

FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 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

22 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, Mass
Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm*

23 Monday, Advent Weekday [Saint John of Kanty, Priest]

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

24 Tuesday, Advent Weekday

4pm, Christmas Vigil in English in the Church
4pm, Christmas Vigil in English at Holy Cross Academy
6:30pm, Christmas Vigil in Spanish in the Church
6:30pm, Christmas Vigil in English at Holy Cross Academy
8:30pm, Christmas Vigil in English in the Church
11pm, Carols and Choral Selections of the Christmas Season in the Church

25 Wednesday, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas) [Holyday of Obligation]

12am, Midnight Mass in the Church
7am, Christmas Mass in the Church
8:30am, Christmas Mass in the Church
10:30am, Christmas Mass in the Church
12:30pm, Christmas Mass in the Church

26 Thursday, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Parish Office Closed

27 Friday, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary
8pm, Spanish Legion of Mary

28 Saturday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8am, Confessions in the Church
10am, Baptisms in the Church
3:30pm, Confessions in the Church

29 SUNDAY, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

No Coffee Shop or Scrip Sales

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

▪ Daily Advent Prayer

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▪ Christmas Season Calendar

See the calendar on page 8

▪ K of C Christmas Tree Sales Thank You!

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▪ Noticias en Español

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▪ Christmas Flowers Still Available

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▪ Advent Happenings in the Church

Photos can be found on page 15

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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

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

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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,

'Twas the Sunday before Christmas, and all through the parish, not a soul was stirring, not even the man who changes the candles.... ok, wait, he is always working.

As I said last year, and last week, and will keep repeating: carefully pick your Christmas Mass! The Christmas Eve Masses are crazy packed, most especially (and worrisomely) the 4pm here at the church. So why not come on Christmas morning? The Masses on Christmas morning are far more prayerful than the ones on Christmas Eve because you are not wrestling with the fire marshal!

But, you ask, "what about our family traditions?" Change is possible: over the last several years, our family changed some times when we exchanged gifts, pushing some back to the 26th! All in the name of letting Christmas be more Christmas and less frenzy!

Moreover, last year I spent 48 hours with my family after Christmas, and made a New Year's resolution to spend more time with my Mom and Dad. Wow! Thank you Jesus, little did I know, that I only had six more months to spend with my mother before Jesus would call her home.

This Christmas will be different. Mom will be missed. Over the last six months I have become even more keenly aware that we are closest to those whom we love when we are around the altar. It is only in Jesus that we have communion that transcends even death. All people, traditions and things will pass, but the Cross remains fixed forever. Hold onto the altar, Hold onto Jesus, Hold onto all whom you love.

And maybe you could incorporate this quote into your family traditions. My mother read it every Christmas before any gifts were opened. I don't know who will read it this year (likely Dad), but I expect there will be a few misty eyes in the Mosimann house.

"And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans--and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused--and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself."

- Sigrid Undset

Thanks Mom and Dad for giving us the one Christmas gift that matters: Jesus.

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann



education holy cross academy

December is a Special Time at Holy Cross Academy

December at Holy Cross Academy is such a special time as we celebrate many time-honored traditions to prepare for Christmas. The 8th Graders performed a beautiful Nativity play during our annual Advent Giving Tree program. Students brought baby items and placed them under the Christmas tree to benefit Mary's Shelter, Birthright, and Catholic Charities Baby Closet, reminding us all that by giving to our most vulnerable among us we are actually giving to Him.

Another cherished Christmas tradition is the Kindergarten play, "Mary had a Baby." Our youngest students inspired us with their sweet voices singing beautiful Christmas hymns and telling the story of Christ's birth. Our assembly concluded with a school-wide sing-along of favorite Christmas songs.



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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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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.



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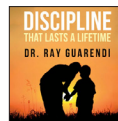
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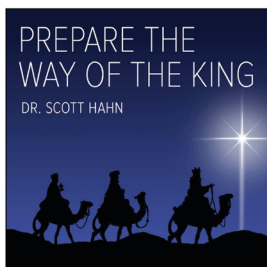


Resources for Parents



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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



January 24, 2020
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9:00am - 11:00am
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Be sure to stay in the know with St. Mary CYM by
visiting stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry



The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2019



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.**

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

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KofC Christmas Trees

We would like to say thank you to all of the folks who supported us in the tree sales fundraiser this season!

May you all have a blessed and very merry Christmas!

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 scripcordinator@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.

