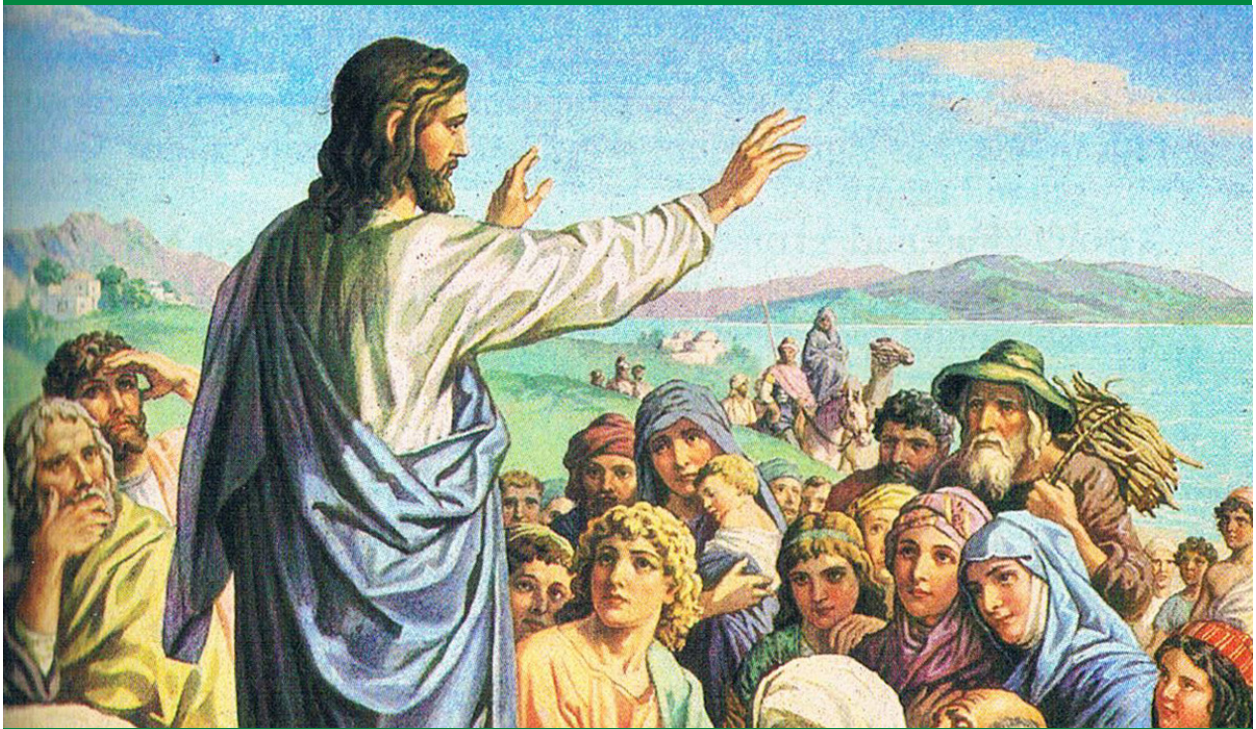


SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2020



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

upcoming

February



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

16 SUNDAY, SIXTH SUNDAY, DAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

17 Monday, Weekday [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order]

Parish Office Closed in Observance of President's Day

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

18 Tuesday, Weekday

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

12pm, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room

19 Wednesday, Weekday

9:45am, Weekly Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

12:30pm, Confessions, Church

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church

6pm, Confirmation Formation for Year 1 at Holy Cross Academy

6pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, Confessions, Church

6:30pm, YOUCAT, JPPII House

7:30pm, Young Adult Group, Parish Office Library

20 Thursday, Weekday

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

9:45am, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6pm, Confirmation Formation for Year II at Holy Cross Academy

6pm, Walking With Purpose, Parish Life Center

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

21 Friday, Weekday [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

9am, St Anne's Sisters, Faith, JPPII House

6:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

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

8pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room

22 Saturday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

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

3:30pm, Confessions, Church

23 SUNDAY, SEVENTH SUNDAY, DAY 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 Meeting, Church

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

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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.

