## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT





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

## announcements

### Stations of the Cross Friday's During Lent

7pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish in the Church.

### USHERS Needed for ALL MASSES

No special skills required except kindness and a desire to serve your parish family.

Sign up by following the link below signupgenius.com/go/70/ 70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-ushers

#### **Confession Schedule (Confessions continue at** the Parish Life Center ONLY)

Wednesdays 11:30am-12pm & 6:30-8:30pm Saturdays 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

Adoration | Wednesday 12:30pm- Friday 9am

### Latin Mass at St. Mary

Father Sina will be celebrating a sung Latin Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph at 5:30pm on Friday, March 19th.

### Legion of Mary Members and Auxiliaries

The Mass and the ACIES will be held at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church on Saturday, March 27th, 2021 at 9am and it will be live-streamed.

Due to COVID and the limited space we ask that all Auxiliary members attend the Live Stream. Live-Stream Information: You can watch through the church website at saintselizabethandanthony.com

Or you can watch on the church Facebook page at facebook.com/St-Elizabeth-of-Hungary-St-Anthony-of-Padua-Catholic-Church-112191643744294/ or search for "St Elizabeth of Hungary & St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church"

## contact us

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| JNDAY | Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm                                      |
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| ASS   | Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30,                             |
|       | 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm<br>10:30am at Holy Cross Academy |

DAILY Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am MASS 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 11:30am-12pm, 6:30-8:30pm; Sat., 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 PARISH 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 Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar 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** 540-373-7553 **PRESCHOOL** Director, Sheri Castellarin

RELIGIOUS 540-373-6491 EDUCATION Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

- YOUTH tbeltran@stmarvfred.org MINISTRY Tatiana Beltran
- stmaryya@gmail.com 540-847-1872 YOUNG ADULTS
- OUTREACH 540-373-6491 Elena Doyle - edoyle@stmaryfred.org
- BAPTISMS Parish registration (90 days) and class reauired. 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.

New Parishioner Welcome meetings held JOIN US 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,

St. Ignatius has a principle of the spiritual life called the 'particular examen.' It means that once a day, (maybe with night prayers, or lunch, or in the car ride home), we stop what we are doing and examine that very day with regards to one particular sin or fault. Do this for a year, relentlessly and honestly looking, and you can root out a lot of sin. And if you don't know what sin to relentlessly examen, then ask your spouse or parents.

Maybe I am harsh and judgmental, and want to ask the Lord for the grace to be more merciful. What if you made this your particular examen, "Where did I miss today an opportunity for mercy?" Anyone who asks this honestly will find several ways that he or she can improve.

Mercy is the enduring constant love of God. I know I have repeated this to you before, but one of our RCIA folks defined mercy and grace thus: "Grace is God giving us what we don't deserve." "Mercy is God not giving us what we do deserve."

I need Mercy. You need Mercy. We all need Mercy. Let's help to give it to one another. Forgive someone who is not asking for forgiveness. Forgive someone who refuses to repent from their error. Forgive the one who has hurt you most keenly. Oh yeah.... and confessions: the more you do the difficult work of extending mercy to others, the more you will experience and treasure the Lord's gift of mercy to you.

Whatever you decide needs to be the focus of your own personal particular examen, it is a great tool for making progress in the spiritual life.

A Blessed Lent to each member of our parish family.

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Fr Mosimann



WANT TO SPEND AN HOUR ACCOMPANYING JESUS?

## JOIN US FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER NOON MASS UNTIL FRIDAY AT 9AM

For more information, contact adoration@stmaryfred.org or lori.fowlkes@gmail.com

### **BiAnnual Food Drive**

The Manna Project will host it's biannual Food Drive on March 20-21. Before the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our community, the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank assisted 9,000 people per month. Since mid-March of last year, that number has increased to 12,600 per month due to soaring unemployment and the impact on our economy. Please support our mission this weekend by bringing non-perishable food and/or monetary donations to Mass at St. Mary or HCA. We are also accepting paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.), diapers, wipes, and formula for needy families.

