

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020



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

# upcoming

## January



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

### **12 SUNDAY, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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

### **13 Monday, Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)** [Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Praesidium, Parish Life Center, Room 100  
4:45pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center  
6:30pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center  
7:30pm, RCIA, Church  
8:15pm, Taize, Church

### **14 Tuesday, Weekday**

10am, Outreach Pillowcase Project, Parish Life Center, Room 100  
10am, St Mary Book Club, Courtyard Meeting Room  
4:45pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center  
6pm, RE Class at HCA  
6:30pm, RE Class, Parish Life Center

### **15 Wednesday, Weekday**

10am, Weekly Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room  
12:30pm, Confessions, 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

### **16 Thursday, 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, First Penance Meeting, Church

### **17 Friday, Saint Anthony, Abbot**

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

### **18 Saturday, Weekday**

8am, Confessions, Church  
**8am, Hispanic Oracion y Vida Series, Parish Life Center, Main Hall**  
10am, Baptisms, Church  
10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204  
11am, Baptisms, Church  
3:30pm, Confessions, Church

### **19 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

■ **Candlelight Mass for the Children We Lost**  
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■ **From the Pews at St Mary**  
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■ **March for Life - January 24**  
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■ **Noticias en Español**  
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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  
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students staff office weekdays until 9pm,  
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

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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!

## stmaryfred.org

# from our pastor

# pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

I have encountered no pain greater than a parent losing a child.

In today's bulletin, we have a moving note "from the pews" of one such parent. It begins on this page, and is a moving witness to grace in the midst of unspeakable pain.

For that grief, I would like to announce a candlelight Mass on the day of the March for Life, January 24th. Many parents who have lost children during pregnancy have been told they aren't allowed to grieve. I suppose that grief is a slap in the face of our culture's blind and obstinate denial of the gift of life in the womb.

So if you lost a child, in pregnancy, in school, in college, or adulthood this Mass will be offered both for your child(ren) and for you. All are invited to come and offer a prayer of support.

Candlelight Mass Friday, January 24 at 7pm.

pax et bonum,

Fr Mosimann

## Candlelight Mass for the Children We Have Lost

Our community will gather to pray for those who have lost a child or suffered a miscarriage and for the unborn children

Please join us for this special Mass

**Friday, January 24 at 7pm**

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

All are invited to the 2020 Northern Virginia observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. ALL CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME. Wednesday, January 22 at 7pm at Saint Bernadette Catholic Church 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield VA

Fellowship and a light reception will follow.

## From the Pews at St. Mary

I am proof of God's love and support. I can assure you, He is there when you need Him, and only He can see you through the darkest of times. I should know...I'm a grieving father.

My wife and I lost our son, Christopher, on November 1, 2015, from head injuries due to a fall. He was a mechanical engineering senior at VCU. It was a Sunday – for me, it's "The Day the Hammer Fell." Two Spotsy sheriff deputies came to our home to deliver the news. When they left, my wife and I held each other and she said, "Whatever happens we have to do this together." She was in shock, as was I, yet I flew into a rage. I have no idea how I didn't destroy the dining room, or break both my hands. I ran into his room, grabbed his pillow and began to cry. A cry many people don't know, a cry from the pit of despair, which I wish no parent, would ever know.

Neither of us knew what to say. We were in trouble and needed help. I wanted to die, and I was serious – I've never known that type of grief before, but I couldn't leave my wife alone. I never knew a night could be so dark or so long. We called St. Mary and spoke with Fr. Holmes (former parochial vicar) he was very compassionate, his voice through the phone literally saved me...saved us. He knew what to say, and how to say it, and for that I'm eternally grateful. We still communicate with him today.

Thus began a long, slow, ongoing process of renewal, introspection and forgiveness. I had to forgive Chris for leaving us and I had to forgive God for taking him. I had to accept there was nothing I could have done to prevent it, and I had to stop blaming myself. We still don't know exactly what happened, or why and the bottom line is, even if we did, it wouldn't change the outcome. So what do I do? Keep seeking answers? I did, but eventually learned that is a trap. You put on the mileage and expend effort, but you do it in a circle, so you don't actually go anywhere. For me, I had to re-tool. I had to do a hard boot of my entire being. I had to start over, but how does one do that?

