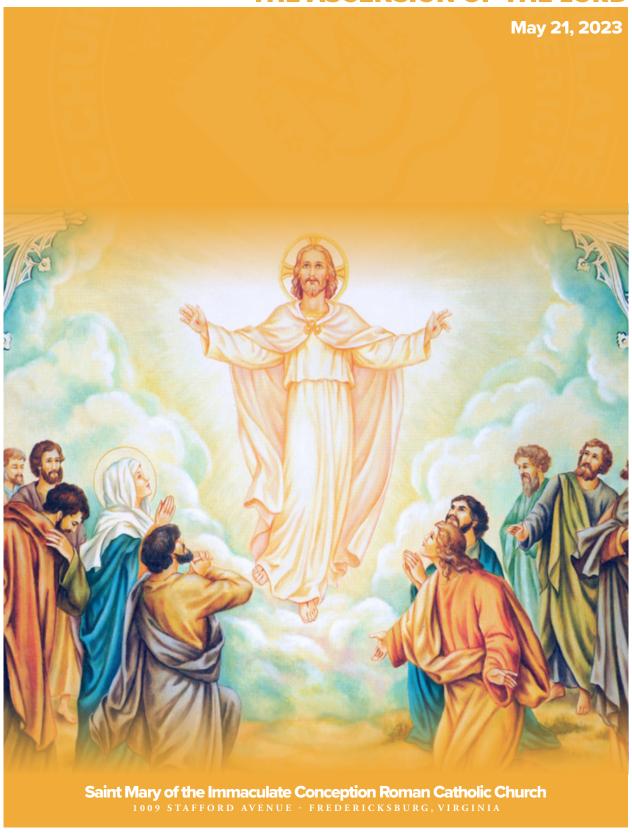
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



capital campaign

Growing Our Legacy of Faith



2022 Capital

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CONTACT US

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions about the "Growing Our Legacy of Faith" Capital Campaign

540-735-4506 capitalcampaign@stmaryfred.org

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE PEWS

Twelve years ago, I met my husband through St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry. This community has been with us as we married and brought four children into our family. When Father asked us to pledge to the Capital Campaign, we thought of the many ways St. Mary's and Holy Cross Academy have blessed our family. From the Special Blessings Ministry and Special Needs Religious Education classes for our eldest daughter, to Holy Cross Pre-School and Academy for our six-year old, to the work of our priests who have been with our family for our wedding, baptisms, communions, penance, and even anointing of the sick. We cherish the contribution St. Mary's has made to our lives and we want to return our gifts to the Lord.

We encourage other families to think back on how the church has supported and encouraged your faith. Please consider supporting/donating to the very important work of the Capital Campaign.

God Bless, Joyce and Andrew Bodoh



"...we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us."

Romans 5:3-5

from our pastor

Dear Folks,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand" (No. 659).

Do you wonder what would have happened had he not ascended? Would we all be sitting by idly waiting in a lifelong line to get to shake his hand? And would we all be looking for him to fix everything asap?

One, Jesus forever sits at the right hand of God to intercede for us! This should not be lost, that he did not ascend to leave us alone, but to ever intercede before the throne of the Father! Sometimes our images of heaven can be very entertaining (no, heaven is not as pictured in the Simpsons)! But to know that the Lord is obtaining grace up grace for us should be a consolation!

Two, Jesus left so that he could send us the Spirit. His ascension has ushered in the age of sacrament and of the church. You need not go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem and wait in a forever line to see him. We just gave him to hundreds of seven year olds in First

Communion! And His Spirit was just given to more than a hundred and eighty teens! His work on earth is not complete, but has moved into a mode where he has asked us to bear witness and make disciples.

My first pastor, when I was ordained, was Fr. Robert Avella. He was so good as a pastor to a new priest. He assigned me tasks and areas of responsibility, but had my back with the authority needed! When Our Lord gives us a task, like making disciples of all nations, he gives us the grace, and spiritual power to do so!

