

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 9, 2022



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

announcements



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, 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
stmaryfred.org
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. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Robert Renner, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Alberto Bernaola
Deacon Dick Delio

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Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone
Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey
Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez
Parish Secretary, Giovanni Camacho

MUSIC

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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

540-286-1600
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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234
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sfry@holycrossweb.com

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553
Director, Sheri Castellarin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Aristides Lucas
Associate Director, Mary Buer
Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

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,

Last Saturday we held our Annual Blessing of Animals. The rain held off, and we had a nice assortment of animals to be blessed. I had encouraged you all to "step up your pet game" at a few Masses the previous weekend. This is because the animal blessing at StMaryIC had brought out cats and dogs, and more cats and dogs. Exotic animals have proven very rare during the six years I have been blessing animals here.

Well you sure did "step up your pet game!" This year I blessed a bearded lizard, rat, and fish, and a few more exotic animals! Thanks! I love seeing the variety and splendor of your pets, but when it comes to cats and dogs, I am decidedly in favor of dogs!

I did pray an extra prayer for folks who were unable to bring thier pets, so I got St. Francis working on behalf of your pets and maybe he helped send the rain as a sign of holy water being sprinkled on your pets.

It is always such fun to bless the animals. As the rite of blessing says: "God who confers his gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them symbolic reminders of the gifts of salvation." We are reminded that God saved animals with Noah in the ark, and animals are part of the covenant with Noah. Here the Lord promises that whenever there is a rainbow "in the clouds, I will look upon it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth." This is a great promise not to destroy the earth by flood. (Genesis 9).

Also we find the account of Balaam's donkey who recognizes the presence of the angel of God before Balaam himself (Numbers 22). Or the ravens that brought food to Elijah (1Kings 17:6) or the fish that saved Jonah (Jonah 2).

But above all we have the Paschal Lamb that is a beautiful symbolic reminder of our salvation. I once had the privilege of holding a young lamb for a group of Religious Ed children. I was amazed that as more and more hands reached out to touch and pet the lamb, it seemed to get even calmer. The lamb loved it when 20 children were petting it at the same time. I found this to be a simple, but beautiful image of Christ, He is calm and loving, patiently attentive, even when everybody is trying to reach out and touch him at the same time. Most folks get frazzled if too many things, tasks, or people are demanding attention and time of us all at once; not Jesus. He only needs us to respond to him by reaching out in love.

pax,



Fr. Mosimann



education

holy cross academy



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Opening Weeks

Our opening weeks have been an AWESOME success, thanks to all the wonderful parents, students, and staff at HCA Preschool at St. Mary. Students learned their classroom procedures, a little bit about their friends, made some cool crafts, and of course took time out to PLAY!

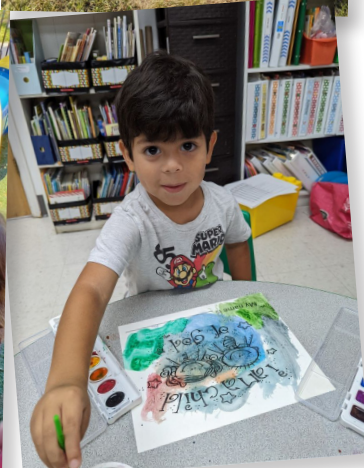
Another special thing we did was celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross with our students on September 14th and 15th with decorating cross cookies, creating cards for nursing home residents, and painting prayer rocks that will soon be on display in front of the Parish Life Center for all to enjoy! We also had lots of fun in the Christmas Tree lot exploring bubbles with Mrs. Arlene Wilkinson.

There was one more wonderful thing that happened in September - the return of our traditional Grandparents Celebration for the first time since COVID! Our preschoolers made special crafts for their grandparents, sang songs, danced the Tooty Ta with their grandparents, and of course had a special treat decorating cupcakes with our special visitors. What a blessing it was to be able to host this event!

We are so grateful to be back for another year on the St. Mary campus and we are so very excited of all the fun times ahead of us as we play, learn, and grow together! For more information about our preschool program, please contact our director, Sheri Castellarin at 540-373-7553 or by email at preschool@holycrossweb.com

Open Positions at Holy Cross Academy

Interested in joining our team? Holy Cross Academy is currently hiring substitute teachers and a full-time first grade teaching assistant. Interested candidates should contact Mrs. Angie Tomayko (atomayko@holycrossweb.com) or Dr. Steve Fry (sfry@holycrossweb.com).



