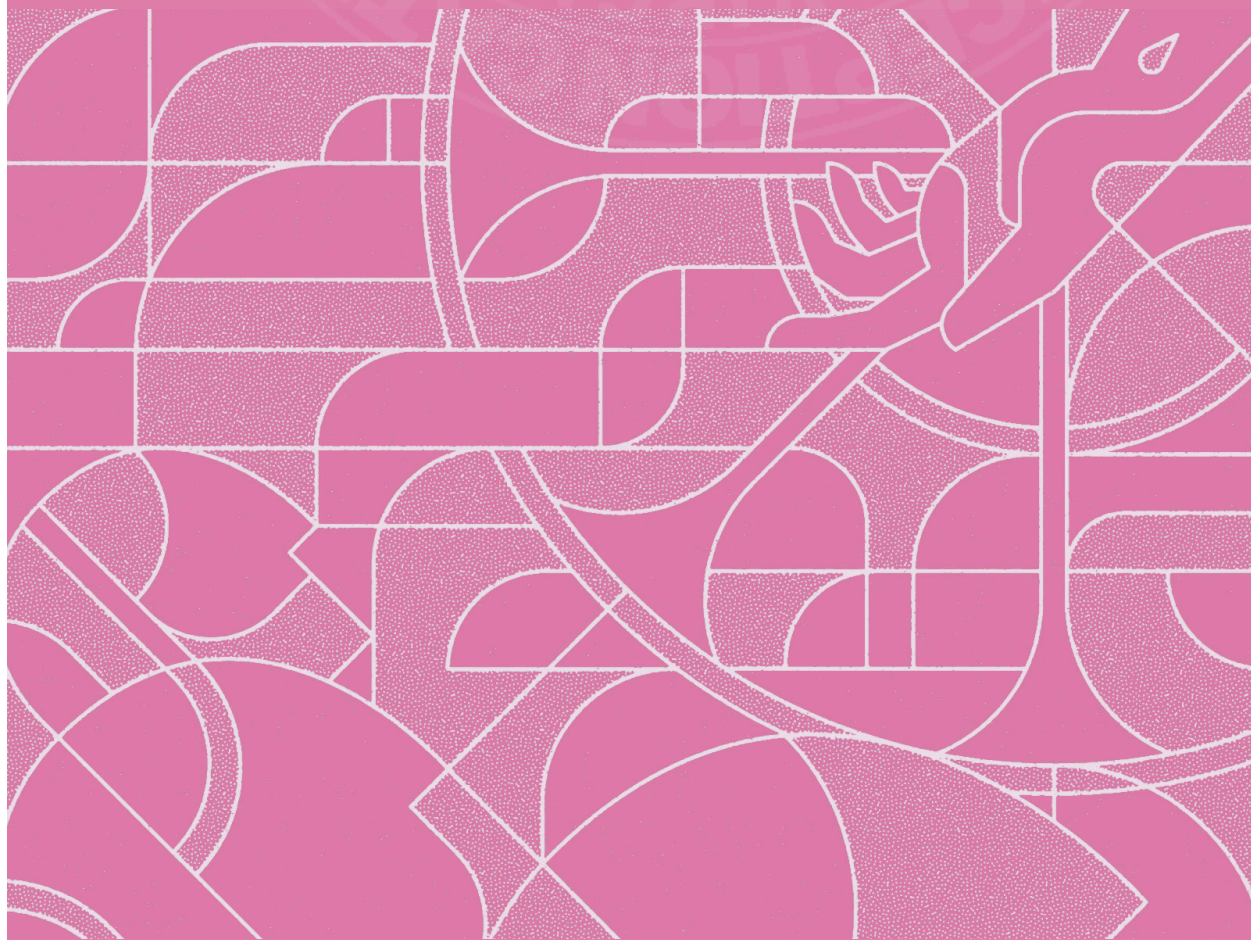


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 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

15 SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm

11:30am, New Parishioner Welcome Meeting, Parish Life Center
6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

16 Monday, Advent Weekday

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

12:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions in the Church

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

4:45pm & 6:30pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions in the Church

7:30pm, RCIA in the Church

17 Tuesday, Advent Weekday

12pm, CCW General Meeting in the Courtyard Meeting Room

4:45pm & 6:30pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

6pm, RE Class at HCA

6:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions in the Church

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

18 Wednesday, Advent Weekday

10am, Weekly Bible Study in the Courtyard Meeting Room

10am, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center Main Hall

12:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions in the Church

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions in the Church

4:45pm & 6:30pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

6pm, 2021 Confirmation Year 1 Formation Night at HCA

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

6:30pm, Confessions in the Church

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

7:30pm, Young Adults in the Parish Office Library

19 Thursday, Advent Weekday

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

9:45am, Bible Study in the Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, Walking With Purpose, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions in the Church

