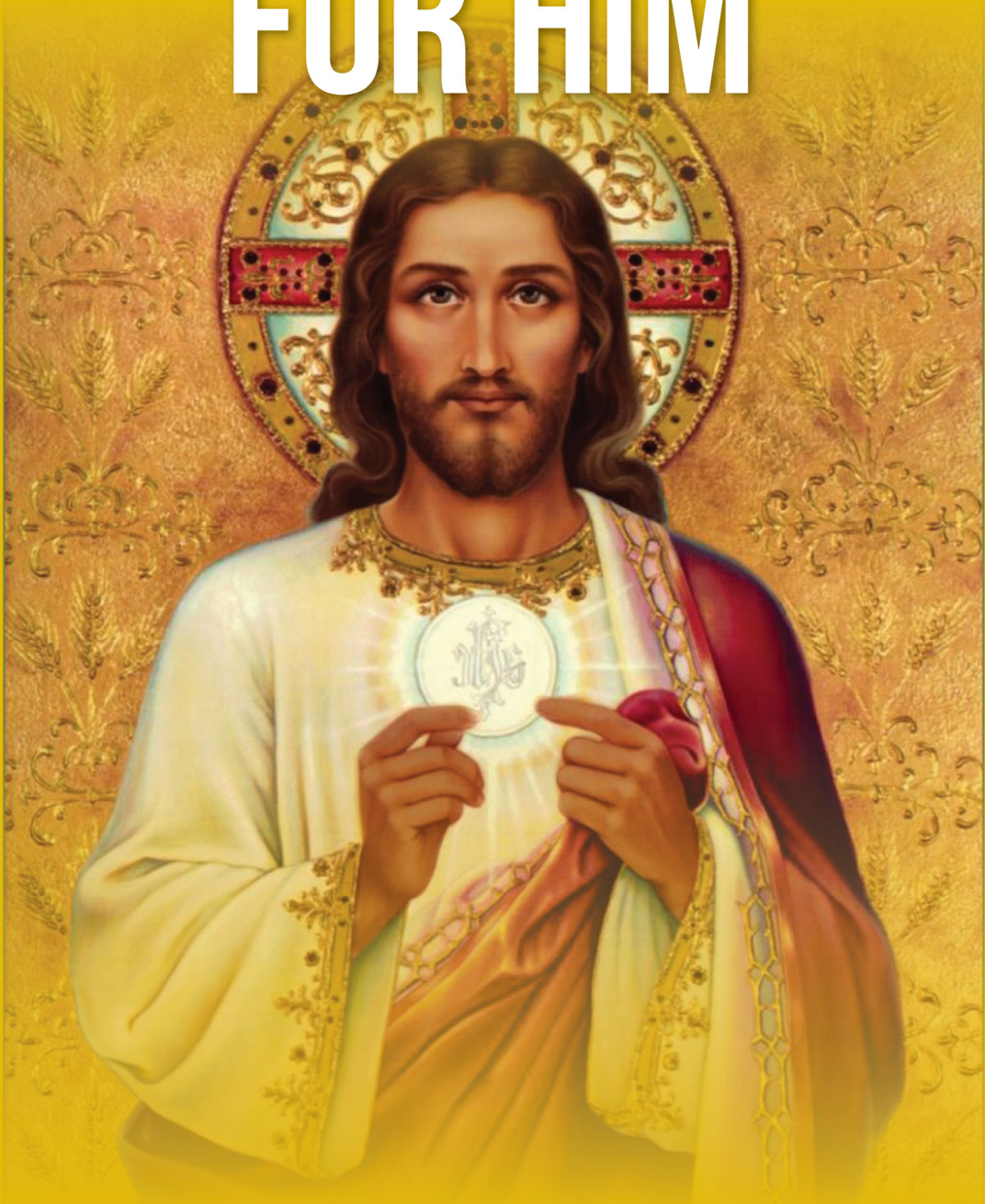


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announcements

LIVE-STREAMING NEWS

The 8:30am Sunday and weekday Masses are the ONLY live-streamed Masses.