WE WELCOME

education religious education

Religious Education Upcoming Events: Catechist Certification Courses

Monday to Wednesday, October 10-12

No Religious Education Classes.

Monday, October 10

Eucharistic Adoration in Spanish at 7pm in the church

Tuesday, October 11

Two Teaching Masses at 4:45pm and 6:30pm in the church

Thursday, October 13

Formation Night for Year 1 Confirmation 2024 candidates in the church at 7pm

Saturday, October 15

SPRED class in the Main Hall of the Parish Life Center from 10am to 12 noon

Monday to Wednesday, October 17-19

Religious Education Classes

Saturday, October 22

Catechist Certification Classes in the PLC; Topic CAT 101: Catholic Education: What Every Needs to Know

Sunday, October 23

Diocese of Arlington High School Rally. Call 540-373-6491 for more information

Monday to Wednesday, October 24-26

Religious Education Classes,

Thursday, October 27

Multimedia presentation on "The Science and Significance of Eucharistic Miracles" by Steve Hemler and Tony Gibert at 7:30pm in the church

Monday, October 31

Procession of Saints at 4:45pm on the church compound for all RE students.

Catholic faith formation nurtures our Catholic faith and better prepares us to live and pass on the Kingdom of God in our homes and community. Jesus calls his disciples to go out to all the world to live and spread the Good News of Salvation. It is important that we prepare ourselves for this important task of evangelization.

Our diocese is providing free opportunities to prepare us as Catechist and parents by providing ON SITE and/or ONLINE Basic Catechist Certification Training course this year (2022-2023) here at our parish.

Classes will be on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm beginning October 22 in the Parish Life Center. Please bring your own lunch. To register go to catholiceducationcenter.com. For further information or help in registering call or visit the parish office.

Religious Education During Non-Sacramental Years

Religious Education enrollment has increased by 21%. The greatest increase, by 149%, has been by children catching up on their sacraments. Last year there were 63 first year students, this year there are 157 first and second students. Most of these students attend the Monday 6:30 pm weekly session. A few of them, attend regular classes because the year-one classes are too large. Year One Confirmation has 37 students and Year One First Communion has 29 (grades 3-5) students and 25 (grades 6-8) students.

The already low enrollment in non-sacramental classes, (Kindergarten and Grades 3 to 6) has also decreased in Grade 3 by 26%, and Grade 5 by 20%. Kindergarten increased by 400%, from 2 to 10 Students. This year only 22% or 173 out of 772 students are in non-sacramental classes. Last year we had 73 children in Grade 2, this year there are only 32 children in grade 3.

Many children in non-sacramental classes are Home-Taught students. Last year there were 97 Home-Taught children, this year there are only 68.

Parents are urged not to underestimate the importance of Religious Education during non-sacramental years. If you cannot bring your child to class, register them as Home Taught children and your parish will provide you materials and assistance. An inadequate religious education is detrimental the Catholic formation your child.

our parish happenings

October - The 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.

St. Mary Book Club

St. Mary Book Club meets Tuesday October 11, 10am-12noon, in the Father Rooney Room. We will discuss Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori. Known as a computer whiz, Carlo also liked to play soccer, video games, and the saxophone. His unwavering devotion to the Eucharist inspired him to tell the story of Eucharistic miracles through a website he created. Carlo died from a sudden and violent illness in 2006 at the age of fifteen. He was beatified by Pope Francis in October 2020. The next step will be canonization, making Carlo the first millennial saint. Please join us!

KofC 4034 Present OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 15, Immediately following the 5pm Mass until 8:30pm.

All proceeds will be used to upgrade the kitchen equipment.

