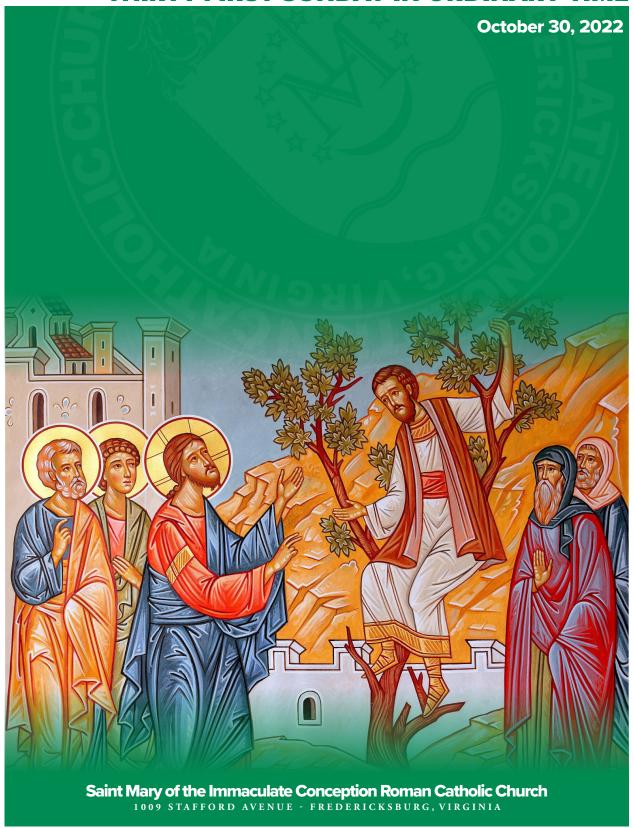
#### **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



#### announcements



#### **New Parishioner Welcome**

Welcome to St. Mary's! Sign-up TODAY for a visit and a chat with your pastor, Fr. Mosimann and members of our Welcoming Committee. Sunday, October 30th 9:30am-12:30pm. Sign-up using this link bit.ly/3PWnuDB for a special time set aside for just you (and your family). Meetings will take place in the Courtyard Meeting Room (Fr. Rooney Room) behind the church - the room with all the crucfix's on the wall! Questions, email

Elena at edoyle@stmaryfred.org
WELCOME!!!

### 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

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

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#### **MUSIC**

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

#### **HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**

540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry, 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,

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for purchasing a new commercial refrigerator and freezer for the PLC! The Knights not only generously donated the units, they also helped unload and install them! This gift will serve the parish for years to come! Thank you Knights! And since some of you are asking, yes, we tried to get orange units, but they only had stainless steel! Check out a picture below.

This week we have two great feasts: 1, Tuesday's Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day and 2, Wednesday is The Feast of All Souls.

To be clear: Tuesday (All Saints) is a Holy Day of Obligation with lots of Masses.

Wednesday (All Souls) is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but an important enough feast to have extra Masses, including one by candlelight, at 7pm.

All Saints: Imagine that your grandmother were to be canonized a saint by Pope Francis. Your friends would all congratulate you, and you would joyfully make arrangements to go to Rome for the Mass and party. This feast is for celebrating all the uncanonized saints in heaven. This is the Church celebrating your friends and relatives who have gone to God forever and entered into eternal bliss beyond our imagining. We don't have to go to Rome for the canonization, but can all gather in our parishes to celebrate our loved ones' union with God.

All Souls: Here we get to mercifully pray for our loved ones because the Lord doesn't tell us which of our loved ones are in heaven, purgatory, or oops. True friends are always there to help each other. Souls who are in purgatory can no longer merit for themselves, as their souls are set in their eternal destiny. However, what they can't do, we do for them when we pray to the Lord to have mercy on their souls! Every prayer, every Hail

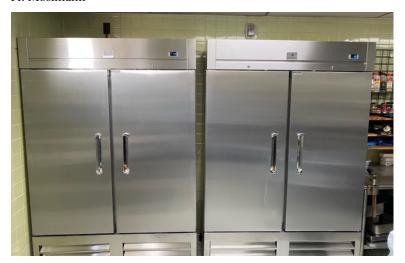
Mary, every loving thought, is like a glass of water given to a thirsty soul.