I think that is one reason for the ascension: so we wouldn't sit around watching, and would roll up our sleeves! His authority and power are not lessened by delegation. What a privilege to be disciples and witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Be what you are!

pax et bonum,

Fr. Mosimann

Join us in Thanking Fr. Sina!
Farewell Reception
Tuesday, May 30 5-8pm | Parish Life Center

Please come out to thank Fr. Sina for his priestly ministry and gift of self to our parish and wish him well as he prepares to serve in the Banica Missions



announcements

The St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some fellowship!

St. Mary's Confessions Schedule

Wednesday

11:30am-12:15pm & 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday

8:00am-9:00am & 3:30pm-5:00pm

Special Confessions with Fr. Antony

Monday | Wednesday | Friday

8:00am-8:45am, 11:30am-12:15pm, 3:30pm-4:00pm

Tuesday | Thursday

8:00am-8:45am

contact us

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm 8:30 & 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 6:30am, 9am, & 12pm Saturday 9am 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 First Friday 7pm Norvus Ordo (Latin Mass) First Saturday 8:00am — Fatima Prayers & Rosary followed by 9am Mass

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

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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

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holy cross academy

Congratulations HCA Confirmandi

In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, ~ Eph. 1:13.

Congratulations to our eighth grade students for making their Confirmation recently! May God always be in your life so that you have someone to lean on as you grow, learn, and become who you are meant to be.

Our students receive daily religious education which guides them through their sacramental journey.

The Great Train Race

Congratulations to our Holy Cross Academy students who participated in the Great Train Race. Our HCA Running Club trained hard after school to prepare for the event. HCA is the reigning winner of the First Place Trophy for the Participation Award that included a \$750 check.

Thank you to the PTO for running the tent and greeting visitors. Also, thank you to Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Dimmer, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Timmons and Mrs. Crockett and the parent volunteers who shared their time and talent with our young athletes and encouraged them to get involved.

2023-2024 Applications/Tours

We are now accepting applications for 2023-2024. Some of our grades are full but we will continue to accept applications for those grades with open seats, including Kindergarten. Application information can be found on our school website at **holycrossweb.com/admissions**.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Cross Academy (K-8), please contact Mrs. Deena Lanier, Admissions Coordinator, at **dlanier@holycrossweb.com** or 540-286-1600.

If you are interested in HCA Preschool at St. Mary, please contact Mrs. Sheri Castellarin at **HCAPreschool@holycrossweb.com** or call 540-373-7553

Open Positions at Holy Cross Academy

Interested in joining our team? Holy Cross Academy Preschool has openings for Part-time Lead Teachers/ Aides for the 2023-24 school year. Interested candidates should contact Sheri Castellarin at 540-373-7553 or preschool@holycrossweb.com.







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Week of May 21, 2023



Pentecost | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to enhance your prayer and expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode, they discuss Jean Restout's depiction of Pentecost.



The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.



The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity by Fr. Shannon Collins

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation of this 'sweet guest of our soul' who seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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



Cat. Chat Vacation Bible School is coming to a Catholic Church near you!

You are invited to a...

Cool Kingdom Party

to discover how "Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus"

Where: Holy Cross Academy

9am - 12pm daily

250 Stafford Lakes Pkwy,

Fredericksburg, VA 22406

\$25 per child, \$75 for

3 or more children; Cost:

When: June 26-30, 2023

\$15 per teen volunteer

Registration Deadline:

Time:

Contact:

Please register in parish office.

May 26, 2023 NO EXCEPTIONS!

Games! Prizes! Snacks!

Crafts!

Faith!

...and More!!!

our parish

happenings

Is Your Heart Broken by a Loved One's Addiction to Drugs?

If so, please be aware that there is a program at St. Mary that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with a drug addiction problem. The program is called NAR-ANON. At NAR-ANON meetings, you



will have the opportunity to share your story, hear stories from other members, and develop positive coping mechanisms in dealing with your addict.