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 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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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry, sfry@holycrossweb.com
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL	540-373-7553 Director, Sheri Castellarin
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	540-373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	tbeltran@stmaryfred.org Tatiana Beltran
YOUNG ADULTS	stmaryya@gmail.com 540-847-1872
OUTREACH	540-373-6491 Elena Doyle - edoyle@stmaryfred.org
BAPTISMS	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
MARRIAGE	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
JOIN US	New Parishioner Welcome meetings held in the Parish Life Center on fourth Sun days, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.
Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

from our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

I was listening to a 'secular' podcast yesterday and have been chewing on this quote, "It is easy to fall in love with an idea." They went on to discuss how it's not so easy to love something real.

The problem is that "ideas" can often involve a great deal of fantasy on our part and when the fantasy collides with reality, then we can be left disappointed and disillusioned. Does your idea of the perfect spouse allow for their humanity, weakness, and their preferences which may not be your own? Real Love is challenging, because it means generously giving ourselves away.

I have mentioned the annual Married Couples retreat in this space, and invite you to come away and pray with your spouse. Together you can more deeply encounter our Lord and each other.

Moreover, do you love Jesus, or the idea of Jesus? Our idea of Jesus must conform to who He is. A mature growth in loving Jesus means learning where our idea of Him is in error, and coming to love Him as He is. When the faith challenges your behavior or bias or understanding, then this is Jesus trying to move your love to a more perfect state. Will you really love Him? Then get to know Him. Lent is coming and is a beautiful time to strip away some of our distractions to better see and love Jesus.

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann



**MARRIAGE
RETREAT**

WITH FATHER MOSIMANN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

RETREAT BEGINS WITH
9AM MASS AT ST MARY CHURCH

PLEASE BRING A BIBLE AND
BROWN-BAG LUNCH

CONCLUDES AT 5PM

WELCOME TO INVITE FRIENDS
SPREAD THE WORD

**MUST REGISTER BY SENDING AN EMAIL
TO EDOYLE@STMARYFRED.ORG**

2020 Lenten Series

Following the Call of Christ

Join your parish family as we journey together with Bishop Barron. Sign-up to receive a weekly video (at no cost) that you may watch with your family and/or small Lenten group. You will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions directly to our priests as the material is presented.

To sign-up, please visit the St. Mary website stmaryfred.org and click the link for Flocknotes/ Lenten Program and register for the 2020 Lenten Series in English OR Spanish.

Following the Call of Christ

Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how ordinary people, just like you, were approached by Jesus in a wide variety of circumstances and called to a better life through him. Experience how Jesus met and forever changed people like the apostle Matthew, the woman at the well, the rich, young man, and even the three kings who came to see him as a newborn baby in Bethlehem. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward a deeper, more personal connection to Jesus Christ. In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life-long process that God offers to everyone. "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence," explains Bishop Barron. Where are you meeting Jesus now and what is your response?

education holy cross academy

Holy Cross Academy Preschool

A new calendar year in preschool is an opportunity to learn new things and make some BIG changes! The first big change is that we are renaming our preschool to Holy Cross Academy Preschool at St. Mary. This change honors our tradition and our location on the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception campus as well as reinforces our connection to our parish school, Holy Cross Academy. As a part of this increased connection, our administration is pleased to announce a 10% preschool discount for families that have students on both campuses.

Our second big change is that our playground got an amazing face lift by having brand new synthetic turf installed by Synthetic Turf of Virginia. The students love having this beautiful, soft surface to run on! This wonderful upgrade was generously donated by a Secret Santa in our parish. Thank you to our benefactor!

Enrollment is now open for the 2020-2021 school year in our three and four year old programs! Please contact our preschool director Sheri Castellarin via email at preschool@holycrossweb.com or by phone at 540-373-7553 to schedule a tour of our preschool. We would love to show your family why Holy Cross Academy at St. Mary is such a wonderful place to play, learn, and grow!



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our parish

religious education

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Know the commandments

The readings this week refer to God's commandments. Do you know the Ten Commandments? Try to memorize them this week (page 5 of our prayer book) Show your love for God by loving his laws.

Make good Choices

We make many choices each day. Grow in wisdom this week by paying attention to your choices. What will you do with your time? How well will you listen to your parents and teachers? Choose what Jesus would choose.



Introduction to the CRS Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



And it's an opportunity for our parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live our Gospel call to seek those in distress and help those in need.