Don't worry, no soul in purgatory would ever trade places with you.... because their presence in purgatory assures them of eternal bliss in heaven, just as soon as their soul is freed from its disordered attachments. But what gratitude they have for even the smallest of our prayers.

You can do one thing to keep alive and even strengthen those bonds of love: pray for you loved ones. This is a sign of our gratitude to those we love, and our hope for reunion with them one day. It is our love that compels us to attend Mass and worship God for his great work in our families.

pax,

Fr. Mosimann



October 31 (All Saints Day Vigil)
6pm and 7:30pm

November 1 (All Saints Day | HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) 6:30am, 9am, 12pm, 4pm Latin Novus Ordo, 6pm, 7:30pm Bilingual

November 2 (All Souls Day | NOT a day of obligation) 6:30am, 9am, 12pm, 4pm Latin Novus Ordo, 7pm

### education

holy cross academy



A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence





#### **Busy, Busy Kindergartners**

Holy Cross Academy Kindergarten students have been very busy this fall. Fire Chief Mike Gillam visited the kindergarten classroom to teach students about fire safety. Mr. Gillam demonstrated what a fireman might look like if there is a fire emergency. They also learned how to Stop, Drop and Roll. Thank you, Mr. Gillam for helping us learn important life saving skills.

Our Kindergarten students also visited the Round Hill Farm in Culpeper for an old-fashioned day of fun. Students enjoyed the hayride, several playgrounds, hay bale maze and more animals than you can imagine! Every student brought home a pumpkin, a gourd and an apple. Based on the smiles, it looks like the day was a success!

#### **Fall Open House**

Please join us for our Fall Open House on Sunday, November 6 from 1-3pm at Holy Cross Academy. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet teachers, take a student tour and learn about our fabulous school. Please visit our website for more information about the 2023-2024 application process.

# Open Positions at Holy Cross Academy

Interest in joining our team? Holy Cross Academy is looking for a Middle School Science teacher beginning January 3, 2023.

For more information on this position and others in the Diocese of Arlington, please visit: https://bit.ly/32w7x3T







### education

# religious education

#### **Religious Education Upcoming Events:**

#### Monday, October 31

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

#### Tuesday & Wednesday, November 1 & 2

No Religious Education Classes

#### Thursday, November 3

First Penance & First Communion meeting, 7:00 pm in church

#### Saturday, November 5

SPRED class in the Main Hall of the PLC from 10am to 12 noon

#### Monday to Wednesday, November 7-9

Religious Education Classes

#### Monday, November 7

Eucharistic Adoration in Spanish at 7pm in the church

#### Thursday, November 10

Year 2 Confirmation Formation Night

#### Saturday, November 12

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

#### Monday to Wednesday, November 14-16

Religious Education Classes

#### **Tuesday, November 15**

Advent Confession for Grades 3-8 RE students at HCA

#### Monday to Wednesday, November 21-23

No Religious Education Classes, Thanksgiving Break,

#### Monday, November 21

Eucharistic Adoration in Spanish at 7pm in the church

#### Monday to Wednesday, November 28-30

Religious Education Classes

Advent Confession for Grades 3-8 RE students at St. Mary

## Procession for the Feast of All Saints on October 31



There are no Religious Education on Monday, October 31st. We are inviting students to participate in our 1st Annual All Saints Day Parade. Students will come to the Parish Life Center dressed as a saint or simply make up a sign or poster about a Saint. We will meet in the PLC at 4:45pm, share about our Saints, then parade around the campus and get the first treat for Halloween. We anticipate this to last 45 minutes to an hour.