Live-streaming will ONLY take place on Sunday's at the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses if needed due to overflow in the PLC. If the PLC is empty, no live-streaming will occur. Folks are encouraged to join the celebration of Mass in the church. For those with health concerns, Mass is being offered Sunday's at 8:30am at Holy Cross Academy – Mask are mandatory and Holy Communion is offered on the hand ONLY.

Please note, once the 8:30am live-stream is complete, the Mass is available to view all day long.

USHERS NEEDED

AT ALL MASSES

With the lifting of the dispensation for Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation by the Bishops beginning the weekend of June 26-27th, we will be in need of additional assistance at ALL MASSES

Sign up by following the link below
signupgenius.com/go/70a0b48a9af29aaf58-ushers

contact us

stmaryfred.org

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, Monday, after 9am Mass
Divine Mercy, Wednesday, 3pm

CONFESSION

Wednesday 11:30am-12pm, 6:30 - 8:30pm;
Saturday, 8-8:30am & 3:30 - 4:30pm

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stmary@stmaryfred.org
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Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm;
Students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30am - 1:30pm

Fr. John Mosimann, Pastor
Fr. Sean Koehr, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Michael Folmar, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Alberto Bernaola
Deacon Dick Delio

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski
Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone
Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey
Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez
Parish Secretary, Jachebel Rios

MUSIC

Director of Music, David Uschold
Asst. Director of Music, Malinda Jones

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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sfry@holycrossweb.com

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Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran

OUTREACH

Director, Elena Doyle

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 the parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

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

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception
1009 Stafford Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

Congratulations on **Parish Life Weekend**. I take full credit for the beautiful weather last weekend! Kidding of course, all thanks and glory to God for all things! Stewardship reports that 250+ people signed-up to serve in various ministries, groups, and projects. This is a great sign of encouragement, as we continually invite folks to serve the Lord, most especially coming out of the pandemic when we have lost so many of our habits of service and generosity to neighbors! I know our lives are overwhelmingly busy, but the rewards are great when we step out in faith.

Let me thank, especially Tom & Pat Fish, Rich & Karen LaRoche, Lynda Retterer, Tuan Nguyen, Furman McCormick (Stewardship), Christina Anderson & Joe Walor (Parish Life), the great help from the St. Mary Youth Group, and the many, many folks who worked to make this happen. These things don't get pulled off without a lot of work and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. Because I may have failed to mention the names of the so many of you, I will pray a Hail Mary before I finish typing this sentence, as a prayer of gratitude for all your generosity. Done.

Pope Benedict once said, "Volunteers want to be asked, they want to be told: 'I need you' – 'You can do it!' How good it feels to hear words like these! In their human

simplicity, they unwittingly point us to the God who has called each of us into being and given us a personal task, the God who needs us and awaits our response. Jesus called men and women, and gave them the courage needed to embark on a great undertaking, one to which, by themselves, they would never have dared to aspire. To allow oneself to be called, to make a decision and then to set out on a path – without the usual questions about whether it is useful or profitable – this attitude will naturally bring healing in its wake. The saints have shown us this path by their lives. It is a fascinating and thrilling path, a path of generosity and, nowadays, one which is much needed. To say "yes" to volunteering to help others is a decision which is liberating; it opens our hearts to the needs of others, to the requirements of justice, to the defense of life and the protection of creation. Volunteer work is really about the heart of the Christian image of God and man: love of God and love of neighbor."

Brothers and Sisters, you are wanted, needed, appreciated and loved!

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann

SPECIAL ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All Saints Day

6:30am 9am, 12 noon, 6pm, 7:30pm Bilingual

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Souls Day

6:30am, 9am, 12 noon, 7pm Extraordinary Form

CANDLELIT MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 at 7pm

For all those who lost a loved one this past year.