During the next 40 days, we will encounter the stories of people in Kenya, Vietnam, and Honduras where CRS is at work. We will be invited to eat simple, meatless meals from these countries. Through the stories, we'll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching—and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond.

We will reflect on how we are called to recognize the needs of our global human family. We will see how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can provide for those worldwide who are most in need, especially those who are hungry and lack proper nutrition.

Upcoming Dates:

February 21 | 4:45pm | Church

First Penance for Religious Education students preparing for First Communion this spring and attend class Mondays at 4:45, Tuesdays at 4:45, Wednesday at 4:45 and are Home Taught.



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

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom"

Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys -
The Primacy of the Church



[WATCH ON FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org)

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

our parish youth ministry



Fitness Club

Middle Schoolers!

Join us for some faith, fun and fitness! All fitness levels welcome.

We meet at Green Fitness and Wellness 9am-10am.

Meets Saturday:

- ~~Feb 8th~~
- March 7th
- April 18th
- May 9th

Please contact: Rachel Luciani for more info: lucianir@comcast.net

Come & join us for a Steubenville Conference

June 12-14 2020! We will be going to Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio for a youth conference where thousands of teens will gather for fellowship, fun and to praise our Loving Father!

The 2020 theme is "Restored" where we will encounter the God who calls us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. Lift your eyes to the glory of God. Be restored! Only for high school students, we have limited spots. Please email Tatiana for more info: tbeltran@stmaryfred.org.



SUMMER 2020

RESTORED

PSALM 80:3



High School

WINTER RETREAT

Feb. 21-23

Permission Slips online

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Stay Up-to-Date: Be sure to stay in the know with St. Mary CYM by visiting stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry

Assistant Director for Youth Ministry

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

St. Mary Parish is seeking a full-time Assistant Director of Youth Ministry. The position requires collaboration with the Director in guiding the overall ministry to teens in 7th-12th grade as well as directing the middle school program, coordination of Confirmation program and retreats for both middle and high school students. The Assistant Director assists in the leadership of the High School Youth Ministry program which includes; Life Teen, retreats, WorkCamp, bible study and other events. Administrative tasks, programming and coordination of schedules are included. For more information on the position and requirements visit our website stmaryfred.org.

get involved

We've got Script Gift Cards for That

Do you buy groceries at Giant, Walmart or Weis? We have Script Gift cards for that. Buy breakfast or Lunch at Chipotle, Taco Bell, Wendy's, or Panera Breads? We have Script Gift cards for that. Enjoy fine dining at Red Lobster, Outback, Bonefish, Carrabba's, Bob Evans, or Cracker Barrel. We have Script Gift Cards for that. Need gas or groceries we have gift cards for Sheetz and Wawa or Giant, Weis, Target, and Walmart. Stop by the Script Gift Card table in the PLA after mass and purchase gift cards or to review the list of all the Script Gift Cards that are available. Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email the Scrip Coordinator at scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase or with any questions. Thanks for using script gift cards!

Upcoming Adult Education Bible Study Opportunity

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage.

While taking this study or reading this book, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary.

Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

Cost: The materials cost \$20 per person. Class size limited to 40. Class Dates: Mondays - March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6. Class run

time shouldn't be more than 90 minutes. Time: 12:45pm. Location: Father Rooney Community Room
Please sign up in the Parish Office (540-373-6491) before Feb. 21, 2020

St. John Paul the Great Shrine Visit

Knights of Columbus members and all parishioners are invited for a day of retreat at the Shrine of St. John Paul The Great in Washington DC, March 21.

A carpool sign-up sheet is available below. Those carpooling can meet at St. Mary's and travel to the shrine for 10am. We'll gather as a group in the large open area inside the front doors. A guide is assigned for a tour of the shrine. After we'll have time for reflection, prayer and an opportunity to attend Mass at 12pm. Sign up at bit.ly/kofcshrine2020

The Shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road, NE Washington, DC 20017. Free parking on site for cars and buses.

Virginia Catholic Conference FREE Registration

Our Holy Father Pope Francis encourages us to get involved with the legislative process in our country. "A good Catholic meddles in politics." Our Catholic faith compels us to take an active role in the political process to support human life and dignity. The VA Catholic Conference established by the bishops of Arlington and Richmond, provides a quick and easy way to advocate for public policy that promotes our Gospel values as Catholics. Take a minute TODAY and join its email advocacy network. Sign-up online at vacatholic.org. God bless you!