If you are unable to attend Mass but wish to contribute, please mail your check (payable to FRFB) directly to the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank at 3631 Lee Hill Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22408. For each \$10 donation, the food bank is able to provide 20 meals for hungry families. Thank you for your support during Hunger Awareness Month!

# education



A National **Blue** Ribbon School of Excellence



### Meet Mrs. Mary Sanger, Middle **School Science Teacher**

1. Will you please tell us a little about yourself? My name is Mary Sanger. My family and I moved to Fredericksburg 4 years ago from Panama City, Florida. I worked as the high school youth director at my old parish and then decided to slowly start working on my college degree. I graduated last year from the University of Mary Washington. I am happily married with three adorable and blessed children.

### 2. Why did you choose to teach in a Catholic school?

I teach in a Catholic school because I adore children. It also allows me to openly practice my faith and to share my love of God through Science. The students and parents are very invested in learning and they come to me with strong family values and a willingness to be a "team" in their child's "whole person." The "family" feel of our school, mostly smaller class sizes, the ability to share our beliefs and faith, celebrating feast days and holidays that celebrate Jesus - why would I teach anywhere else?

### 3. What do you love about teaching Middle School students?

I love the sense of humor of middle-school students; you can be silly with them and really have fun with your lessons. I tell my students that middle school is

the place where they are supposed to take on challenges, fail, and learn from their failures. I love seeing the growth that happens when my students push themselves to the limits, struggle, and then finally find success. 4. What blessings have you experienced during this difficult pandemic year? All is a blessing because all is the will of God. Through this difficult year God (and a close friend) have shown me by surrendering to God's holy will, he showers me with grace which gives me

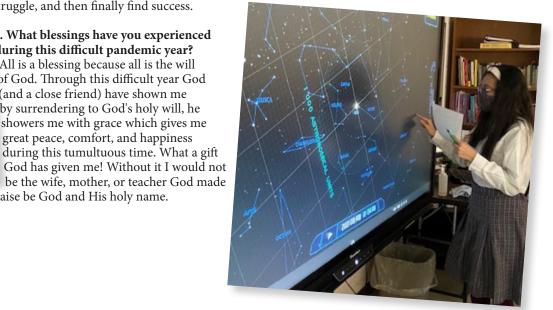
me to be. Praise be God and His holy name.

great peace, comfort, and happiness

### HCA Registration for the 2021-22 **School Year Now Open**

As the parish school of St. Mary, we encourage parishioners to consider Holy Cross Academy for your family. HCA is pre-K3 through 8th grade National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence offering a strong academic program, daily religious instruction, character formation, numerous extracurricular opportunities, a variety of music and art programs, and so much more. Our students are blessed to receive weekly religious instruction from our parish priests and Mass weekly. Holy Cross Academy students and their families support the Fredericksburg community through a variety of service projects throughout the year.

We recognize that Catholic education can seem out of reach for some families. It is our goal to never turn away a family seeking a Catholic education for their child(ren). The Diocese of Arlington offers tuition assistance and scholarships to students accepted by or attending a diocesan Catholic elementary school. The deadline to apply for assistance is March 17 so if you're interested in pursuing this opportunity then please apply to HCA as soon as possible. Details can be found on our website, **holycrossweb.com**. You may also give us a call at 540-286-1600 to get your questions answered and schedule a private tour. For more information about our preschool, please contact Sheri Castellarin, Director, at 540-373-7553 or preschool@ **holycrossweb.com**. We would love to learn how Holy Cross Academy can be a blessing for your family!



DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## Academic Year 2021-2022

### What is the program?

The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program provides financial assistance to families in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington through funding from diocesan parishes as well as the *Rooted in Faith~Forward in Hope* Capital Campaign Endowment. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition.

### Who is eligible?

- Students attending or accepted by a Diocese of Arlington Catholic school (K-12).
  - Preschool and Pre-K are not eligible.
  - Not applicable to students of private Catholic schools associated with the Diocese and/or international students.
- Students who are Catholic and members of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or military base parish.
- Families who reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington and are registered and active members of a diocesan parish or a military base parish.