Attendance will be taken for October 31st. Attendance for November 1st will be marked for students who dress as a saint or have a sign or poster. These are extra attendance days.

# our parish ministry highlight

**CANA Family Ministry** 

Cana Group is a Catholic Family ministry where we strive to create intentional Christian communities primarily for young families in their first 10 years of marriage. The small groups of no more than 7 families primarily minister to each other through Marriage, Faith, Family, Spiritual Growth, and Community Building to enrich ourselves, our marriages, and our children to grow in holiness and faithfulness. The Cana Group, which includes the entire family of couples and children, meets formally once a month for dinner, fellowship, and discussion. Our family style dinner is hosted at a home with each family bringing something to contribute to the meal. After the meal the children are led by high schoolers who provide activities and games with a Catholic Theme, while the adults gather separately for discussion led by one of the participating couples about a relevant topic for Catholic families. We truly strive to be a community of faithful supporting each other as we start marriages and families.

Please join us to learn more about the Cana Family Ministry. We are hosting an OPEN HOUSE, feel free to stop by anytime from 5:30-8:00. We look forward to meeting you and your family!"

Date: Friday, November 11

RSVP: By Monday, November 4th if planning on attending

Time: 5:30 - 8:00pm

Location: Vezina Residence - 1009 Cadmus Court, Fredericksburg VA 22401

Contact: Scott & Caryn Vezina cevezina@gmail.com (703) 300-5079



# 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.

#### **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."

#### **SPRED Class Canceled**

The November 5 SPRED class is cancelled and will be made up later in the school year

#### St. Mary Book Club

St. Mary Book Club will meet on Tuesday November 8, 10am-12pm, in the Father Rooney Room. Our selection for November is The Love that Made Mother Teresa by David Scott. This book brings to light little-known stories from Mother Teresa's life, plus her approach to reading Scripture, what enabled her to persevere through agonizing nights, and the remarkable events that led her to start the Missionaries of Charity. We are all called to holiness, and the saints, such as Mother Teresa, are sent to us as "real life" examples of God's love. Please come join us!

### Manna Food Drive a Success!

Thank you St. Mary Parishioners for an amazing September food drive! We raised \$6,521 and 1,483 pounds of goods during Hunger Awareness Month. This equates to 14,278 meals that will feed the hungry in our region through the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank. The combined totals from our 2022 Manna Project Food Drives yielded 25,848 meals for families in need in our area! We sincerely thank you for your continued generosity to this ministry.



#### **Prayers & Squares**

Prayers & Squares will have patriotic pocket squares available the weekend of November 12 & 13 in honor of Veterans Day. Squares will be available at both St. Mary's and Holy Cross. Please take a square, tie the knot while saying a prayer and give it to a veteran or in honor of a veteran



#### **Concerts at St. Mary**

On Friday, November 11, 2022 at 8pm, Concerts at Saint Mary welcomes organist John Nothaft as he will be performing a concert on the Robert William Wallace organ. First-prize winner of the National Federation of Music Club Collegiate Organ Competition, organist John Nothaft serves as Director of Music Ministries at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, Virginia, where he serves as organist/choirmaster and curates the Holy Happy Hour series. Mr. Nothaft holds degrees

in organ from the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, and the Eastman School of Music. An active performer, he has recently been heard with the Washington Bach Consort and the Piccolo-Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina. In addition, he has authored a children's book Old McHandel & His Musical Farm, which is being sold throughout the United States and Europe. The eclectic program of works by Bach, Bolcom, Copland, Elgar, Haywood, Mahler and Price that Mr. Nothaft will be performing is sure to show off all the many colors of the Robert William Wallace organ.

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#### 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, and they don't expire. Check out the retailer list at raiseright.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 and support HCA!

To set up an account at **raiseright.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.





#### St. Mary's Special Thanksgiving Food Drive

Supporting Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services, those in our parish in need of support AND area school's social services

We are hoping to provide over 250 families with a Thanksgiving Meal ~ Can you help?