Cursillo of the Arlington Diocese

It is registration time for the Women's Cursillo to be held March 19-22, 2020 at San Damiano Retreat House in White Post VA. The cost

is \$250 for meals and lodging. The word Cursillo means short course. This is a three day short course to revitalize your faith, your Catholic connections, and increase your time with God, study skills, and action in the church and home community. Following the retreat all will be invited and encouraged to join a small group gathering call a Group Reunion. There are several groups already meeting in the greater Fredericksburg area. There will be a Men's Cursillo in May. For registration and more information please contact: Tammie Chute at tammiechute@hotmail.com.

SPRED at St. Mary

Special Religious Development (SPRED) serves children and young adults with developmental disabilities. SPRED meets on certain Saturdays, February 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.

Meet Dr. Stephen Fry

Please join your St. Mary Council of Catholic Women at 10am on Tuesday, February 18, in the Father Rooney Community Room on the courtyard. We will welcome Dr. Stephen Fry, Principal of Holy Cross Academy, who will tell us about himself and our church school. Refreshments, a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, fellowship, and a short business meeting. All welcome!

Our spring high tea will be held at Holy Cross on April 4. To find out how you can help make "Tea in the Vatican Gardens" the best time ever, please contact Delores "Loli" Ibarra, 540-899-8949 or lacasablanca2@gmail.com.

parish life happenings

Donations Needed!

Cases of Love is part of the St. Mary's Outreach Ministry, which involves making and donating pillowcases for the homeless residents at several of our locations, in and around the Fredericksburg area. We are in need of fabric donations in order to continue this ongoing project.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS: 1 yard in length x 42-44 inches in width of 100% cotton for the body of the pillowcase; ½ yard in length x 42-44 inches in width of contrasting color for the cuff. Most of these pillowcases are for children, so we like bright, colorful, juvenile patterns. Joann's Fabrics has a wide selection, including flannel. We also accept gift cards. Scrip has Joann's gift cards which can be purchased after each Mass in the Parish Life Center. All donations can be left at the Parish Office.

If you are interested in helping out with this very rewarding project, please contact Adele Falardeau at asfalardeau49@gmail.com.

St. Mary's is seeking a digital piano for parish events/gatherings. If you have one and are willing to donate it, please reach out to David Uschold at duschold@stmaryfred.org or call the parish office.

Thank You!

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 \$70. 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.

Tea at "The Vatican"

Your St. Mary Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring "Tea in the Vatican Gardens" on Saturday, April 4th from 2-4pm at Holy Cross Academy. High tea with delicious Italian treats, Vatican inspired live music and decor, prizes and surprises, and a photo op with "Pope Francis." Bring your favorite hat and come celebrate the special bond between mothers and daughters, aunts and nieces, grandmothers and granddaughters, and best friends! Tickets are \$10 per person or \$13 for a gluten free option. Purchase yours today after Mass or through this website, motherdaughtertea.org



*We invite all Christians to
gather in the peace of Christ
at St. Mary
Monday, March 9
as we "prepare a place for
unity and peace" together.*



**You are invited to a monthly
gathering of prayer in the
ecumenical tradition of the
Taizé Community in France, the
second Monday of every month
at 8:15pm.**

It is our hope that this monthly prayer brings together Christians of all churches, pastors and flocks, as together we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about Unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one." It is something we are unable to do ourselves.

This Unity which embraces all people stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...and belongs to the essence of our community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and fulfill his plan for us.



El Ministerio Hispano de Saint Mary Catholic Church en coordinación con El Grupo de Oración Carismático Parroquial "Confiados en Jesús y María"

TE INVITAN A LA MAÑANA DE REFLEXIÓN DE CUARESMA

FEBRERO
22

8AM
A
12PM

ITINERARIO

8AM - SANTO ROSARIO "LEGIÓN DE MARÍA"
9AM - SANTA MISA
10AM - DESAYUNO
10:30AM - TEMA DE RELEXIÓN
11:30AM - PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS
11:50AM - ORACIÓN FINAL
12PM - DESPEDIDA

LUGAR: CENTRO DE VIDA PARROQUIAL SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Conozca a Dr. Stephen Fry

Acompañe al Consejo de Mujeres Católicas de St. Mary, el martes 18 de febrero a las 10:00 a.m. en el salón Padre Rooney. Dr. Stephen Fry, director de la Academia Holy Cross será nuestro invitado. El nos hablará de él y de nuestra escuela parroquial. Tendremos refrigerio, una rifa 50/50, camaradería y más. ¡Sean todas bienvenidas!