### How do I apply?

- Submit financial aid assessment application and all supporting tax documentation by due date
  - Applications will be completed electronically online at <u>online.factsmgt.com/Signin</u>
     Only one application is required per family.
- Remit processing fee.
- Families seeking aid for students in BOTH ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL should follow the high school submission date.

### Due Dates: HIGH SCHOOL

### January 18, 2021

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

March 17, 2021

### Awards

Awards are made for **ONE ACADEMIC YEAR** and are based on each family's demonstrated financial need. Individual schools determine the amount and the distribution of all awards for each academic year. The schools will contact families when award decisions have been made. Once these final award decisions have been made, the schools will then credit the tuition accounts of approved families.

## \$3,688,975 awarded in 2020

## • For more information •

### Questions regarding process

Mallory Sigmon 703.841.2519 mallory.sigmon@arlingtondiocese.org

### Questions regarding application FACTS Grant & Aid 1.866.441.4637 https://factsmgt.com/parent-resources/grant-and-aid/

### Award decisions

Please contact your school.

Diocesan Tuition Assistance

Office of Catholic Schools

https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Tuition-Assistance/

## education

# religious education

LECTIO DIVINA on ST. MARY FACEBOOK with DEACON ALBERTO on TUESDAY, MARCH 16 7PM

### Religious Education Video Links on Parish Website

The video links for the "**Week of March 15**: "Christ Our Life" Chapter 22; "Year 2 First Communion (Grades 4-6)" and "Year 2 First Communion (Grades 7-12)" Lesson 22. Video Links from the "**Week of September 28**" to the "**Week of March 15** are on the Parish Website **stmaryfred.org** on the "Religious Ed Videos" tab by grade. Scroll down after clicking on the desired grade to see the links.

### 3 First Holy Communion Retreats

Monday, March 15 at 5:30pm Tuesday, March 16 at 4:30pm Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30pm

All starting in the PLC. Please complete at least 16 Religious Education Lessons for your class and sign up.

# First Holy Communion 2021 Video

The Mass – A Life-Giving Prayer

Come with Brother Francis as he celebrates the life-changing power of the Mass. This video is a unique way of helping children experience the presence of Christ in the Mass. watch.formed.org/videos/the-massa-life-giving-prayer

## CRS Rice Bowl 2021: For Lent For Life:

### Week 4: Elo, Village in Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste is a small Asian country, slightly larger than the state of Connecticut. It's on the other side of the world near Australia, and it's one of the world's newest countries—only 18 years old. In comparison, the United States will be 245 years old this year!

Many families in Timor-Leste live in rural areas and work as farmers. But challenges like changing weather patterns make it difficult to grow enough food. With training from CRS, families are starting home gardens to grow different vegetables, beans

and other foods that are rich in nutrients like vitamin A and iron. The gardens are built to withstand droughts and flooding, and the families add the food they grow—such as spinach, cabbage, peanuts, carrots and



tomatoes—to their daily rice staple, providing more nourishing meals that help children grow and stay healthy. Parents attend nutrition groups in their communities where they learn how to build and improve their gardens.

Eliza and her husband Paulino have six children. After participating in her community's nutrition group, she and Paulino started a home garden and began growing different crops based on the rainy and dry seasons. They also started raising chickens, which provide additional protein to their meals and income from selling the eggs. Eliza wants her children to be healthy and says, "I know the vegetables provide essential vitamins for them."