I decided to go to confession. When I was done, I felt different. I was different. It was a start. I

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# education holy cross academy

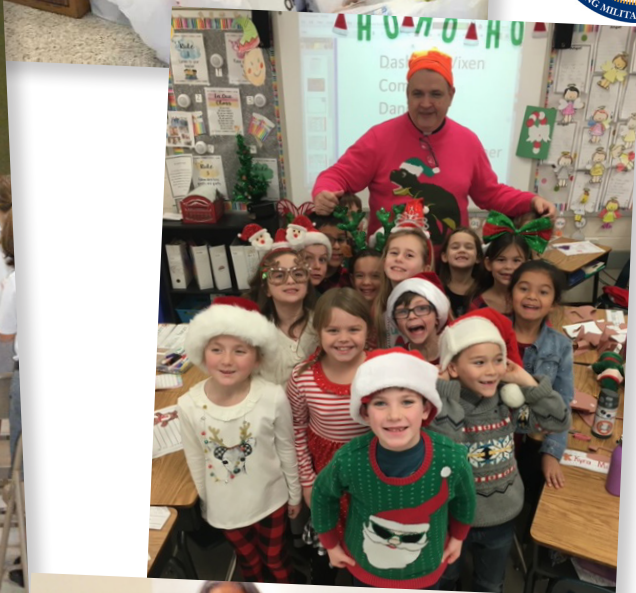
## Happy New Year from HCA!

Each new year brings with it an opportunity to reflect on our many blessings. At Holy Cross Academy, we are abundantly blessed with a dedicated faculty, supportive parents, and inspired students. As we begin each day in prayer, we are reminded of the beautiful gift of Catholic education. Thank you St. Mary parishioners for your steadfast support and prayers. Please know that you are in our daily prayers. Wishing you all a blessed 2020!

Please join us for our Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 at HCA and from 9-12 at St. Mary Preschool. Come discover what a blessing our school can be for your family.



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our parish

# religious education

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### Epiphany

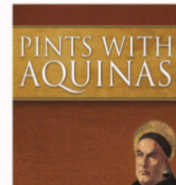
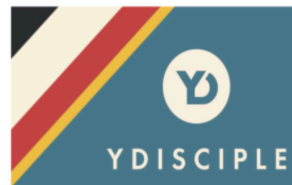
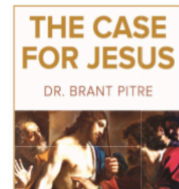
The word “Epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation, apparition, or to make one’s appearance.” Epiphany is one of the main Christian feasts of the year. It is the day that Christians remember the kings or wise men who came from the Orient to Bethlehem to pay homage to the baby Jesus. In doing so, they showed that Jesus is the Messiah not just for Jews, but for the entire human family.



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### JANUARY RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Vocations



### Gold, incense and myrrh

The wise men (Magi) who come to see Jesus bring him gifts – gold, incense, and myrrh. Gold is gift for that is given to Kings. Jesus Christ is a king, but his kingdom is not like other kingdom His is the Kingdom of God. The also bring him incense. Sometimes incense is burned during Mass and its smoke goes up into the air as if it were going right to God. Incense is the sign of the prayer that the wise men say to Jesus. Last of all they gave him myrrh. It is a very precious perfume that people wore at the time of Jesus. In giving this gift, the wise men show that Jesus is truly a human being.

## Family Week January 2020

Family Week has always been the first week of Religious Education classes in January. This year you are asked to attend one of child's Religious Education class in January. This is help us further appreciate the important connection between Religious Education classes and family life. Religious Education reinforces and strengthens the Catholic culture we live in our homes.

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### PICK OF THE WEEK

Dr. Pitre exposes the problems with the many false theories that have resulted in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christianity.

## The Case for Jesus

By Dr. Brant Pitre

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## THE CASE FOR JESUS

DR. BRANT PITRE




### JOIN FORMED

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



# our parish youth ministry

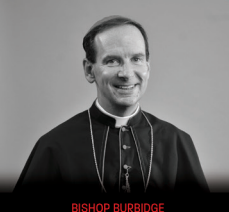
Join us as you pilgrimage to the March for Life!




**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



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## Bishop Loverde Award Winner

Congratulations to Steven Young for his exceptional service with the Diocesan Youth Ministry!



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](http://stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry)

# get involved

## **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 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](mailto:ksturtevant@stmaryfred.org) or 540-373-6491.

## **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.

## **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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/women) or call the Office for Family Life, 703-841-2550; have your credit card ready, or ask about mailing a check.

## **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 [fishtrbx@gmail.com](mailto:fishtrbx@gmail.com).

## **Help Needed at Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter**

The Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter has a program called Bridges. This program operates every Monday night from 7:00-8:00pm and is designed to provide fun activities for the children staying at the homeless shelter. We are seeking volunteers to take the kids outside and lead them in activities such as ball, tag etc. and if the weather isn't cooperating, to lead indoor activities (provided by the shelter) i.e. games, puzzles, books and/or other activities to engage the kids. A Sign-Up Genius (link below) allows groups or individuals to sign-up easily for evenings available. Please consider helping our community in this powerful way.