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

20 Friday, Advent Weekday

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

12:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions in the Church

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

6:30pm, Middle School Youth Group

6:30pm, Additional Advent Confessions in the Church

8pm, Spanish Legion of Mary in the Courtyard Meeting Room

21 Saturday, Advent Weekday [Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church]

8am, Confessions in the Church

10am, Baptisms in the Church

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

3:30pm, Confessions in the Church

22 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm

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, after 12pm Mass, 6:30-
8:30pm; Sat., 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
Fr. Michael Folmar
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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,

What preparations did the Lord make for His coming?
Only one thing: the perfect Immaculate Soul of His Mother. That's it.

They didn't have a place to stay, they didn't have a fancy hospital, or a perfectly prepared baby-room. I wish that we could be likewise prepared.

This week confessions will be available:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
6:30-7:30pm (we will try to finish all that come and arrive before 7:30pm....).

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:30-1pm
(After the Noon Mass) Expanding more daytime hours
as a means of making sacrament more available.

Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm — (because they are
normally scheduled here, this is the exception to the
'done at 7:30 listing above)

Saturday 8-9am — normal schedule

Saturday 2:30-4:30pm — normal schedule with the
bonus of starting a hour early to the normal schedule!!

Find a spot and get ready for Jesus!!

But beware: the lines are much, much longer at the end
of the week. That Saturday sessions will likely be the
most packed by far.

pax et bonum (peace and all goodness)



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

Advent is a Special Time at Holy Cross Academy

During the holy season of Advent, Holy Cross students are busy preparing for the birth of Christ and each classroom prepares in a special way. All of the classes are learning about the importance of lighting the Advent candles, adding special prayers, and giving to those in need. Mrs. Chaves's 2nd grade class also is learning the significance of the Jesse tree which details the events leading to Jesus's birth and have a Just One Yes (JOY) project that reflects on Mary's perfect "yes" and asks the students to practice their own "yes" in their daily lives.

The first, second and third grade classes worked very hard perfecting their beautiful Christmas play for our school community. Their angelic voices rang out in Father Brisson Hall with traditional Christmas hymns reflecting on the birth of our Lord. We're so blessed at Holy Cross to teach our students that Jesus is the reason for the season.

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. Mark your calendar for our Open House on Sunday, January 26 too!



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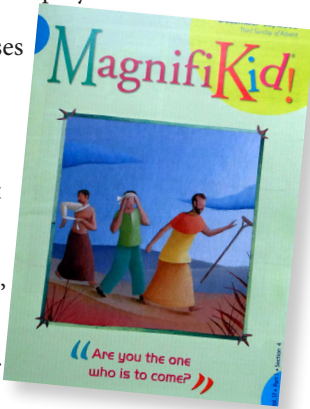


our parish religious education

Magnifikid

Share your joy

Create a moment of joy with your family this week. Maybe bake a cake, ask to lead prayers before dinner, or tell each family member why you love them. Surprises like these will bring joy to everyone.



Share the Good News

When we're happy we want to tell everyone. You can share the joy in your heart in many ways. For example, you could make a happy sign to hang on your door. When people come to your door, you can share with them the Good News of God's love.

Upcoming Dates:

December 9-11, Monday to Wednesday
Religious Education Classes

December 16-18, Monday to Wednesday
Religious Education Classes, Last Week of classes

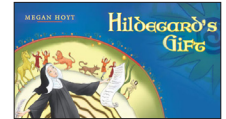
December 23-25
No Religious Education Classes Christmas Break.

December 30-January 1
No Religious Education Classes Christmas Break

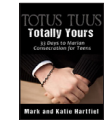
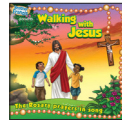
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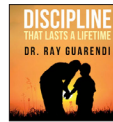
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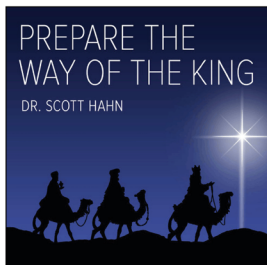


Resources for Parents



It's easy and free to start enjoying FORMED!

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Prepare the Way of the King Dr. Scott Hahn

The Greatest Gift We Can Ever Receive


Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind — Jesus Christ.

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our parish youth ministry

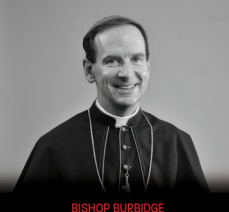
Join us as you pilgrimage to the March for Life!