Price: Adults/Teens: \$12 Seniors (60+): \$10 Children (7 to 12): \$8
Maximum COST PER FAMILY: \$35.00. Cash Bar (beer and wine). Must be 21 years of age or older to purchase or consume alcohol. All alcohol must be consumed on premises.
Location: Parish Life Center (PLC)

All Souls Invite

Our parish family of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception will be remembering all of our brothers & sisters who passed away this year

All families are invited to attend a **CANDLELIT MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** for your loved one

THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7pm
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church

Reception to follow in the Parish Life Center

Please RSVP by calling 540-373-6491 or via email stmary@stmaryfred.org

"Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

CCW to Host Fr. Mosimann

Please join the St. Mary Council of Catholic Women at 10am Tuesday, October 18, in the Father Rooney Community Room. Our very special guest will be our pastor, Father John P. Mosimann, who will present a talk and slide show about his recent pilgrimage to Europe and the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. After Father's presentation we will enjoy refreshments and a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, and have a brief business meeting. Hope to see you there! Be sure to visit our website, stmaryccw.org

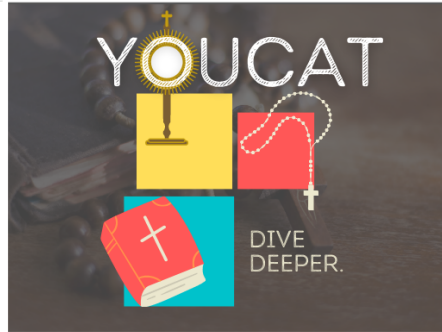
HCA Chocolate Sales

It is that time of year again - time for Holy Cross Academy's annual Chocolate Sale fundraiser! Students will be selling World's Finest Chocolate bars outside of all masses at St. Mary and Holy Cross Academy on the weekends of October 15-16 and October 22-23. You will be able to recognize them in their uniforms. If you are interested in buying chocolate, please bring cash.



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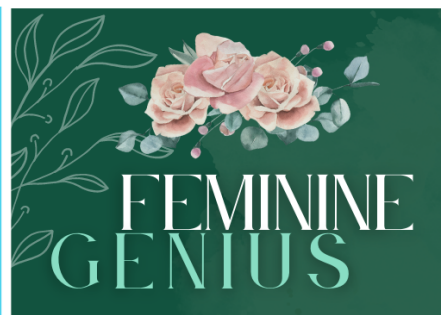
youth ministry



You're Invited! **ST. MARY**

YOUTH MINISTRY

ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS WELCOME!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th)

Every Sunday, 6:00 - 8:30pm
Dinner, friends, and faith formation for high school!

YOUCAT (9th-12th)

Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Dive deeper into your Catholic faith!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (6th-8th)

1st and 3rd Fridays, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Dinner, friends, and faith formation for middle school!

FIGHT CLUB (7th-12th BOYS)

Every Saturday, 6:30-8:00am
Explore what it means to be a Man of God!

SENIOR MINISTRY (12th)

Monthly meetings TBD
Prepare to live out your faith beyond high school!

FEMININE GENIUS (6th-12th GIRLS)

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Explore what it means to be a Woman of God!

Tatiana Beltran
tbeltran@stmaryfred.org

  **@stmarycym**

Catie Espiritu
cespiritu@stmaryfred.org

our parish

youth ministry

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PRESENTS

RALLY



ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED!

PERMISSION SLIPS DUE **OCTOBER 12**



CONTACT

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A DAY FILLED WITH
FAITH AND FUN!

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 23**

MASS WITH
BISHOP BURBIDGE

DANNY RAY • RACHEL LEININGER • JOHN PAUL VON ARX & BAND

PERMISSION SLIPS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

our parish happenings



ST. MARY'S

COAT DRIVE

We are collecting **NEW & GENTLY USED** coats and
NEW hats & gloves/mittens

Sizes: Infant to Adult
Sunday, October 16 – Monday, October 31

Please leave your donations in the donations boxes
located in the Parish Life Center & Holy Cross Academy



Families and individuals in need of coats are welcome
to pick them up Sunday, November 6 following all
Masses until 4pm

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491

SPRED School Year

SPRED (Special Religious Education Development) is planning the upcoming school year and accepting registrations in the Parish Office.

The SPRED program fosters and nourishes the spiritual and personal growth of those with developmental disabilities. Through small faith communities, they discover God's action and presence in their lives.

The SPRED program serves children and young adults with developmental disabilities such as Down Syndrome, Autism, and Learning Disabilities. During each session, the children participate in catechesis and activities designed to help them grow in their faith.