Reception following in the Parish Life Center

holy cross academy



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World's Finest Chocolate Sale

The World's Finest Chocolate Sale has begun. The profits from this candy sale helps provide funds for the many events planned by the HCA PTO. Students will be selling chocolate after mass this weekend. Thank you for your generous support!

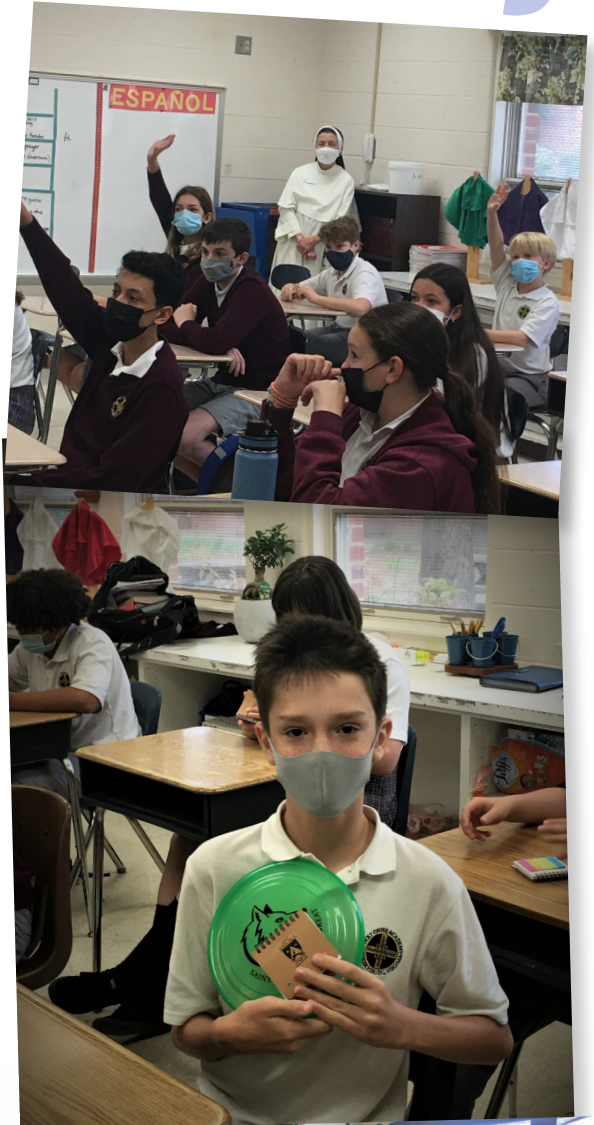
Saint John Paul II Catholic High School 8th Grade Visit

Holy Cross Academy had some very special visitors from Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School visiting during the eighth grade religion class. Sr. Mary Veronica Keller O.P., Head of School; Sarah Moffit, Admissions Counselor; and three alumni from HCA shared their experiences at JPPII. Some students even left class with prizes.

If you are interested in learning more about Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School, they are hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 24 from 1-4pm. You may also visit their website at jpthegreat.org.

Schedule Your Tour Today

Please watch the bulletin for more information on upcoming Open Houses at Holy Cross Academy in November. If you have considered making an academic change for your student, it's not too late. While we have waiting lists in several grades, we do still have availability in some of our grades. Please contact Mrs. Lanier by email (dlanier@holycrossweb.com) or call the school office (540-286-1600) for more information or to schedule a tour.



religious education

Religious Education Events

Monday to Wednesday, November 1 to 3

No Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, November 3

Third Catechist Training

Thursday, November 4

Confirmation Year 2 Formation Night at Holy Cross Academy

Saturday, November 20

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, November 20

2021 Diocesan Catechetical Conference

Monday to Wednesday, November 22 to 24

No Religious Education Classes, Thanksgiving Break

"The Mass" Topic for the Teaching Masses and Catechist Training Held October 12 and 13

Our pastor, Fr. John Mosimann, made the three presentations, two teaching Masses and one Catechist Training. The primary objective was to improve our supernatural vision of the Eucharistic Liturgy.

