

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021



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

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, we will be in need of additional assistance at ALL MASSES

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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

PARISH OFFICE

540-373-6491 fax: 540-371-0251
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

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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,

Had a conversation with my sister on Thanksgiving regarding “digging for gold.” This compelled me to research a bit on how to dig for gold. Interesting.

If you are prospecting for gold, you have to learn to ignore all the dirt and look for the shine of the gold. This requires patient sifting. As you sift, the gold goes to the bottom of the pan, by using water to wash over the pan and carry away the lighter dirt.

In our relations with others, we can learn to do the same: ignore the dirt, let grace wash and carry away the grime of sin that is preventing us from seeing the other person in the bright light of the Lord. Grace is the precious matter that will remain when the Lord sifts sin out of our lives.

We all do well to dig for gold in the souls of others, so that we might see the work the Lord is doing in their lives. Also, so that we might know that all is a gift and precious.

Additionally, I want to commend Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services for the lovely work that they have done in welcoming refugees. Most of these families are from Afghanistan, and risked their lives and families to help our efforts there over the last 20 years. Thanks for your generosity in helping to provide Thanksgiving meals for these families. See the pictures here in the bulletin.

Next weekend's second collection will go to Catholic Charities for the many wonderful works that they are engaged in.

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann



St. Mary Giving Tree

Please consider supporting the many organizations that assist those in need in our community and select a tag from the Giving Tree TODAY! Programs such as Hope House, Mary's Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul etc. engage with those in need personally and assess and support their needs. All gifts should be returned by December 12th. Gifts cards can be brought to the parish office OR dropped in the secure white drop box outside of the office 24/7.

Thank you for your goodness!

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Season of Advent

"God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you." - Matthew Kelly

Holy Cross Academy students, teachers and staff would like to wish you a blessed Advent Season.

Book Fair Fun

Students of all ages were excited to browse and purchase books from the Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to our librarian, Mrs. Durant, and parent volunteers for running this event.

HCA PTO will be hosting a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble on Sunday, December 5. Please stop by and pick up some literary Christmas presents for the readers in your family. A percentage of sales will be donated to Holy Cross Academy. Please let them know you are supporting HCA at the register.

We are Thankful for...

Holy Cross students are thankful for their families, teachers, teacher aides and the kitchen crew. They are also thankful for everything that God has created. HCA administration, teachers and staff are thankful for our students and families. We are all thankful for our priests, adorable dancing Kindergarten turkeys in the hallways, beautiful bulletin board messages, and the abundance of food donations collected for those less fortunate.



education religious education

Religious Education Events

Monday to Wednesday, December 6 to 8

Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, December 7

Advent Confession for Grades 3-8 RE students at HCA

Monday, December 13

Third Meeting with parents and godparents of children to be baptized on January 8

Monday to Wednesday, December 13-15

Religious Education Classes

Monday to Wednesday, December 20 to 29

No Religious Education Classes, Christmas Break

Monday to Wednesday, January 3 to 5

Religious Education Classes, Religious Education Family Week

Saturday, January 8

Baptism of RE students at 10am in the church

Monday to Wednesday, January 10 to 12

Religious Education Classes

Monday to Wednesday, January 17 to 19

No Religious Education Classes, Semester 1 ends

Wednesday, January 19

4th Catechist Training 6-9pm

Thursday, January 20

Confirmation Year 1 Formation Night at HCA from 7-8pm

Monday to Wednesday, January 24 to 26

Religious Education Classes

Thursday, January 27

First Penance & First Communion meeting at 7pm in church



Advent Wreath

1ST CANDLE - (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or

CANDLE OF HOPE - We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15: 12-13)

2ND CANDLE - (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or

CANDLE OF PREPARATION - God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3: 4-6)

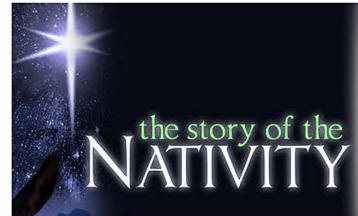
3RD CANDLE - (pink) THE SHEPARD CANDLE or
CANDLE OF JOY - The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2: 7-15)

4TH CANDLE - (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or
CANDLE OF LOVE - The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3: 16-17)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

November 28, 2021



**THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY:
THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS**

Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent.

WATCH

LEARN

ADVENT

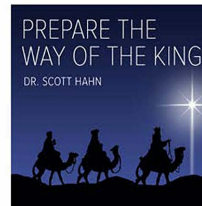
This Advent prepare your heart through this exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus Christ.



**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING
BY DR. SCOTT HAHN**

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn's illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind-Jesus Christ.