Nuestro té de Primavera será en la Academia Holy Cross el 4 de abril. Si quiere saber cómo hacer de este "Te en los Jardines de el Vaticano" el mejor evento, contacte a Dolores "Loli" Ibarra al 540-899-8949 o lacasablanca2@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



Un Paseo Bíblico a Través de La Misa Estudio Bíblico de seis semanas

El próximo estudio bíblico en español se ha programado para febrero y marzo de 2020, los sábados después de la misa de las 5:00 pm en la iglesia de St. Jude. Una vez más, estamos utilizando el excelente programa de Ascension Press que incluye libro de texto, guía de estudio y acceso total a los videos. El costo es de solamente \$20. La inscripción para el Estudio Bíblico se puede hacer por correo electrónico a tonygibert61@gmail.com. o contactando a él en 540-2876067

Hora: 6:30 pm en el Centro de Actividades (planta baja) Iglesia St. Jude

Fechas: Febrero 22 y Marzo 7,14,21,28

Líder del curso: Sr. Tony Gibert

2020 Cuaresma

Siguiendo la Llamada de Cristo

Únase a su familia parroquial mientras viajamos juntos con el obispo Barron. Regístrese para recibir un video semanal (sin costo) que pueden ver con su familia y / o un pequeño grupo de cuaresma. Tendrá la oportunidad de comentar y hacer preguntas directamente a nuestros sacerdotes a medida que se presente el material.

Para inscribirse, visite el sitio web de St. Mary, stmaryfred.org y haga clic en el enlace para Flocknotes/Cuaresma y regístrese para la Serie de Cuaresma 2020 en español.

Siguiendo la Llamada de Cristo

El obispo Robert Barron ilumina seis historias bíblicas de conversión, demostrando cómo Jesús se acercó a la gente común, como usted, en una amplia variedad de circunstancias y llamó a una vida mejor a través de él. Experimente cómo Jesús conoció y cambió para siempre a personas como el apóstol Mateo, la mujer del pozo, el joven rico y hasta los tres reyes que vinieron a verlo como un bebé recién nacido en Belén. El tema común en cada historia es orientar toda la atención y la energía hacia una conexión más profunda y personal con Jesucristo. En su estilo característicamente enérgico, el obispo Barron explica cómo la conversión no es tanto un evento único, sino un proceso de toda la vida que Dios ofrece a todos. "Jesucristo nos llama de miles de maneras diferentes para seguirlo, mientras nos esforzamos en el camino hacia la excelencia espiritual", explica el obispo Barron. ¿Dónde te encuentras con Jesús ahora y cuál es tu respuesta?

parish life happenings

VIRGINIA VESPERS Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 | 5-6PM

As we advocate for the common good during the 2020 Virginia General Assembly session, Arlington Bishop Michael Burbidge and Richmond Bishop Barry Knestout invite you to join them, public officials, Catholic clergy, parishioners and people of all faiths as we come together for prayer for and with our legislators and the people of Virginia. Held in Richmond's historic cathedral, evening prayer draws on ancient Christian liturgy and includes Scripture, music and song.

Following Vespers, join us for wine and appetizers reception, 6-7:30pm, VCU's Shafer Hall, directly across Cathedral Place.

Hourly parking available at the garage, corner of North Laurel & West Main streets, adjacent to Altria Theatre. On-street parking may also be available.

DATE NIGHTS AT SAINT MARY'S



SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

marriage ministry

JOIN US FOR THIS POWERFUL SESSION

6:30-7pm Wine & Cheese Social | 7-9pm Gathering

Through Mary to Jesus: Saying Yes to the Lord | March 14

All gatherings are at the St. Mary's Parish Life Center

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.*

All married and engaged couples are warmly invited to attend!
No reservations necessary-just show up!