In the Teaching Masses with the help of his "assistants", Fr. Mosimann, starting with dressing before Mass, explained the presence of God in the Mass and how scriptural it is. The children were attentive and eager to reply and ask questions and from the comments, parents and students benefited from the experience. "In the ten years or so that I have been with the Religious Ed program, this teaching Mass was by far the best. Well done."

At the Catechist Training our pastor further explored the transcendence of the Mass and the active participation of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) from Melchizedek to the Mass now.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 24, 2021

WATCH WITH GOD IN RUSSIA

Well known for his heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, this film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Ciszek traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God, and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.



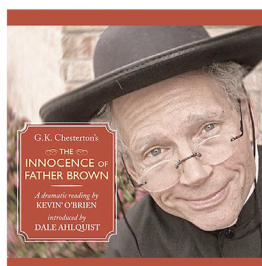
LEARN THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE, SIX-PART SERIES



Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. John Sehorn, professors at the Augustine Institute, walk through the culture shaping, famous work of The Confessions of Saint Augustine. This classic of western literature has shaped thought for over 1,500 years and is a spiritual masterpiece reflecting man's relationship with God.

LISTEN THE INNOCENCE OF FATHER BROWN AUDIO BOOK BY G.K. CHESTERTON

One of the most memorable sleuths in the canon of detective fiction has to be Father Brown, the small priest with "a face as round and dull as a Norfolk dumpling", but who nevertheless outwits the greatest criminal minds with his wisdom regarding human nature. Brought to life here by actor Kevin O'Brien in a series of dramatic readings.



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our parish parish life weekend

Parish Life Weekend 2021

Thank you to all our ministry leaders and volunteers for giving of your time and enthusiastically inviting parishioners to learn more about the ministry in which you are involved. We had over 250 people sign up to begin to participate in ministries at St. Mary!



our parish parish life weekend



*"Spread love
wherever you
go. Let no one
ever come to you
without leaving
happier."*

St. Mother Teresa



our parish parish life weekend



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2021 - 2022 Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church Ministry Catalogue

We Welcome Your Unique Gifts!



Are you seeking...

- ... a way to deepen your relationship with Christ?
- ... to feel connected to your parish family?
- ... to be a part of something greater than yourself?

You are needed at St. Mary!

With over 80 ministries, there is something for everyone... so many ways to grow and share your faith.
NOW is the time to become an active participant in your parish family!

How does one even begin to discern how or where to serve? We can help! Members of the Stewardship Committee are happy to meet with you and discuss your gifts and talents, and how they match up with current needs within the many ministries and opportunities here at St. Mary's. (The following page has many ministries listed within particular charisms.)

Take the first step by filling out the form below. Return it to the parish office or put it into the collection basket at Mass so that we can schedule a time to meet with you and help you decide!

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Preference to Meet (i.e. day of the week/morning/afternoon/evenings)

Identify below any area(s) that you can relate to:

___ I like teaching/evangelizing

___ I am drawn to pro-life work

___ I feel drawn to working with the poor/homeless

___ I am organized and like planning

___ I have and/or yearn for a deeper prayer life

___ I love music

___ I am a writer and like to encourage others

___ I like spending time with the elderly

___ I am outgoing and welcoming

___ I like spending time with children

___ other (write below)

___ I am crafty

Esta página está disponible en español. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquial.
Please contact the Stewardship Committee with your questions: stewardship@stmaryfred.org.

our faith from the bishop



Our Sacred Duty *Vote*

October 2021

Election Day is November 2, and early voting has already begun. Virginia voters will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and all 100 members of the Virginia House of Delegates. Much is at stake, and it is our sacred duty to form our consciences and vote.