LISTEN



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our parish happenings

Christmas Flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office.

Have a Scrip kind of Christmas

Christmas is coming! Have you placed your Scrip order yet? Scrip is a great way to shop for all your holiday needs. Start pre-ordering your cards now so you can be ready bright and early for the Holidays. We have many great retailers like Walmart, Target, Macy's, Kohl's, Lowes, Home Depot, Bass Pro Shops, and many more in inventory now. We can order other cards from over 750 retailers. There are no activation fees on Scrip gift cards. Check out the retailer list at ShopwithScrip.com. Scrip can help you budget your holiday shopping expenses and help HCA at the same time. Stop by the Scrip table today and find out how to use Scrip for all your shopping needs! Last day to order Scrip cards is 13 December to ensure Christmas delivery. The last weekend for Scrip sales after masses will be the 19/20 December. Shop early!

To set up an account at shopwithscrip.com, use our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP or would like the school code, or to place an order, please email the Scrip Coordinator at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com. Thanks for using Scrip and supporting Holy Cross Academy.

Micah Cold Weather Shelter

Micah has started housing those in need in local hotels and will continue to do so until mid- to late-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and registering clients at the hospitality center, helping with other tasks and busing the clients to a local hotel. **Each participating church is asked to bring items for those in need. Items most requested are t-shirts (all sizes), underwear (boxers), deodorant and razors. Please consider how you might be able to support this need.** All donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that Micah can provide hotel rooms during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit **Micah Ecumenical Ministries**, dolovewalk.net or **Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter**, brisbencenterv.org

Las Mañanitas

Acompañenos El Domingo 12 De Diciembre A La Celebracion De Las Mañanitas, Dedicada A Nuestra Señora La Virgen De Guadalupe. Iniciaremos A Las Cuatro De La Mañana Hasta Las Seis De La Mañana. Los Esperamos.



Christmas TREE SALE

November 27 - December 23

BEHIND THE CHURCH

These are Virginia grown (Mt. Rogers), freshly cut premium Fraser Firs with beautiful long-lasting soft needles and that great memorable evergreen smell.

The best selection and freshest trees of course are when the trees arrive. The trees will be sold on weekends from 8am-8pm and weekdays (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) from 3-8pm through December 23 or until we sell out.

Questions:
timgfleming@gmail.com



our parish happenings

Concerts at Saint Mary: Advent Lessons and Carols

In joyful expectation of Christ's coming at Christmas, the Festival Choir of Saint Mary will present a service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 7:30pm. In addition to the readings and choral anthems presented by the choir, there will be an opportunity for the congregation to participate in singing carols of the Advent Season.

The tradition of the Festival of Lessons and Carols was established in England as the adaptation of an earlier service on Christmas Eve, 1918, in the chapel of Kings College, Cambridge University, for the university community and for the city of Cambridge. The Kings College service was first broadcast by radio in 1928; and, excepting the year 1930, these broadcasts have continued to this day. This wonderful tradition, moreover, has been duplicated in cathedrals and churches throughout America.



Come and prepare your hearts for Christ's coming!

Pray the Rosary with Your Parish

Join your parish family every morning to pray the Rosary, Monday through Friday immediately following the 6:30am Mass and Monday through Saturday at 8:15am before the 9am Mass. On Thursday mornings the Rosary is offered for all Priests.

Adult Education at St. Mary's

We will be offering **Catholicism: The Pivotal Players** beginning Monday, January 3, 2022 at 9:45am

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization. St. Francis of Assisi, the Reformer, radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

St. Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian, demonstrated that faith and reason at

not at odds, as they come from the same source.

St. Catherine of Siena, the Mystic, gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

Bl John Henry Newman, the Convert, left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.

G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist, publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

Michelangelo, the Artist, dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

Journey with Bishop Barron to explore the lasting influence of these Pivotal Players. Our parish journey **begins on January 3, 2022. Sign-up at the Parish Office or call 540-373-6491. Class size will be limited to 30 max.** Class cost is \$25 (which will be collected at the first class). For more information, please contact Suzette at agingcoastrkid@yahoo.com

The First Saturdays Devotion at ST. Mary's, I.C.