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MORNING RALLY & MASS
(Including Confessions)

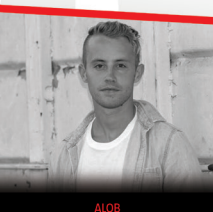
January 24, 2020
Fairfax, Virginia
9:00am - 11:00am
Doors open at 8:00am



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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



The Advent Season 2019 at Saint Mary

*One additional week of Confessions is added to the regular schedule in preparation for Christmas. All are encouraged to plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession **early** in the season to avoid the last-minute rush and crowded lines, and the risk of coming too late.*

Please note: There will be no additional Parish Confessions after **Monday, December 23.**

Daily Mass

Monday—Friday • 6:30 & 9am - Noon (M,W,F); Saturday • 9am

Immaculate Conception, December 9

December 9: 6:30am, 9am, 12pm & 6pm

Our Lady Guadalupe, December 12

4am, Mañanitas in the Church

6:30am & 9am (English) in the Church

6pm, Mass in Spanish with Reception to follow at Holy Cross Academy

7pm Sunday Advent Candlelight Masses: All Sundays of December

Sunday, December 22: 3pm Spanish Mass moved to Holy Cross Academy for the Posadas

Regular Confession Schedule

Wednesdays • after 12pm Mass & 6:30-8:30pm

Saturdays • 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

*Due to the sheer volume of Confessions, please be patient. The priests will try to finish the line in a timely manner.
Thank you.*

Additional Advent Confessions

Daily: Monday, December 16 - Friday, December 20 at 6:30pm

Monday, December 16 at 12:30pm | Wednesday, December 18 at 12:30pm | Friday, December 20 at 12:30pm

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2019



T U E S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 4

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4pm & 8:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (English)

6:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (Spanish)

4pm & 6:30pm Mass at Holy Cross Academy (English)

Carols and Choral Selections of the Christmas Season at 11pm before Midnight Mass

W E D N E S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 5

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Midnight Mass at Saint Mary Church

7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, & 12:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (English)

*Please Note: There are NO 10:30am Holy Cross Academy,
2pm Spanish, 5pm or 7pm Masses on Christmas Day*

T U E S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 3 1

VIGIL MASSES for the SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

5pm & Latin Mass at 7pm at Saint Mary Church

W E D N E S D A Y , J A N U A R Y 1

SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at 7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30pm (English) - Spanish Mass at 2:30pm

parish life get involved

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales

The Knights of Columbus St. Mary Council 4034 are selling Christmas Tree in the back lot, behind the church. Sales 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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Donate Your Old Car

Thinking of replacing or getting rid of your old car? We have now opened our new Office in Fredericksburg! Please consider donating it to Catholic Charities. We take used vehicles and transfer them directly to qualifying families in desperate need of transportation. We also accept non-working cars, which helps to fund our volunteer ministries. Donating is EASY! We handle all the paperwork; you receive an IRS donation receipt. Avoid the hassle of selling your car, simplify your life, or reclaim that space in your garage. To donate, please email cars@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3898. Non-working 1-844-527-2232.

parish life get involved

The Consecration to the Holy Family

This special event will take place on December 29 during the 10:30 Mass.

The Consecration to the Holy Family is a prayer, in which we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Prayer cards and brochures will be available to guide you and your family to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through his Church.

How to prepare:

Preparation for a Consecration to the Holy Family involves deciding that you are not only dedicating your family to the Holy Family's intercession but also acknowledging that your family is sacred.

The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender your family to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family and that through your domestic church, you are called to exemplify their example.

Four suggested steps before Praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

1. Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Confession.
3. As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast

can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.

4. Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through His Church.

Micah Cold Weather Shelter

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter is open and will 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...sizes L - XL for all). 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

O Come Let Us Adore Him in Eucharistic Adoration!!

"The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger" (Lk 2:16). "We fall down in adoration before the Son of God. As we adore Christ, born in a stable...we feel the shepherds' same amazement and their same joy" (Saint John Paul II). Please come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass.

Special Blessings a Catholic Support Group

Are you the parent of a special needs child?
Please join us for a brand-new ministry.

Meetings are held every other month
on Thursday from 7-9 PM
in the Courtyard Meeting Room



February 13

Contact:

Joyce Bodoh
joycebodoh@gmail.com

Vivian Heltemes
vivi0775@gmail.com

Rosario en Comunidad

Día: todos los domingos de Adviento

Hora: 1:55pm (antes de la misa) |

Lugar: iglesia (excepto el del 22 de diciembre que será en la Academia Holy Cross)

Última Posada-Necesitamos su ayuda

Si puede traer un plato para compartir para la Última Posada, por favor contacte a Rocío Atkinson a rocioatkinson@yahoo.com



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Lugar:

Parroquia Santa María de la Inmaculada Concepción
Salón: Courtyard Room

Dirección:

1009 Stafford Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Día y hora: Sábados de 10am a 12am

Inicio: 18 Enero 2020

Finalización: 16 Mayo 2020

Duración: Cuatro meses.