May we join with Catholics across the commonwealth in voting for leaders committed to policy positions that uphold the truth reflected in our Catholic beliefs, most notably the protection of all human life, especially those in greatest need. We begin this process with prayer and reflection, standing upon the fundamental teachings of our Catholic Faith.

These three foundational principles must guide how we vote:

- Many issues are important.
- Not all issues have equal moral weight.
- Protecting life is paramount.

As Catholics, we must protect the sacredness of all human life. The right to life is “the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 49). It must be “defended with maximum determination” (Saint John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, no. 38). In the United States, the tragically pervasive acceptance of abortion underscores the urgency of this message. There have been more than 62 million abortions since *Roe v. Wade*. Still, elected officials in Washington and here in Virginia are working to advance an even more radical abortion-driven agenda. Protecting life to the fullest extent possible is of the utmost importance and must be our highest priority.

For side-by-side comparisons of the policy positions of the major-party candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general on issues of importance to Catholics (in their own words), visit www.vacatholic.org.

We are blessed to live in a country where we have the freedom to elect our leaders. At the same time, we know that politics have become more divisive and destructive in our communities and even, at times, within our families. Our unity and peace must be founded in and inspired by the healing power of Jesus Christ. May we bring his truth, peace and unity with us to the ballot box in this election, and always.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

our parish happenings

Altar Server Training

In case you missed us at the Parish Life Ministry table, we are pleased to announce that we will again be hosting training for altar servers.

Training will involve 4 sessions. New Servers must attend all four sessions:

Tuesday, November 9 4-7pm

Tuesday, November 16 4-7pm

Tuesday, November 23 4-7pm

Tuesday, November 30 4-7pm

It is possible that the 3rd session may have different time options, depending on how many new servers are in the training, so that that session could have alternate groups. If this alternate session is added, you will receive a sign-up genius link.

If you are unable to make Tuesdays work, or if we have a very large class of trainees, there may possibly be another round of training in the winter or spring.

**Installation Mass
ALL NEW SERVERS MUST
ATTEND Sunday, December 12
at 12:30pm**

4th grade students and up are welcome to serve. Please RSVP with your child's name, age, grade, and contact email and phone for parent to stmaryfxbg@gmail.com

SHRED EVENT

Saturday, November 13 10am-1pm

Do you have any old files and paperwork taking up space at your home or office? Plan to join us on for our Shred Event to dispose of your confidential documents.

Recycling is an essential part of any commitment to sustainability, and we here at St. Mary are responding by offering this community-wide event, which will be open to all in the parish, small businesses, non-profits and area residents. Deliver materials to the back parking lot behind our Parish Life Center where you will be assisted with unloading your vehicle. There is a 5 box limit per vehicle, and we will continue to accept materials until the truck is full or 1pm, whichever occurs first. There is no charge, but we are most grateful for any free-will donations.

We will accept all office-based paper materials, and small metal fasteners such as paper clips and staples. NO ring binders, books, newspapers, magazines, plastic or metal objects and electronics or electronic media such as CDs and DVDs.

If you have any questions, contact Elaine Stanislawski at estanislowski@stmaryfred.org, or call the parish office at 540-373-6491.

Knights of Columbus Freedom 5K 2021

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Freedom 5K (virtual) Run again this year. Register through November 15, 2021 at kofcfreedom5k.com. All donation and sponsor proceeds will be evenly divided between Mary's Shelter and St. Joseph House for Adult Education.

Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale

The St. Mary CCW will hold an online sale of homemade baked goods and craft items Monday, October 18 - Wednesday, October 27. Browse this link to buy:

signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A4A92BA4F9C16-fall1

Buyers may pay in person and pick up their orders curbside at the Father Rooney Room on Saturday, October 30, between noon and 3pm. All proceeds go to local charities and to support our church school and parish programs.