Please note, this program requires all participants to arrive early. Volunteers MUST complete a registration form and provide a photo ID in an effort to protect the children staying at the shelter. For more information contact Aaron Sawyer [bridges.fxbg@gmail.com](mailto:bridges.fxbg@gmail.com).

## **St Mary Book Club**

Something Else Entirely by Donna Lee Davis is just that: short stories that will make you smile and make you think, tales that will touch your heart, three poems that are prayers (or prayers that are poetic), and an essay that speaks truth. Perhaps more importantly, this collection includes Dust and

Shadow, the sequel to the novel Matter of Discretion. If you already know Chaplin Damon Keith and that novel's cast of characters, you will happily meet them again here. If not, you will surely want to get acquainted!

Join us for Book Club on January 14, at 10am in the Father Rooney Room.

## **Knights of Columbus**

### **Knight of the Month - November 2019**

Our Knight of the Month Award recognizes brother Knights considered to exemplify the values taught by our Church and our Order and who have made a particular contribution to our parish, community or council. Brother Mario Castillo a new second degree knight stepped up right from the start working Christmas Trees several shifts and Christmas Eve Mass Parking duty. Mario also heads the and is a Eucharistic Minister. Thank you Brother Mario for your service and congratulations on being selected as Knight of the Month for December!

### **Family of the Month - December 2019**

The Family of the month for December 2019 is Gary and Gail Domaleski. Brother Gary Domaleski is always supporting our council assisting with the annual Christmas Tree Sales as a Day Captain, setting the example working shifts. His wife Gail is the vice president of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) and she is always ready to lend a hand to our council planning and executing events. Due to Gary and Gail's long-standing volunteerism within the council, parish and community participating in or supporting events or just being there to support our fellow Knights Gary and Gail Domaleski are selected as Family of the Month for December.



# parish life happenings

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became open to signs that were being sent and finally believed in them, that our Chrissier was okay. I know I'll see him again. I also started noticing people – not just looking at them, but really seeing them, in a way I hadn't before. I notice the sky just before sunrise. I see the unqualified love in our dog's eyes, and in our new grandson, Liam Christopher.

Chris' friends are moving on, but none forget, and we still communicate with almost all of them, which is comforting to us. I still go backwards sometimes, thinking of what should have been, might have been, what we had planned. Everything now – everything – is before or after November 1. But I remember being in a shop a year or so after, and saw a poem entitled, "Footprints in the Sand." It describes Jesus' love for us. He walks beside us, two sets of footprints. Yet on the saddest days of life, only one set is visible. When asked why the Lord would leave when we need Him the most, He replies, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you. During your times of trial and testing, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

I realized how I got through those first awful months – with the help of God, our family, friends, counseling and just being there for each other. We have also been able to talk to and help others who have lost children. As stated in 2 Corinthians: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." I'm still here, and happy. I hope my story helps those who may need it. God bless you.

Paul Ducic

*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.

## 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!)

**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](mailto:Apicella@gmail.com).

**HORARIO DE MISAS** sábado (vigilia)- 5 & 7pm  
domingo- 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am,  
12:30pm, 2:30- español, 5pm, 7pm  
10:30am en la Academia Holy Cross

**MISA DIARIA** lunes a viernes 6:30am y 9am  
lunes, miércoles y viernes- 12 mediodía  
sábado- 9am  
Primer viernes del mes- 8pm  
Días de obligación, se anuncia en el  
boletín y en anuncios de la misa en español

**DEVOCIONES** Adoración al Santísimo diaria  
entre misa 6:30 y 9am  
Adoración Perpetua- miércoles  
12:30pm hasta viernes 9am  
Novena Medalla Milagrosa- lunes  
después misa 9am  
Coronilla Divina Misericordia  
miércoles 3pm

**CONFESIONES** miércoles 6:30-8:30pm  
Sábados - 8am & 3:30pm o por cita

**OFICINA PARROQUIAL** 540-373-6491, fax 371-0251  
stmary@stmaryfred.org  
lunes a viernes- 8:30am-4:30pm  
Secretaria parroquial- Jachabel  
Ríos (habla español)

**MINISTERIO DE JÓVENES** 540-373-6491  
Director, Leo Chavarria  
Tatiana Beltra

**BAUTISMOS** clases el primer sábado del mes a las  
2pm en el Salón Father Rooney (Salón de  
las cruces al lado oficina)