SPRED sessions are held 12 times each year. The meeting dates will be 10/15, 11/5, 12/10, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/11, 3/25, 4/15, 6/3 and 6/17. The sessions are scheduled for Saturday mornings from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

Please email Mary Buer at mbuer@stmaryfred.org if you have any questions.

our parish happenings

CRAFT BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

DONATE

Your handcrafted items: needlework, woodworks, paintings, autumn decor, Christmas ornaments — at room 100, or at the Parish Office October 24-28. Mark suggested price, please!

Homemade baked goods: candy, jams, jellies, pickles, relishes — drop off at the Parish Life Center or Parish Office. Label items that contain nuts, please, and suggested price.

SHOP

Originality, creativity, bargains, surprises!

Tell your neighbors and bring a friend!

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 29**

8AM - 2PM

**ST. MARY PARISH
LIFE CENTER**

**LUNCH SERVED
BY AMERICAN
HERITAGE GIRLS**

SHOP & ENJOY!

**PROCEEDS
SUPPORT OUR
CHURCH &
LOCAL CHARITIES**

**ST. MARY COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN**

**Monthly meetings on
3rd Tuesdays
September - May
Fr. Rooney Room**

stmaryccw.org

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
at St. Mary's EVERY Wednesday
following the 12 noon Mass ALL
DAY – ALL NIGHT Wednesday &
Thursday Concluding on Friday
Mornings at the 9am Mass.**

*“To be alone with Jesus in adoration and
intimate union with Him is the
GREATEST GIFT OF LOVE – the tender
love of Our Father in Heaven”
- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

**Contact: Serena Nguyen, Coordinator
Adoration@stmaryfred.org**

our parish happenings



HIGH SCHOOL WORKCAMP

JUNE 17-23, 2023 FREDERICK COUNTY, VA

At WorkCamp, high school teens experience a week of living in an intentional Christian community while working to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need in our diocese.

SERVICE - COMMUNITY - PRAYER - TALENT SHOW - ICE CREAM



ADORATION - DISCIPLESHIP - CONFESSION - FRIENDSHIP - FUN

MANDATORY INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, November 6

2:00-3:00pm in the Parish Life Center

TEEN AND ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKCAMP

Tatiana Beltran
tbeltran@stmaryfred.org



Catie Espiritu
cespiritu@stmaryfred.org



America Needs Fatima

Public Square Rosary Rally

Across the United States to commemorate the 105th Anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary apparitions in Fatima

**Loriella Park,
Salem Church Rd,
Fredericksburg, VA
Saturday, October 15
at 12noon**

Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. At the entrance of the Loriella Park, we will be on the left next to the Tennis Court.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHAIR.

For more information, please
call Rosary Captains:

Laura Morris: 540-786-1828
Claire Dionne: 540-548-3503
Ana Houpt: 540-907-9927

vida parroquial

noticias en español

Requisitos para recibir los Sacramentos

BAUTISMO

- Debe ser miembro de la Parroquia 90 días antes de solicitar el Bautismo
- Tomar las clases previo al bautizo
- Las clases son el primer sábado del mes a las 12 del mediodía

Llame a Gio a la oficina parroquial al (540) 373-6491, para programar la fecha del Bautismo al menos cuatro semanas por adelantado.

MATRIMONIO

- Debe ser miembro de la Parroquia
- Contactar a la Parroquia seis meses antes para iniciar la preparación

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

- Niños de 1ro y 2do grado
- Preparación de 2 años

Inscripciones abiertas julio 2022 llamar a la oficina parroquial

CONFIRMACIÓN

- Jóvenes de 6to -8vo grado
- y Secundaria (High School)
- Preparación de 3 años

Inscripciones en la oficina julio 2022

RECONCILIACIÓN

- Miércoles 11:30 am - 12:00 pm, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Sábados 8:00 - 8:30 am y 3:30 - 4:30 pm

QUINCEAÑERA

- La quinceañera necesita tener el Sacramento de la Confirmación
- No hay misas privadas
- Sólo hacemos una Misa de quinceañera al mes