Working with our Religious Education Students, Holy Cross Academy Students & Parish Families – WE THINK WE CAN DO IT!

If interested, pick-up a special blue St. Mary bag located in the Church vestibule (wooden cabinet across from the ladies restroom)

Purchase items listed and return the COMPLETED bag to the Parish

Office

No later than Friday, Monday, November 14th

#### Items needed:

- (1) box of mashed potatoes, (4) cans of corn, (4) cans green beans,
- (2) cans sweet potatoes/yams, (2) jars of gravy, (2) box of stuffing,
- (1) can cranberries, (1) brownie or cake mix, (1) aluminum foil Please try NOT to purchase glass containers

**GOD BLESS YOU!** 

# happenings



ST. MARY'S

# COATE DRIVE

NOW ACCEPTING
INFANT-CHILD SIZE 8 COATS ONLY
Until Monday, October 31

We also have a need for NEW HATS & MITTENS







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

# 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

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# our parish happenings

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4034 PRESENTS

# FALL HARVEST DINNER

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022

Immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass until 8:30 PM

All proceeds will be used to upgrade the PLC kitchen equipment

Price: Adults/Teens: \$12 Seniors (60+): \$10 Children (7 to 12): \$8

Maximum COST PER FAMILY: \$35.00.

<u>Cash Bar</u> (beer and wine). Must be 21 years of age or older to purchase or consume alcohol. All alcohol must be consumed on premises.

Location: St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church,
Parish Life Center (PLC)
1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA

#### **MENU:**

Baked Ham, Stuffing, Candied Yams, Green Beans Almondine, Pumpkin and Apple Pie



#### **Knights of Columbus**

Charity ● Unity ● Fraternity ● Patriotism
To join, please contact Jimmy Burns, Membership Director
www.kofc4034.org

### our faith

# happenings



From Inclusion to Belonging

EMBRACING DISABILITY AS PART OF THE CHURCH

2022 CONFERENCE

#### PRESENTED BY:









AT BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL

ARLINGTON, VA

\$10 REGISTRATION



# A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ON INCLUSION FEATURING:

- Inspiring Keynote Conversation
- Informative Breakout Sessions
- Exhibition and Networking Area
- Sensory Mass Celebrated by Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge

This event is for clergy, catechists, youth ministers, school teachers and administrators, parents and all advocates interested in increasing access to Catholic education, employment, faith formation, and community resources for individuals with disabilities.



BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST
AT MASS



REV. ROBERT CILINSKI PASTOR, NATIVITY CHURCH

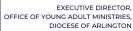


JOYCE KELLY TRANSITION SPECIALIST

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**KEYNOTE CONVERSATION** 

#### KEVIN BOHLI





#### MARY DESMARAIS FOUNDER,

FOUNDER,
CATHOLIC INCLUSION SERVICES, LLC



#### **DR. NANCY EMANUEL**

COORDINATOR FOR SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRIES, DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



#### **WARD JONES**

CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER, CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON



#### **CHARLEEN KATRA**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT: WWW.BISHOPOCONNELL.ORG/BELONGING

# youth ministry



# 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

# our parish 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



Catie Espiritu

cespiritu@stmaryfred.org

Middle School Youth Group

1st and 3rd Fridays 6:30pm - 8:00pm Parish Life Center

# MIDDLE SCHOOL DINNER TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are in need of volunteers to help plan, prepare, and serve dinner to our **middle school** teens before CYM Youth Group. Volunteers will work in teams of 6-7 to plan and cook meals once every few months.