Christmas at Riverside

The St. Mary CCW will sponsor a parish group outing to Riverside Center for the Performing Arts for the matinee performance of "Meet Me In St. Louis" (live musical) two weeks before Christmas! Group tickets are \$70 per person and include dinner, show, taxes, meal service and gratuity. We have secured eight seats on the floor for those who can't climb steps, and 18 prime seats on Tier B. If we have a larger response, we may be able to reserve more space. Please reserve your seats by November 1 by emailing Donna Davis at LadyDee519@aol.com. Specify how many tickets you need and whether you need a floor seat. Make your check payable to "St. Mary CCW" with "Riverside" on the memo line, and drop it off at the parish office.

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Donations Received October 5 - October 12

Sunday Offertory	\$28,440.61
Parish Debt Reduction	\$7,833
Poor Box St Vincent de Paul	\$411

Faith Direct Donations 10/4/21

Sunday Offertory	\$93,132
Parish Debt Reduction	\$6,100
Porto Charities Special Kids Special Needs	\$2,651
World Mission Sunday	\$2,699

Thank you for your generosity.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for October

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Pro-Life Reflection

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not

give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." (Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

We pray for women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find forgiveness and peace through Christ's endless mercy.

Help After Abortion (Project Rachel)

Project Rachel is a diocesan post-abortion ministry that offers an integrated approach to healing for anyone affected by abortion with the compassionate support of trained staff, priests and licensed mental health professionals who understand this experience of unresolved sorrow, trauma and grief with the utmost care, compassion and sensitivity. For confidential help, please contact us:

Helpline Info:

(703) 841-2504 (888-456-HOPE)

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or Men: (703) 841-3833

Email:

info@helpafterabortion.org or
info@ayudadespuesdelaborto.org

Other Resources:

helpafterabortion.org | [facebook.com/HelpAfterAbortion](https://www.facebook.com/HelpAfterAbortion)

All Souls Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your deceased loved ones. Our All Souls Novena will begin on Tuesday, November 2, All Souls Day. An intention envelope is included with your bimonthly envelope packet; additional envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church. **There is no collection on All Souls Day. Envelopes should be turned in early and will be placed near the altar during the Novena.**

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

By Apostolic Brief at the Eucharistic Congress of Bologna, in September 1927, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who recite the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for veneration or reserved in the Tabernacle.

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - October

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:

Kaitlyn Mangini, Mary Ann Seidlinger, David Smetek, Rita Schrader

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, Mindy Haken-son, 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, Davon Bare, John Fartro, Michael Fedowitz Jr., Eric Menser, Sean Penczak

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

St. Mary Prayer List Changes

As a reminder, we will update our prayer list in the bulletin as a monthly listing. If you would like to include a person on the prayer list, please email stmary@stmaryfred.org or call the office at 540-373-6491.

Your intention will be included for the month. If you would like your intention to remain, please reach back out and we will happily include it for an additional month.

Thank you.

AI / Nar Anon Support Available

AI 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 AI 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-judgmental, 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

October

25 MONDAY

6:30am Luke Engbert
9:00am Lee and Frank Mikalcsu+
Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

26 TUESDAY

6:30am Bernice M. Cole+
9:00am Jim Mosimann
Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

27 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Consuelo Villagrana+
8:15am* Eleanor Olive Jones
9:00am Providence Moeller
Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30

28 THURSDAY

6:30am Kiery Beltran
9:00am James Kevin Cotter+
Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

29 FRIDAY

6:30am Msgr. James H. Brooks+
9:00am Mary Frances Hogan+
Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

30 SATURDAY

9:00am Fr. Sina
5:00pm Sophie R. Kerr+
7:00pm Kieran LeBlanc
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

31 SUNDAY

7:00am Christopher Ford
8:30am John Prohaska
10:30am Maryann Holzworth
10:30am* For Our Parish
12:30pm Our Military Living and Deceased
2:30pm Maria Iveth Beltran
5:00pm Lauri Wilson
7:00pm Mirko Zaunick
Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

** 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.*