Para más información comunicarse con la oficina parroquial al (540) 373-6491

Te invitamos a
participar en la

Adoración Eucarística

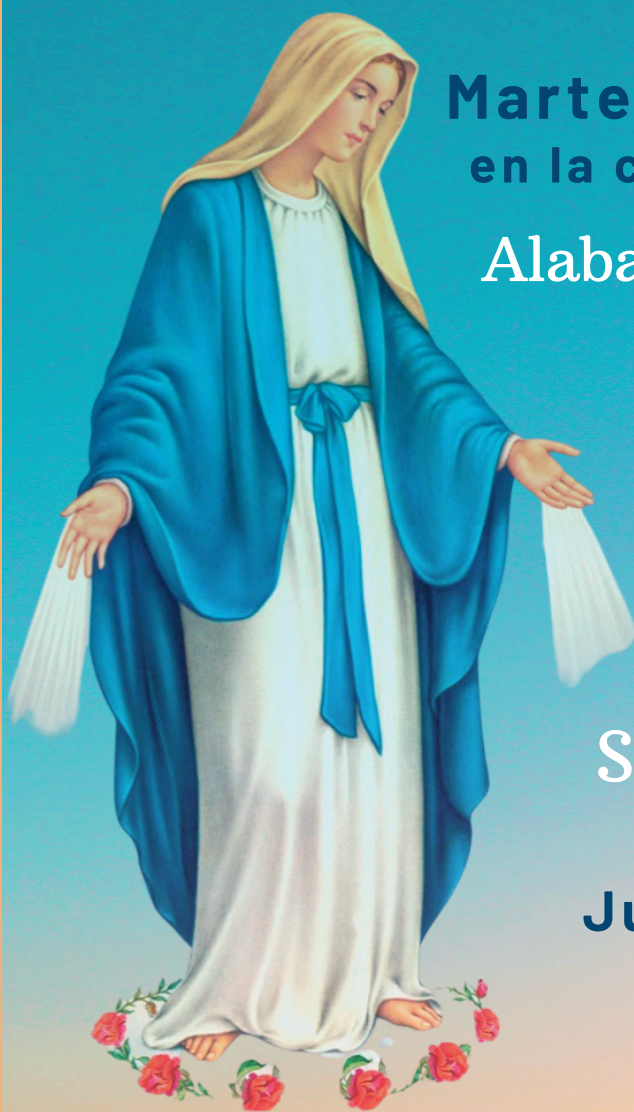
alabanzas, testimonio y
confesiones.

Lunes 10 de Octubre
7:00pm

Lugar: St. Mary of Immaculate Conception



Te invitamos al
Grupo Mariano



Martes 7:00-8:30pm
en la casa Juan Pablo II

**Alabanzas, Oración y
Predica**



Santo Rosario
vía ZOOM
Jueves 7:00pm

Porqué donde están dos o tres congregados en mi nombre, allí
estoy yo en medio de ellos. Mt.18,20

Información: Gustavo Guzmán (540) 229-3313



THE SCIENCE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Join us for a Golden Jubilee Talks presentation

This multimedia presentation highlights the importance of the Holy Eucharist. Hosted by Steve Hemler and Lee Granger of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA), you will discover amazing findings of scientific studies of Eucharistic miracles. This presentation discusses over one hundred Eucharistic miracles that have occurred worldwide over many centuries, especially five that have been scientifically studied.



Steve Hemler

President of the Catholic Apologetics
Institute of North America (CAINA)



Tony Gibert

Presenter of the Catholic Apologetics
Institute of North America (CAINA)

**St. Mary of the
Immaculate Conception**
1009 Stafford Ave
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 27, 2022**

All are welcome!

Questions?

analisa.pinon@arlingtondiocese.org



Office of Faith Formation



RETREAT
FOR "BUSY"
WOMEN!

Finding Jesus as Mary & Martha

NOV 11 -13
FRIDAY - SUNDAY



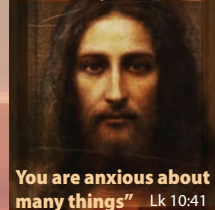
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Fr. John Riley will serve the Ladies of St Mary's who gather together
at Jesus' feet to find **PEACE, JOY, and BALANCE**,
as they **LIVE, LOVE, AND PRAY** in the world!