**Contact Us for More Information!** 

tbeltran@stmaryfred.org

cespiritu@stmaryfred.org

## 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 Ilamar 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





# vida parroquial

# noticias en español



# operations

# given in love

#### **Weekly Offertory**

#### Donations Received October 18 - 25

Sunday Offertory	\$30,306.00
World Mission Sunday	\$8,238.00
Hurricane Ian Relief	\$3,500.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$190.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$194.00

#### Faith Direct Donations October 15

Sunday Offertory	\$18,170.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$695.00
Porto Charities Special Kids Special Needs	\$223.00
World Mission Sunday	\$213.00
Hurricane Ian Relief	\$400.00

Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Special Collection**

#### Archdiocese for the USA Military Services November 5 & 6

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. The AMS is the only source of Catholic chaplains for the U.S. military and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. All told, the AMS and its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. Unlike a conventional diocese, the AMS has no parishes or parish registries. The AMS has no weekly collections and relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Your support of the National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own diocese. Your generosity is most appreciated. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church.

#### **Pro-Life Reflection**

We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable. We get the public officials we deserve. Their virtue -- or lack thereof -- is a judgment not only on them, but on us. Because of this, we urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest. ("Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics" - USCCB) Lord, may I never fail to exercise my right to vote!

#### Children's Offertory Envelopes - November

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Fredericksburg. This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

## **Praying with the Saints**

#### All Saints, November 1

"The saints do not need praise from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to them. Clearly, if we venerate their memory it serves us, not them. But when I think of them, I feel tremendous yearning." – St. Bernard of Clairvaux

#### All Souls, November 2

Merciful Father, bring all the dead into Your embrace, including me and those I love at the time of our deaths. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

#### Saint Martin de Porres, November 3

"He diligently worked to redeem the guilty; lovingly he comforted the sick; he provided food, clothing and medicine for the poor; he helped laborers and slaves. He excused the faults of others." (Pope St. John XXIII) St. Martin, help me to remain blind to skin color and status.

#### Saint Charles Borromeo, November 4

"If a small spark of God's love now burns within you, do not expose it to the wind. In other words, avoid distractions; stay close to God. Do not waste time in useless chatter." – St. Charles

#### 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 Wednesday, 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.

# **liturgy**

# daily bread

#### **Saint Mary Prayer List - October**

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

Amy Christofferson, Anthony D'Ostillio, Carlos Enrique, Heather Clemens, Jason Stoker, Josie & Tony Aragon, Jospeh Krieg, Keith & Theresa Kovalefsky, Larry Dillman, Linda Dillman, Michael Fedowitz III, Minundys Alba, Ted Jung, Vera Pompa, Gary Rolla, Mark and David Smetek, Stefanie Fell, Patrick Fell, Zach Burnette

### 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

#### 31 MONDAY

6:30am Nancy Sturtevant 9:00am Lauri Wilson 6:00pm Kevin and Kate Breen 7:30pm Maria Vu Pham Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14

#### **November**

#### **1 TUESDAY**

6:30am Michael Folmar, Sr.
8:30am\* Clara Aurora Munoz
& Liliana Alba McMarlin
9:00am Samantha Barahona
12:00pm For Our Parish
6:00pm Christopher Ducic
7:30pm Ana R. Bernaola+
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

#### **2 WEDNESDAY**

6:30am 9:00am 12:00pm 7:00pm

All in our All Souls Novena All in our All Souls Novena All in our All Souls Novena

#### **3 THURSDAY**

6:30am All in our All Souls Novena 9:00am All in our All Souls Novena 12:00pm All in our All Souls Novena Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10

#### **4 FRIDAY**

6:30am 9:00am All in our All Souls Novena 12:00pm All in our All Souls Novena 7:00pm All in our All Souls Novena Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8

#### **5 SATURDAY**

9:00am All in our All Souls Novena 5:00pm All in our All Souls Novena 7:00pm All in our All Souls Novena Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

#### **6 SUNDAY**

7:00am All in our All Souls Novena
8:30am All in our All Souls Novena
10:30am All in our All Souls Novena
10:30am\* All in our All Souls Novena
12:30pm All in our All Souls Novena
2:30pm All in our All Souls Novena
5:00pm All in our All Souls Novena
7:00pm All in our All Souls Novena
2 Mc 7:1-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38