Come and join Deacon Alberto on December 1st or, 15th for a presentation on the Communal First Saturdays & Fatima Message

7pm (English) | 8pm (Spanish)
Courtyard Room (Father Rooney Room)

Jesus & His Mother Made a Special Request for the First Saturdays

The First Saturdays Devotion, also known as the "Five First Saturdays" is a special request by Our Lord and Our Lady to make reparation for all the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady promised personal salvation if we fulfill the five consecutive First Saturdays. However, we should continue to fulfill them every month to console the Hearts of Jesus and Mary and make reparation for the sins of others. The continued practice of the First Saturdays will help bring about a period of peace and the salvation of many souls as Our Lady promised (Fatima, July 13, 1917).

our faith get involved

Special Christmas Collection for Charity

December 4 & 5

In March of 2019 the city of Ahepe in Togo, West Africa suffered a violent storm which devastated their community. The parish church, Immaculate Conception of the Miraculous Medal of Ahepe lost its entire roof. Since that date, all Masses and church celebrations have taken place outside the church in the open air, under tents and trees, at the mercy of the weather. Our special Christmas collection will assist our brothers & sisters with the cost of replacing the roof of their church.

St. Mary's has been taking up a special Christmas collection for 25 years, and all donations received are distributed as a gift from our Parish to different charities. Thanks to your generosity, we have given almost \$300,000 to special charities over these past 25 years. We know you will be generous, as you have always been, and we thank you for sharing the joy of this holy season with those who are less fortunate.

Please make checks payable to "St. Mary" and include on the Memo Line: Togo Roof . Thank you!



Feast of St. Nicholas

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas on Saturday, December 4 after the 9am Mass-12 noon AND on Sunday, December 5 following the 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm Masses. Come over to the Knights of Columbus Tree Lot (behind the church) and visit with St. Nick, have your photo taken, enjoy some hot chocolate and treats!

All children are kindly invited!

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not ourselves."

-St. Nicholas of Myra

our parish thanksgiving

Thank you St. Mary's Parishioners, Religious Education Families, Holy Cross Academy Families and our Knights of Columbus!

Together we were able to provide complete Thanksgiving Dinners for 100 Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services families and an additional 50 families from our parish and surrounding community! We even had to call the Fredericksburg Food Bank to come and pick up the leftover items which easily filled a van! What an amazing outpouring of generosity!

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40





The Advent Season 2021 at Saint Mary

*One additional week of Confessions is added to the regular schedule in preparation for Christmas. All are encouraged to plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession **early** in the season to avoid the last-minute rush and crowded lines, and the risk of coming too late.*

Please note: There will be no additional Parish Confessions after **December 23 at 7:30pm**

Daily Mass

Monday—Friday • 6:30 & 9am - Noon (M,W,F); Saturday • 9am

Immaculate Conception, December 7 & 8

Tuesday, December 7: 6pm & 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation): 6:30am, 9am, 12pm, 4pm Latin, 6pm, 7:30pm Bilingual

Candlelight Mass

Every Sunday of Advent at 7pm in the Church

Advent Lessons & Carols

December 17 at 7:30pm

Regular Confession Schedule

Wednesdays in the Church from 11:30am-12pm & 6:30-8:30pm

Saturdays in the Parish Life Center from 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

*Due to the sheer volume of Confessions, please be patient.
The priests will try to finish the line in a timely manner. Thank you.*

Additional Advent Confessions

December 12 at 8-8:30am and 12-12:30pm

December 13 and 17 at 6:30-7pm

December 19 at 10-10:30am and 2-2:30pm

December 20-23 at 11:30am-12pm and 6:30-7:30pm

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2021



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

*4pm, 6:30pm (Spanish), 8:30pm, 12am (midnight) at Saint Mary Church
4pm & 6:30pm at Holy Cross Academy*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

*7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm at Saint Mary Church
No Saturday Confessions & No Evening Masses*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

*7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm at Saint Mary Church
8:30am (High Risk Covid Mass) & 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Vigil Mass 6pm | 12am (midnight) at Saint Mary Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD (Not a Day of Obligation)

7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30 (Bilingual) at Saint Mary Church | No Saturday Confessions

VIGIL for the EPIPHANY

5pm & 7pm at Saint Mary Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

FEAST of the EPIPHANY

*7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm at Saint Mary Church
8:30am (High Risk Covid Mass) & 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy*

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Due to early Bulletin deadlines for the Thanksgiving Holiday and Parish Office Holiday hours, the next Financial Report will be published in the December 12th Bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.

2021 Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities December 11 & 12

Your Generosity is Deeply Appreciated!

As you think about the many blessings you and your family have received, please consider making a special sacrificial gift to support those in dire need in our diocese by making a gift to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Look for a special insert in the parish bulletin next weekend. Please put a check in the collection basket and note Christmas Collection Catholic Charities on the memo line or make a gift online at ccda.net/donate.