Retreat Cost: \$285 (financial aid may be available)
Contact Fr. Riley: Padre@HeartofCatechesis.org

"Martha, Martha..."



**You are anxious about
many things" Lk 10:41**

GATHER AT SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER IN WHITE POST, VA

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Donations Received September 27 - October 4

Sunday Offertory	\$31,411.15
Porto Charities Special Kids Special Needs	\$4,656.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$531.00
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul	\$335.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Pro-Life Reflection

"The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities... Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?" (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: "Called to Serve Moms in Need").

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 Spotsylvania. 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:30pm to Friday 9am

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight." – St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Feast Day October 1

Come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and honor His Holy Mother by saying the Rosary in His Divine Presence. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7am to 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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.***

National Rosary Crusade 2022

Saturday, October 15th, 12 Noon

Celebrate the 105th Anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary Apparitions to Lucia Dos Santos, Jacinta and Francesco

de Jesus Marto in Fatima, Portugal. A Rosary Crusade is being held for all in the Fredericksburg Area. Across the Nation, the Rosary will be recited at NOON, the exact time Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Jacinta and Francesco.

The Rosary Crusade will take place in Loriella Park, Leavells Rd, Fredericksburg, VA on October 15 at 12pm, next to the tennis courts (left side of entrance road as you enter the park). Bring your chair. For more info, please call the Rosary Rally Captains: Claire Dionne – (540) 548-3503, Laura Morris – (540) 786-1828, or Ana Houpt (540) 907-9927.

Praying With the Saints Pope Saint John XXIII, October 11

Now more than ever, certainly more than in past centuries, our intention is to serve people as such and not only Catholics; to defend above all and everywhere the rights of the human person and not only those of the Catholic Church; it is not the Gospel that changes; it is we who begin to understand it better.... The moment has arrived when we must recognize the signs of the times, seize the opportunity, and look far abroad. – Pope St. John XXIII

Saints Cyprian & Felix, October 12

No one is saved by his own strength, but by the grace and mercy of God. One who is not willing to go to Christ will fear death. – St. Cyprian

Saint Teresa of Avila, October 15

O Lord! All our suffering comes from not keeping our eyes on You. We fall a thousand times and stumble and go astray because we do not keep our eyes fixed on the true Way. St. Teresa, your good cheer and determination inspire me to keep my eyes on Jesus Who is the Way.

Saint Gerard Majella, October 16

The Most Blessed Sacrament is Christ made visible. The poor sick person is Christ again made visible. Who except God can give you peace? St. Gerard, patron of expectant mothers, help me to see all solutions in the Lord.

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - October

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

Amy Christofferson, Anthony D'Ostilio, Carlos Enrique, Heather Clemens, Jason Stoker, Josie & Tony Aragon, Joseph Krieg, Keith & Theresa Kovalefsky, Larry Dillman, Linda Dillman, Michael Fedowitz, Minundys Alba, Ted Jung, Vera Pompa, Gary Rolla, Mark and David Smetek

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:

Joseph Gardner, Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, 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, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobes, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti, Davon Bare, John Fartro, Michael Fedowitz Jr., Eric Menser, Sean Penczak, Will Atkins, LT Scott C. Boyd

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

October

10 MONDAY

6:30am John Tyminski+
9:00am Michael Jaworowski
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32

11 TUESDAY

6:30am Margaret Dougherty+
9:00am Deloris R. Taylor+
12:00pm Hugh & Marian McCabe
Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

12 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Jose Oscar Valles+
8:15am* Ruth Stellino+
9:00am Stanley Tomaszewski
Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

13 THURSDAY

6:30am Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen+
9:00am Charles White+
Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54

14 FRIDAY

6:30am Rose Maselli+
9:00am John Murphy+
Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

15 SATURDAY

9:00am All Discalced Carmelites
5:00pm David M. Toigo+
7:00pm Glen Stuertevant Sr.
Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

16 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish
8:30am George Holzworth
10:30am Cecilio Albo+
10:30am* James Seidlinger+
12:30pm Leonard Valle+
2:30pm Valdir Orellana
5:00pm Charles Michadick+
7:00pm Deloris R. Taylor+
Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

** 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.*