Women's Conference Registration

Registration is open for the 2020 Women's Conference sponsored by the Arlington Diocese Council of Catholic Women, to be held March 14 at St. Joseph's in Herndon. A full day of speakers, breakfast and

box lunch, and Mass with Bishop Burbidge! The cost is \$60 through February 1, \$70 thereafter. Seats sell out extremely quickly! To register or for detailed information visit arlingtondiocese.org/women or call the Office for Family Life, 703-841-2550; have your credit card ready, or ask about mailing a check.

The Consecration to the Holy Family

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

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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.

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.

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](http://MicahEcumenicalMinistries.dolovewalk.net) or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, thurmanbrisbencentre.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.



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

noticias en español

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

Nuevo horario de confesiones

Día- miércoles (excepto los días de obligación)
Hora: después de la misa del mediodía



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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



*Imágenes de la Misa
de Nuestra Señora de
Guadalupe a la izquierda*



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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.

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

*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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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).

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senior luncheon

Senior Luncheon Cookie Results

On behalf of the entire Senior Luncheon volunteer cadre, we would like to extend our thanks to so many members of our community who baked and sent in cookies. We had a rather lofty goal of providing 120 dozen cookies so that each of our seniors could participate in a "no bake" cookie swap and receive a gift of assorted cookies. Our final count was 151 dozen cookies for a grand total of 1,812 cookies! Super generous! We couldn't have done it without you - thank you for your support and care of our seniors!

A special thank you to David Uschold and Malinda Jones for leading our guests in a festive Christmas sing-along! The music was beautiful and the event was great fun.

God bless,

Lara Traylor, Karen Vossenber, and Bob and Mary Morton



operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collections - December 15

Offertory Collection	\$33,566
Catholic Charities (add'l)	\$3,655
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$153

Faith Direct December Deposit

Offertory	\$73,485
Building Fund	\$5,842
Parish Collection for Special Charities	\$3,623
Catholic Charities Christmas	\$2,970
Immaculate Conception	\$2,519
Christmas Collection	\$6,189

Thank you for your generosity!

Pro-Life Reflection

Thanks to Christmas, all the earth has seen the saving hand of God! A new and radiant vision of His glory has shone upon us, because human life has been joined to Him. He has raised human life to a greater dignity than it had before. Life was always sacred, because it is God's creation. But thanks to Christmas, human life is forever united to Divine Life in and through the Infant King of Bethlehem. Lord, may all Your people continue to marvel at Your love for human life and reverence this gift as You do.

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.

Children's Charity for January

Camp Rainbow is held every Spring for children who are coping with the loss of a loved one. Camp Rainbow provides a path for child campers along their journey through grief and toward healing. Little Buddies (child participants) are paired with trained Big Buddies (adult volunteers) to explore their feelings through age-appropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-on-one time. Expressive therapies such as art, music and dance are used to assist children with their grief and are balanced with traditional camp activities, like arts and crafts, kayaking, and singing by the fire. For more information, go to griefsupport@mwhc.com.

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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liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 Michaelaki, Re Macarthur, Jordan Tackett, Nikolai & 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 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 Guadarama, 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, Zeldia 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, Karen Danis, Bruce Mattern

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, 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

23 MONDAY

6:30am Richard and Nancy Darby
9:00am Patrick Leo Petro Sr.+
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

24 TUESDAY

6:30am Mark Allen Smollen+
9:00am Mary Kay Stine+
4:00pmSTM Elaine Wheeler
4:00pmHCA Patricia Gasper+
6:30pmSPA Thelma Odilia Rivera+
6:30pmSTM Barbara Walor+
8:30pm Frances and Joseph Cascio+
2 Sm 7:1-16/Lk 1:67-79

25 WEDNESDAY

12:00am For Our Parish
7:00am Jina Wingert Lenox+
8:30am Karen Scanlon+
10:30am Madre Cristina+
12:30pm Consuelo Villagrana y Familia
9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

26 THURSDAY

6:30am Dominick Delio+
9:00am Dr. And Mrs. Sambat
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

27 FRIDAY

6:30am Mary Dudash
9:00am Ruth Stellino+
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

28 SATURDAY

9:00am Karen Scanlon+
5:00pm Providence Moeller+
7:00pm For Our Parish
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

29 SUNDAY

7:00am Gerard Ruppert+
8:30am Emma and Nathan Jones
10:30am Anna Ban Nguyen+
10:30am* Sarah Strenio
12:30pm Our Military, Living & Deceased
2:30pm Thelma Odilia+
5:00pm Solanus Guthrie
7:00pm Marie Rooney+
Sir 3:2-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-23