# FORMED

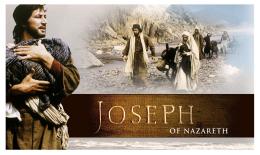
PICK OF THE WEEK

### March 14, 2021



## JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

With this year being consecrated to St. Joseph, we celebrate the feast day of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



SIGN UP FOR FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP | CLICK REGISTER THEN ENTER PARISH CODE F6F228

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

# 7 ways to LOVE Lent pick 1 or ALL

### 1. Wednesday Nights with Jesus & St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life and faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

In an effort to learn more about the incredible spirituality and life of St. Joseph, our parish priests will offer the following reflections:

February 24IFidelity & Grace - Trustful surrenderMarch 3IFaithfulness to the Interior Life - SilenceMarch 10IThe Worker - Labor as a gift from GodMarch 17IHusband - Love for and guardian of MaryMarch 24IFather - Love for and teacher of Jesus

### Join us in the Church

6:00pm – Adoration (all-night)
6:30pm – Reflections on St. Joseph
6:30-8:30pm – "The Light is On" Confessions in the PLC
6:45pm – Rosary

### 2. Engage 2021 Lent Reflections

Each Monday, beginning February 22nd you will receive a reflection from Bishop Barron on the season of Lent and its practices. We invite you to take the time to watch the short video and respond with your thoughts. To signup to receive them visit our website **stmaryfred.org** and click on the link found at the top of the page entitled Lent 2021 and join "**Engage 2021**".

### 3. Lenten Challenge

Great "Challenge" for the entire family! This Challenge lasts for 25 days beginning Ash Wednesday. Receive a daily email with the days Challenge and see if you and your family members or friends can rise to the occasion! Challenges are simple and meant to focus our attention on lent, love and sacrifice. To sign-up for the Lenten Challenge visit our website **stmaryfred.org** and click on the link found at the top of the page entitled Lent 2021 and join "Lenten Challenge"

### 4. Stations of the Cross

Make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

**Every Friday** in the Church 7pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish (live-streamed too).

\*Booklets are always available in the vestibule of the Church. Always welcome to come privately or with your family and journey together.

### 5. Daily Mass & Adoration

Meet Jesus in the Eucharist Daily - 6:30am, 9:00am and noon (M,W,F) Adoration - Wednesdays 12:30pm-Fridays 9am.

### 6. Confession

Let yourself be healed by Christ and progress in your spiritual journey. "Confession is the soul's bath – receive it often." Padre Pio Wednesdays 11:30am-noon and 6:30pm-8:30pm

Saturdays 8am-8:30am and 3:30pm-4:30pm

### 7. Rosary

"The rosary is the weapon for these times." Padre Pio 6:00pm Live-Streamed Daily



# lent & holy week

# calendar

# Confession Schedule Lent and Holy Week

The complete schedule of confessions is found in the calendar to the right.  $\rightarrow$ 

All Parishioners are kindly requested to please plan confessions as early as possible in the season of Lent in order to avoid overwhelming last-minute crowds.

Please note: There are no confessions during Masses in the church. Also, there will be NO confessions after 2pm on Good Friday, nor on Holy Saturday.

**STATIONS of the CROSS** in English are prayed on Fridays of Lent at 7pm.

## Horario para Confesiones durante Cuaresma y Semana Santa +

Puede encontrar el horario completo de confesiones en el calendario a la derecha.

Favor de planificar sus confesiones lo más pronto posible para evitar dificultades a última hora.

Recuerde, que NO habrá confesiones después de 2pm el Viernes Santo, NI en Sábado Santo.

Tendremos El VIA CRUCIS en español cada viernes durante la cuaresma a las 7:30pm (Primero Viernes, 10 de marzo, a las 7:30pm)



The discipline of the Church includes abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent (solid purple days) and fasting and abstaining from meat on Ăsh Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting includes one regular meal, and the other two small meals are not to exceed a regular meal in quantity, with nothing between meals.



# The Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday) Will be celebrated entirely at the Fredericksburg Expo Center in order for us to accommodate the maximum number of parishioners.