Daily Advent Prayer

O Jesus, little child, come into my heart on Christmas morn, to wash away my sins and remain there in eternity. O Mary, Mother of my Savior, prepare for Jesus a cradle in my heart. Amen.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

If you would like the Blessed Mother to visit your home, please contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail.com.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for December

Our Children's Charity for the month of December is the Office of Migration & Refugee Services (MRS) in Fredericksburg, which assists refugee families and children, who have fled their homeland in fear of persecution and in fear for their lives. After a lengthy resettlement process through the US Government, approved families arrive with no material possessions other than the clothes on their back. With only 1 to 2 weeks' notice, MRS "Welcomes the Stranger" and assists families with housing, food, employment, schooling for their children and many other urgent needs. For more information visit arlingtondiocese.org/mrs.

For Unto Us a Child Is Born, Christ the Savior! Give a Gift for Life

This Advent, include a Gift for Life on your Christmas List, by supporting Project Rachel or the Gabriel Project. It is easy to make a small, tax-deductible contribution as a gift in the name or memory of a family member or friend, and it will make a big difference in a woman's life. You have the opportunity to assist a frightened young woman who has just learned she is pregnant, or a woman who opted to abort her child and is now experiencing the after effects of her choice. Your gift directly supports the cost of an expectant mother's prenatal vitamins, or counseling for a woman who is experiencing the emotional distress of an abortion. Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the Church and follow the directions, or go to the following link to donate online: arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

Pro-Life Reflection

Mary was full of grace from the first moment of her conception. She was not exempt from the need of a Savior; He simply shared with her in a unique way the victory over sin that He offers all of us. For those tempted to abort, there is always sufficient grace to do what is right. Mary, pray for us and for all tempted to abort, that they may say yes to life.

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God!

O Virgin Immaculate, who, after the Ascension of thy Divine Son, didst console thy exile on earth by the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament, and didst spend before the Tabernacle the greater part of thy days and even thy nights, make us comprehend the treasure we possess on the altar. Inspire us to visit often the God of Love in the Sacrament in which He abides to receive the homage that He deserves by so many titles, and to guide, protect, and console us in this exile! Amen.

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - December

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

Jason Stoker, Paul A. Lombardy, Agnes Lombardy, Courtney Kirby, Jorge Felix, Shirley Bozicevic, Mary Ullmer, Nancy Conley, Joy Zerby, Mary Farrell Bennett, Thomas Moeller, Carol Smoller, Jim Mann, Cheryl Keiser, Joy & Dave Zerby, William Lewis, Shirley Bozicevic, Joanne O'Brien, Paul Lysher, Eileen Geary, Michael Vasquez, Philip Haas, Jim Mann, Joyce Fonda, Maria Pierce, Cathleen Mihalaki, Edward Bohnenberger

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 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, Daniel Algert, Jason King, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti, Davon Bare, John Fartro, Michael Fedowitz Jr., Eric Menser, Sean Penczak, Will Atkins

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

St. Mary Prayer List

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.

Are You Affected By A Loved Ones' Addiction to Drugs?

If you are, please be aware that there is a program at St Mary that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with this problem. The program is called Nar-Anon.

One of the best benefits of Nar-Anon is that you will find compassion and support from others who are experiencing similar problems and struggles as well as people who have made it through these struggles. You will have the opportunity to hear stories from other members who have addicts in their families as well and see what coping mechanisms worked for them.

All information and discussion at the meetings are non-judgmental, informative, and strictly confidential. The meetings are in Room 100 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8 pm and are open to the community at large. For more information, contact Wayne at cushingwr@gmail.com/540-840-5230 or Wanda at wandasj823@gmail.com/540-538-6978.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

December

6 MONDAY

6:30am Donna Folmar
9:00am Donald Funai
Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

7 TUESDAY

6:30am Leonard Barlow+
9:00am Margaret Clancey+
6:00pm Morgan Joseph Johnson+
7:30pm Thomas Kochanek+
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

8 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Louis Farrell
8:15am* Linda Goetschalekx+
9:00am Consuelo Villagrana+
12:00pm For Our Parish
6:00pm Fernando Lopez-Palacios
7:30pm Luis Pacheco+
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

9 THURSDAY

6:30am Helene Dixon+
9:00am Charles White+
Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

10 FRIDAY

6:30am David O'Neill+
9:00am Alan Cascio+
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

11 SATURDAY

9:00am Michael Luciani
5:00pm Andrew Mullady+
7:00pm For Our Parish
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

12 SUNDAY

7:00am Lillian McCue+
8:30am Kurt Graham+
10:30am Joseph McAndrews
10:30am* Theodora Woods+
12:30pm David Thomas Phillips+
2:30pm Mauricio Vasquez+
5:00pm Benjamin Velis Martinez+
7:00pm Theresa Zaunick+
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

** 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.*