**MATRIMONIO** contacte la oficina parroquial para  
más información

**CONVALIDACIONES** contacte a la oficina  
parroquial para más información

**QUINCEAÑERAS** contacte a la oficina parroquial  
para más información

**EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (CATECISMO)** contacte a la oficina parroquial  
para más información

**RCIA** lunes 7:30pm comienzan en septiembre -  
más información en la oficina parroquial

**CORO PARROQUIAL** Practicas los viernes 7-9pm, domingos  
12:30-2pm en el salón música  
Centro de Vida Parroquial

**GRUPO DE PAREJAS** El cuarto domingo del mes de 12-2pm  
en el salón 204 Centro de Vida  
Parroquial

**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN** "Confiados en Jesús y María" todos los  
viernes a las 7pm en la Casa Juan Pablo II

**LEGIÓN DE MARÍA JUNIOR** Viernes 6:30-8:30pm en el  
Salón Father Rooney

**LEGIÓN DE MARÍA** Viernes 8pm en Salón Father Rooney



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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](mailto:marisa.pagans@gmail.com)

### Nuevo horario de confesiones

**Día- miércoles (excepto los  
días de obligación)**

Hora: después de la misa del  
mediodía

### Rosario en Comunidad

**Día: domingos**

Hora: 1:55 pm (antes de la misa)  
Lugar: iglesia





# our parish christmas flowers

## In Memory of...

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Michadick  
Stefan Wolanski  
Wayne A. Cushing  
Helen E. Cushing  
Lucy Jenkins  
Donna Jenkins  
Daryl Jenkins  
Louise & Edna Dwarzak Family  
Ben Jarrett  
James & Rita Krank  
Beverly & Sue Cameron  
Leighton Atteberry  
Mrs. Huguette  
Nell & Garnet Strock  
Dziedzina Family  
Walter & Ether Dejeski  
Guadalupe Estrada  
Mary Wehman  
Lin, Chu Ching  
Fang, Wen Cheng  
Veronica Mary Rolla  
Roy H. Eppard  
Ashley N. Rolla  
Souls In Purgatory  
Rex Stockham  
John F. Barrett Sr.

John F. Barrett Jr.  
Florence Jones Barrett  
Mary Ellen Spitler  
Ted Barrett  
Kelsey Family Deceased Members  
Roney Family Deceased Members  
Melvin E. Crisp Sr.  
Melvin E. Crisp Jr.  
Kathleen Boswell Crisp  
Becky Crisp  
Lewis M.A. Berrett  
Christopher Dudziak  
Dorothy H. Diehl  
Cecilia M. Rupper  
Linda Kaila  
Ally Lee & Donna Hunter  
John J. & Beatrice Kopcak Sr.  
Robert & Patricia Laughton  
Helen Lamb  
Deceased Members Of The Murphy, Donlon & Taylor Families  
Marie Rigor-fernandes  
Esther Fernandes  
Peter Fernandes  
John Lawlor  
John A. Teeple  
Gene R. Lajoie  
Josephine Lesneski  
Thelma & Charles Arter  
Robert & Katherine Sheppe

## In Honor of...

Hazel Barton  
David Barton  
Ben Jarrett  
Marie Madrzyk  
Mr. & Mrs. Rigoberto Amezcuita

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection 12/22/19  
\$35,418

Parish Building Fund 12/15/19  
(add'l)  
\$4,667

Christmas In-Pew Collection  
\$52,181

Offertory Collection 12/29/19  
\$30,517

Solemnity of Mary Collection  
\$14,659

Offertory Collection 1/5/20  
\$40,265

Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul  
(12/16-12/29/19) \$519

Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul  
(week ending 1/5/20) \$575

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## First Offering Contributions

### To Help Offset Cost of Collection Envelopes

Each year in January the envelope packet always includes an envelope marked "First Offering" with a suggested donation of \$15. This is not a regular collection, but merely a request for a free-will offering to help offset the cost of the printing and bimonthly mailing of collection envelopes to more than 5,000 parish families. From July 2018 to June 2019, the parish's cost for the offering envelopes was \$17,652.85. First Offering donations received for the same period totaled \$7,111. Your generosity and support in helping to offset the cost of the envelopes is greatly appreciated.

## Pro-Life Reflection

*God does not make mistakes. When a human being is alive, it is because God wants him or her to be alive. People do not have to measure up to our standards or expectations in order to have dignity and deserve protection. "Lord, I pray for all those who are disabled, frail, and ill. Give them Your strength and peace, and give us the eyes to see their dignity and value." (Pro Life Reflections for Every Day).*

## 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@mwhe.com](mailto:griefsupport@mwhe.com).

## March for Life

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, DC and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the US Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on Friday, January 24, to commemorate the 47th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

St. Mary will have two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation; however, participants are asked to bring diapers and/or baby items for Birthright.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Mary and will return to St. Mary at approximately 5:30pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. Sign up sheets will be available after January 1st in the vestibule of the Church. Please consider taking a visible stand for life, and sign up as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the bus.