Cierre de Inscripción:

1 Febrero 2020

Costo taller: Gratis

Costo material: \$12.00

Información: Marisa Pagans

Teléfono: 217-898-8289

marisa.pagans@gmail.com

www.tovpil.org

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al Niño Dios*
Posada Navideña

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2019**

**Santa Misa
3:00 PM**
Holy Cross
Academy –
250 Stafford Lakes
Parkway,
Fredericksburg,
VA. 22406

**POSADA
PARROQUIAL
4:30 PM**

Solicitamos a la comunidad hispana proporcionar un platillo típico de su país para compartir en esta POSADA. Hacerlo llegar no más tarde de las 2 pm

parish life get involved

St. Mary's Craft Club

Free! All ages 3 and up can join us for a fun time creating craft projects with the "St. Mary's Craft Club". We meet the last Saturday of each month 9:45 - 10:45am in the Pope John Paul II house kitchen area. (Just go up the steps to the porch and enter through the door and you'll be there!)

December 28

Winter Craft Project with Hot Chocolate & Cookies!

January 25

Painting Canvases

February 29

Wooden crosses & wooden birdhouses

March 28

Easter crafts

April 25

Decorating planters & Planting flowers

May 30

Choose a Summer Beach Bag or a summer hat for fabric painting and Tie Die (also, please bring a white T-shirt to class).

Each craft club includes faith formation activities as well. To complete a Craft Club enrollment form, just come to a class and we'll give it to you. RSVP to Julia.Apicella@gmail.com.

Parish Council Seeking Recording Secretary

We are in need of someone who can take notes (minutes) during the parish council meetings. We meet every other month. Our next meeting is set for January 13 at 7pm. If interested in serving in this way, please email Mary Morton at marmarmorts@gmail.com

Ushers Needed

We are still in need of ushers for the Sunday evening 5 & 7pm Masses. Please consider serving your parish family in this way. Contact Tom Fish at fishtbrx@gmail.com



parish life get involved



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).

parish life happenings



Photos above include Rochelle & Jack Grey recently celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary with a blessing from Fr. Mosimann, Advent Masses and the Server Installation Mass —what a wonderfully eventful week!

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

Monday, January 13
*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.

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Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collections - December 8

Offertory Collection	\$34,681
Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Collection	\$12,068
Parish Christmas Collection for Special Charities (add'l)	\$2,883
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$150

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in November for the following unscheduled intentions: Health for Patricia Buckley, +Karen Scanlon, +Mary Jean Ruelo, +Mary Dudash, +Daniel Christopher, +Theodore Zbrzezny, Robert Piotrowski, All Souls, Fr. Mosimann & Family, +Barbara Mosimann (3), +Marie Rooney, +Josie Catolico, and Stephen Turner.

Pro-Life Reflection

Christmas, for which we are now preparing, is not simply the feast of the birth of Christ; it is the feast of His becoming human, the reality called the Incarnation. Jesus was an embryo, a fetus. Life in the womb, which was already sacred because it comes from God, is now made even more holy and worthy of our every sacrifice. Lord Jesus, You lived for nine months within the body of the Virgin Mary. Give success to the efforts of all who believe in Your Incarnation to protect every life in the womb.

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.



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Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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, Nikolai & 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 Mentee, 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 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., Dennis Farmer, Ernalina Kyle, Maria Wood, Margie Hougasian, Maria Wood, Robert Gibson, Mary Brussell

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, 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

Al Anon is 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

16 MONDAY

6:30am Graciela Rosillo+

9:00am Karen Scanlon+

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

17 TUESDAY

6:30am Catherine Sturtevant

9:00am Late Lawson Drackey

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

18 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Raymond Corpe+

9:00am Mary Linda Talak+

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

19 THURSDAY

6:30am For Our Bulletin Advertisers

9:00am Barbara Mertens+

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

20 FRIDAY

6:30am David Niederkofler+

8:15am* Mary Dudash+

9:00am Helen Novick+

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

21 SATURDAY

9:00am Juana Rosado Anchiraico

5:00pm For Our Parish

7:00pm Addie Comerford+

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

22 SUNDAY

7:00am Fr. Don Rooney

8:30am Ruth Stellino+

10:30am Francis J. McGill+

10:30am* George Graf+

12:30pm Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen+

2:30pm Manuel Ramirez Renteria

5:00pm Heather Wilcox+

7:00pm Peter Nho-Nguyen

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-2

** 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.