Holy Thursday

(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

### 9AM Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) -STREAMING ONLINE ONLY

### 7:30PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER Mass of the Lord's Supper

The concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood by Jesus at the Last Supper. The commandment of love is symbolized by the Mandatum, or footwashing, where Jesus teaches, "As I have done, so must you also do." Parishioners are encouraged to join in the ancient procession of the Blessed Sacrament to Saint Mary Church, where adoration will continue until midnight as we accompany Jesus in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

### Following Mass, Caravan to St Mary Church Vigil at the Altar of Repose

Concluding at Midnight followed by Night Prayer. (Liturgy of the Hours)



(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

### 9AM Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) -STREAMING ONLINE ONLY

# 12:00-2:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER Confessions

### 12:00 - 3:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER "Tre Ore," The Seven Last Words

Although not a part of the formal observance of the Sacred Triduum Rites as such, this is a traditional custom of many churches. The seven last words of Jesus as he is crucified on the cross are presented every 25 minutes, each with a congregational hymn and choral selections. Clergy will give a reflection for each of the words of Jesus and the Three Hours will conclude with the public praying of the Stations of the Cross.

### 3:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

We assemble in observance of Christ's saving death, by reading the narrative of his Passion, praying for the Universal Church, venerating his Cross in this ancient Rite and receiving Holy Communion which was consecrated on the previous evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The Good Friday collection assists the maintenance of the Shrines in the Holy Land.

### 7:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER Stations of the Cross

8:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER El Via Crucis (En Español)

Holy Saturday ARPIL 3 (No 9am, 5pm or 7pm Masses or Confessions)

**9**AM

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) -STREAMING ONLINE ONLY

### 11:00<sub>AM</sub> - FXBG EXPO CENTER The Blessing of Easter Food

For those who practice the beautiful Eastern European custom of having Easter foods blessed, please place baskets of traditional foods on the steps along the front of the altar.

### 8:30PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER The Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

What Sunday is to the week, Easter Sunday is to the year. This holiest of nights we celebrate the victory over death and promise of eternal life given to us by Jesus Christ in his resurrection from the dead. The Liturgy includes the Service of Light, the Vigil of Readings and Psalms, the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for those who have prepared all year for initiation in the Catholic Church, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note the unusual time that we begin: it marks the end of twilight and the beginning of the Solemnity of Easter Sunday.

## Easter Sunday

APRIL **4** 8am, 10:15am, 12:30pm (bilingual), and 2:30pm confirmation mass **The Resurrection of the Lord** 

> ALL Masses will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center

Please note: there will be NO 2pm nor 5pm or 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday!

Masses will not be held at the church or at Holy Cross Academy on Easter Sunday

2:30pm is a Confirmation Mass for St Mary Confirmation Students

# our parish happenings



The Manna

Project

Food Drive

**USHERS NEEDED** 

Ushers needed to assist parishioners celebrating the Sacred Triduum at the Fredericksburg EXPO Center. If you are able to help with one or more Masses, please sign-up at

www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-thesacred

### **Part-Time Help Needed**

New parishioners to our area are in need of some help with light housework, cooking, transportation to medical appointments and errands.

They are seeking a kind, loving and trustworthy person. Schedule is flexible, part-time and paid hourly. If interested please contact Elena Doyle at **edoyle@stmaryfred.org** 

Please bring donations to Mass at St. Mary Church & Holy Cross Academy

Donations of ALL non-perishable items welcome!

Additional needs include: Paper Towels Toilet Paper Baby Wipes Diapers Toiletries

### Monetary donations accepted! FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL FOOD BANK

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**1ST & 3RD FRIDAY** 

- MARCH 19TH
- APRIL 16TH
- MAY 7TH

PARISH LIFE CENTER 6:30PM-8PM

### 6 T H - 8 T H G R A D E R S

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491



# vida parroquial noticias en español



Tenemos miembros de nuestra parroquia disponibles para ayudarles

9-4PM

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN CONTACTE A ELENA DOYLE A EDOYLE@STMARYFRED.ORG HABLA ESPAÑOL El Grupo de Oración Carismático Parroquial, "Confiados en Jesús y María" les invita a su streaming live por Facebook en su página @ confiadosenjesus, todos los viernes, comenzando el 31 de julio.