## The Summit Academy

*Have you asked what high school should do for your son or daughter?  
Come find out how The Summit Academy can serve your student.*

## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, February 5th  
7:00 p.m.

5888 Plank Road, Fredericksburg

RSVP: [www.thesummitva.org](http://www.thesummitva.org)  
Phone: (540) 684-3989  
[info@thesummitva.org](mailto:info@thesummitva.org)



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## 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 Mihalaki, 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 Guadarrama, Margaret Dougherty, Betty Gil, Adrienne Menjivar, Deanna White, David Mares, Chuck Boyer, Daniel Bustamonte, Hector Rios-Villagrana & Family, Miguel Correa & Family, Tamlyn Leaf, Gordon Leffel, Graciela Chavez, Nico Luiggi, Vickie Coburn, Ana B. Rojas, Maria Mangini, Melanie and Chris Koumentakos, Maryanne Schram, Jackie Davia Johnson, Jenna Cappello, Matt Seidlinger, Benjamin Grillo, Gavin Menteer, Jim Seidlinger, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kurt Gutzmann, Lois Michell, Frank Pollack, Leslie and Charlotte Heagney, Joseph Daley, Carolyn Shebora, Melvin Schreckinger, Stephen Inguanti, Rhonda Wolfe, Delia Flores, Bruce Berry, Glen Gress, Bobby Blankenship & family, Buddy & Vincent Yerkie & Family, Carolyn Allen, Mitchell Wood, Felicity Peletier, Leah Sanford, Jason Stoker, Makenna Anne Koetzle, Peggy Silverman, Jack Ryan, Amy Peretta, Janet Fisher, Paul Scott, Wendy Vann, Michael Vann, Michelle Thomas, Jerry Hall, Zelda Meyer, Jack Ryan, Robert Boggio, Ryan McNichol, Bianca Sanchez, Jackeline Sanchez & Family, Mary Hope Burkett, Dick Geary, Sean Duarte, Linda Schaaf, Dave & Joy Zerby, David Silberman, Mrs. Joann A. Formeller, Jim Matarese & Son, Paula Hass, Leony Scott, Catherine Laski, Winifred Herrin, Brenda Leffel, Deborah Nunez, Larry Hays, Alma Keyes, Mary Carr-John, Phil Fuller, Jean Guinn, Sylvia Littlepaige, Alma Keyes, Andy Johnston, Jacoby Smith, Andrew Prybys, Richard Epp, Mary Wehman, Barbara Sisbarro, Maria Atkins. Santo Domingo Hernandez Gomez & family, Otilia Dogmoc, Linda Rager, Samantha Stumpf, Lonnie Dalton, Gail Erickson, Brenda Dudley, Debbie Beebe, Blanca Garcia, Rildo Ribellino Soto, Giles Morgan, Kim Matkovsky, Frances Conn, Christine Frescas, James Murphy, Daniel Burke, Joan Baker, Stephen O'Byrne, Marian Wilinski, Martha Clements, Bernard Cruz, Margaret Krebbel, Floyd Carver, Jr., Michael Sharkey, Jerry Werline, Patricia Johnston, Claire Matthews, Isabelle McLoone, Kensington McLoone, 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, Miles Wood, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpe

**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

### January

#### 13 MONDAY

6:30am Joseph Vu Van Ngong+  
9:00am Edward Antonio Mela+  
1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

#### 14 TUESDAY

6:30am Hubert Chase  
9:00am Hipolito Mela+  
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

#### 15 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Sara Dulanto & Juan Silva+  
9:00am Ronald Failor  
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

#### 16 THURSDAY

6:30am Brian McCarty+  
9:00am Jason Stanislawski  
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

#### 17 FRIDAY

6:30am Michelle Skinner Beal+  
8:15am\* Vu and Trinh Families  
9:00am Michael Jones  
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

#### 18 SATURDAY

9:00am Frank Woodhead  
5:00pm Robert Korzen  
7:00pm Jack Ryan+  
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

#### 19 SUNDAY

7:00am Conor Jerome Gardner+  
8:30am Mary Ann Holzworth  
10:30am For Our Parish  
10:30am\* Cheryle Granito  
12:30pm Sarah Farmer  
2:30pm Jose Oscar Valles+  
5:00pm Isabel Avalos  
7:00pm Felix Mroto+  
Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

*\* 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.*