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collections - February 9

Offertory Collection	\$32,348
Parish Building Fund	\$8,162
Arlington Catholic Herald (add'l)	\$2,863
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$356

Faith Direct Contributions for February:

Offertory Collection	\$64,033
Parish Building Fund	\$5,592
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$1,824
Micah "Love Your Neighbor"	\$465
Central & Eastern Europe	\$1,998

Next week's second collection will support Aid to Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in December for the following unscheduled intentions:

+Barbara Mosimann (3), All Souls of Than Family (3), +Thelma Odilia Rivera, +Shirley Claussen Heiges, +Olga Morell Munos de Cabrero, Father Mosimann, +Joseph N. Schlachter, +Sharon Yushko, and Jeannette Ray Traylor.

Masses were offered in January for the following unscheduled intentions:

+Barbara Jean Mosimann (4), +Shurick, Hubish & Slinkish Families, +Mr. & Mrs. Fausto & L. Sayon, Sr., +William J. Chronis, All Souls (2), +Anthony Tarello, Karen Sturtevant, +Barbara Michalski, +Theresa A. Boehringer (2), Special Intentions of David Blankenship, +Carol Falter, +James Corso, +Mary Magdalene Fisher, +Kay Fuller, +Adrian Gabriel, Father Colin Davis, +Karen Scanlon, +William Gerlak, +Sharon Yushko, the Stuart Family, the Severo Family, and +David Frasher.

Pro-Life Reflection

"Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift," usccb.org/perfect-gift). May God show us the way of compassionate respect for all human life.

Children's Charity for February

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in February is Hazelwild Farm's Therapeutic Riding Program. The program offers specialized horseback riding lessons for all ages of riders with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The lessons increase stability, flexibility, strength, motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence for the riders, along with providing many other physical and emotional benefits. For more information, go to hazelwildfarm.com.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Would you like the Blessed Mother to visit your family for two weeks? Please contact Mary Lou Felts at 571-723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail.com to schedule a time.

Helpful Hints & Reminders

– Did you know that when you write a check, you should use only black or blue ink? All other colors may look very nice, but they don't show up on bank scanners and will not be accepted by the bank. So please use only black or blue ink when writing a check.

– When you receive your 2019 contribution statement, you may notice

that one or more of the collections may show only a penny as your contribution. That's because when the envelope was received for posting in our database, no amount was written on the envelope, so a penny was entered to show that an envelope was received but the amount was unknown. Don't forget to write the amount of your contribution on the outside of your contribution envelope.

– From time to time we receive contributions in envelopes from other parishes in the Diocese. If there is no notation, it is our policy to send these contributions to the parish indicated on the envelope. If your contribution is actually meant for St. Mary, please be sure to use St. Mary envelopes, or a plain envelope with your name and address indicated, or cross out the name of the parish on the envelope and clearly write St. Mary on the envelope so that we can process your contribution properly.

– Our parish supports the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in their outstanding ministry to those in need, through all Poor Box Donations. If you wish to make a poor box donation by check, please be sure to make the check payable to St. Mary Catholic Church. If you make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul, the check should be mailed directly to them at PO Box 1493 College Station, Fredericksburg VA 22402.

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 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 Tarpey, Danielle McCarty, Scott Robey, Kellan Moran, Mary Bostain, Dilma Magalhaes Da Silva

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, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker

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

February

17 MONDAY

6:30am Fr. DeMartino
9:00am Caroline Heavey
Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

18 TUESDAY

6:30am Leo Guzman+
9:00am Ruth Stellino+
Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

19 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Emily Amey
9:00am Ruth Stellino+
Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26

20 THURSDAY

6:30am John Birkofer+
9:00am Grace Sherry
Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33

21 FRIDAY

6:30am Minh Hang Duer+
8:15am* Father Lino Rico Rostro
9:00am Gianna Guthrie
Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1

22 SATURDAY

9:00am Barbara Stauble+
5:00pm Adam Stanislawski
7:00pm Olga Beatriz Lizarralde+
1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

23 SUNDAY

7:00am Mary Wehman+
8:30am Edward Holzworth
10:30am Michael D. Luciani
10:30am* Ryley McNichol+
12:30pm Our Military Living & Deceased
2:30pm Maria Herinda+
5:00pm Harris Lucas, Jr.+
7:00pm For Our Parish
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

** 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.*