> Itinerario: 7pm Santo Rosario 7:30pm Animación 7:40pm Oración y Alabanza 8pm Tema de formación

### Estudio Bíblico en Español

St. Jude Church, Fredericksburg, VA Iniciando el sábado 27 de febrero, 2021 Sacerdote, Profeta, Rey

- Fechas: cinco sábados consecutivos empezando el
   27 de Febrero. Seis temas diferentes
- Hora: 6:30 8:00 PM
- Lugar: Iglesia St. Jude y/o Vía ZOOM
- Costo: \$25 (incluye libro de texto, ver videos, discusiones en clase y materiales informativos adicionales)

### Para registrarse y más información, Sr Tony Gibert Email: tonygibert61@gmail.com | Texto: 540-287-6067

### ¿Quiere hacerse CIUDADANO?

Regístrese para una evaluación inicial y conseguir la participación en un taller de naturalización virtual organizado por Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services. CUÁNDO: 10 de marzo de 2021 \*\* tenga en cuenta que las evaluaciones iniciales se llevarán a cabo por teléfono hasta el 26 de febrero de 2021 \*\*DÓNDE: ¡¡Desde la comodidad de su hogar !! COSTO: \$ 125 (\$ 75 por la consulta y \$60 por la aplicación). ¿Cómo registrarse?: Complete la hoja de admisión y luego envíela por correo electrónico a citizen.hogar@ccda.net oSydney.bright@ccda.net . La hoja de admisión requerida se puede encontrar en: ccda.net/need-help/imjected-and-refugees/citizenship-and-legal-services/citizenship-application-assistance/

\*\* Debe haber sido un residente permanente legal durante 5 años para calificar para la ciudadanía. \*\*



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### Weekly Offertory

| Donations Received<br>February 24 - March 1, 2021 |             |  |
|---|-------------|--|
| Sunday Offertory                                  | \$21,809.27 |  |
| Parish Debt Reduction                             | 543.00      |  |
| Micah Love Your Neighbor                          | 890.00      |  |
| Church in Central/Eastern Europe                  |             |  |
|   | 240.70      |  |
| Black & Indian Missions                           | 707.00      |  |
| Arlington Catholic Herald                         | 351.00      |  |
| St Vincent de Paul Poor Bo                        | x 593.61    |  |

The Second Collection on March 20& 21 is for Parish Debt Reduction.Thank you for your generosity.

Masses were offered in February for the following unscheduled intentions: +Peter Clemente (2), +Cordelia Walker (2), +Percy Loving, +Victoria Catolico, Matthew & Sarah Gardner, +Margo Tomsik, +Stephen Inguanti (6), +Stephen Inguanti, Jr., +Susan Clemente, Viktoria Seitzer.

### **Pro-Life Reflection**

Lent is a time to pray for the catechumens of the Church who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The rest of us will renew our Baptismal Promises. In these vows, we reject the empty promises of the devil. One of those empty promises is abortion. *Thank You, Lord, for the power of baptism in my life by which I am able to affirm life each day against the power of death.* 

### Children's Offertory Envelopes for March

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in March is parish support for Stafford Junction, a faith-based nonprofit organization tasked with improving the lives of children and their families in low-income neighborhoods in Stafford County through programs focusing on education, nutrition, and healthy living. With the intervention of Stafford Junction, the crime rate in the Olde Forge neighborhood dropped by more than 50% within two years. Stafford Junction is a mission project of our parish and children's donations will assist the parish in providing much needed support for their programs. For more information, visit their website at staffordjunction.org.

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Easter Flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Easter Flowers.

Envelopes are available in your envelope packets and in the Church.

### St. Mary Emergency Food Pantry

We are open and distributing food Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. All are welcome! Come to the parish office and ring the bell. We are happy to help you!

### **Faith Direct**

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception family. As we begin a New Year, we hope you will consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit **faithdirect.net** and use our church code: **VA635**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

### **Operation Rice Bowl - For Lent, For Life**

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The iconic CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.

Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in our local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Join our parish and school community – and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the vestibule of the Church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

# liturgy daily bread

## **Saint Mary Prayer List**

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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, Jordan Tackett, Melvin Schreckinger, Stephen Inguanti, Rhonda Wolfe, Delia Flores, Bruce Berry, Glen Gress, Bobby Blankenship & family, Buddy & Vincent Yerkie & Family, Carolyn Allen, Mitchell Wood, Isaac, Nikolai & Bridget Sherba, 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, Robert Boggio ,Ryan McNichol, Bianca Sanchez, Jackeline Sanchez & Family, Mary Hope Burkett, Dick Geary, Sean Duarte, 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, Andy Johnston, Jacoby Smith, Andrew Prybys, Richard Epp, 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, Zachary Payne, Ernalina Kyle, Betty Curtis, Patrick Sherba, Sr., Dennis Farmer, Ernalina Kyle, Maria Wood, Margie Hougasian, Maria Wood, Robert Gibson, Mary Brussell, Bruce Mattern, Miles Wood, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpey, Danielle Mc'Carty, Scott Robey, Kellan Moran, Mary Bostain, Dilma Magalhaes Da Silva, Carol Mauro, Michael Robertson, Michol Durham, Maureen Mizzles, Michael Wood, Paul Remick, James Hogan, Brenda Skinner, Lourdes Jeane De Toledo Moura, Kristen Burns, Erin McMakin, Margaret Nault, Daniel Foster and the Foster Family, Teresa Triplett, Greg Carneal, Annie Duffy, Jimmy Duncan, Deirdre McQuade, Schauobe Johnson, Paul Lysher, Doug Johnson, Anne Graf, Deirdre McQuade, Linda Wolf, Sharon Bender, Greg Marfori, Patrick Sevbro, Rhett Loveless, Emma Bang, Rhoda Stackhouse, Karen Short, Amber Short, Adam Rousson, Marybeth Moss, Mary Jean Williams, Linda & Frank Walter, Kay Simmons, Randy Gardiner, Heather Issues, Kristy Fairbanks, Glen Sharlun, Rhoda Stackhouse, Robert Derouin, Thomas Moeller, Julianne Kelsev, Cesar Smith, Leo Conwell, Cloyd Anthony Arce, Matt and Brittnay Meyer, Pam Shapiro, Doug and Dede Meyer, Sara Meyer, Matt Busby, Zelda Meyer, Royal Schmidt Jr., Kelly Keiser, William J. Chavez, Emily Clemente, Tom Burke, Claire Dougherty, Shanon Berry, Mary Ulmer, Jeanie Conwell, Gary Rolla, Grace Sherry, William F. & Anna Mary Perez Dealderett, Faith Hinkle, Jack Grey, Jim Mann, Sue Silvers, William Callahan, Genevieve Callahan, Gilbert Flores, Julia Seale, Paul Hood, Kathy Kabat

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 Jobes, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Daniel Algert, Jason King, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti

Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.

### Al / Nar Anon Support Available

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 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 Wayne at cushingwr@gmail.com** / **540-840-5230 or Wanda at wandasj823@gmail.com** / **540-538-6978** 

### Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

## March

### **15 MONDAY**

6:30am Rachel Crockett 9:00am Catie LeBouton Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

### **16 TUESDAY**

6:30am Christine & George McWhirt III+ 9:00am Virginia Lee Marenco+ Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

### **17 WEDNESDAY**

6:30am Percy Loving+ 8:15am\* John Stone+ 9:00am Charles White+ Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

#### **18 THURSDAY**

6:30am Rufino Canlas, Sr.+ 9:00am Gomes Pattern+ Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

### **19 FRIDAY**

6:30am Tatiana Beltran 9:00am Sarah Paquette 2 Sm 7:4–14a, 16/Rom 4:13-22/Mt 1:16- 24a

### **20 SATURDAY**

9:00am Christopher Ducic+ 5:00pm David Toigo+ 7:00pm Lesie Manchester Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

#### **21 SUNDAY**

7:00am Raymond Congour+
8:30am For Our Parish
10:30am Maryann Holzworth
10:30am\* John Dolan
12:30pm Herbert Chevez
2:30pm Carmen Araujo+
5:00pm William Krueger+
7:00pm Stacey Craig
Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

\* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy Please remember, Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If a desired date is no longer available, 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.

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