Compassion and understanding are ever present at the meetings. You are not alone in this struggle! Please take the first step and come to a meeting. Just listen if you want. There is no pressure to share. The meetings are held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Room 100 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8pm and are open to the public at large. For more information call or text Wayne (540)840-5230 or Wanda (540)538-6978

Traveling Blessed Mother Statue

If your family would like the Blessed Mother to visit your home, please call or email Mary Lou Felts to schedule a time. Call 571-723-3333 or email at maryloufelts@gmail.com.

St. Mary's to Support School Dressings Days

May 15 - May 30

St. Mary's joins area Fredericksburg churches in supporting School Dressing Days! This important program supplies clothing and school supplies to area students in need. St. Mary's has been asked to supply joggers and jeans for boys sizes large and XL (middle and high school aged students) AND Full-Size Tooth Paste. Donations may be dropped off in the PLC (bins marked School Dressings Days) or in the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

Volunteers are needed for this program! Please visit the link below to sign-up to help with registration, set-up, organize clothing, before,during and after the event (July 21-22) WONDERFUL PROGRAM!!! tinyurl.com/2023SDDvolunteer



Christian unity may be doser than you think.

Join us for our Northern Virginia celebration of the prayer service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023

Tuesday, May 23 at 7pm | St. Ann Catholic Church, 5300 10th St N, Arlington, VA

Welcoming all Christians, led by these church leaders:

Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, Catholic Diocese of Arlington
Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson, Virginia Conference, The United Methodist Church
Bishop Leila Ortiz, Metro DC Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
The Right Reverend E. Mark Stevenson, The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia



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Congratulations to our First Communicants and Confirmandi!

St. Mary's joyfully celebrates with you and your families!













"All is good that is in me is due to Holy Communion. I owe everything to it. I feel this holy fire has transformed me completely."

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Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

186 Souls Received the Holy Spirit this past weekend! Our church is on FIRE! Please keep them in your prayers!















our parish youth ministry

			May Month of Mother Mary				
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	30	1	2	3 YOUCAT	4	5 мs сүм	6 FIGHT CLUB
	7 нs сүм	8	9	10 YOUCAT	FEMININE GENIUS	12	13 FIGHT CLUB
	14 NO CYM MOTHER'S DAY	15	16	17 YOUCAT	18	19 ms cym	20 FIGHT CLUB
LAST CYM OF THE VEAR!	21 HS CYM	22	23	24 YOUGAT	25 FEMININE GENIUS	26	27 FIGHT CLUB
	28	29	30	31 SENIOR MINISTRY	1	2	3

Big Board Fundraiser THANK YOU!

Thank you all so much for your generosity towards our Big Board fundraiser for Diocesan WorkCamp and the Banica Mission Trip this summer! We are blown away by your kindness! If you would still like to donate, the deadline for mail-in donations is Monday, May 15th. You can also support us by purchasing raffle tickets for a chance to win beautiful handcrafted Adirondack chairs made by our teens! God bless you all!



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Interfaith Community Council

Días de Vestimenta Escolar 2023

Sirviendo a los condados de Fredericksburg, King George, Caroline, Spotsylvania, and Stafford



Para participar en los Días de Vestimenta Escolar en 21 y 22 de Julio,

ES OBLIGATORIO REGISTRARSE ANTES

1) POR LA PAGINA DE WEB: www.interfaithcommunitycouncil.

*** antes del 15 de Julio***



- 2) O REGISTRASE EN PERSONA en las siguientes fechas:
- Miércoles 12 Julio (10am - 1pm) La Iglesia de Jesucristo de los Santos de los Últimos Días 1710 Bragg Rd, Fredericksburg, VA
- bado 15 Julio (10am 1pm) Fredericksburg United Methodist Church 308 Hanover St, Fredericksburg, VA (Entrada es por la calle Charlotte Street)

¿Dónde?

La Iglesia de Jesucristo de los Santos de los Últimos Días 1710 Bragg Road, Fredericksburg, VA

¿Cuándo?

Viernes 21 Julio 2022 (9am - 3pm) Sábado 22 Julio 2022 (9am - 3pm)

¡Deberá traer lo siguiente documentos para la Pre-Registración!

- 1- Verificación de dirección. Por ejemplo: *Licencia de conducir, tarjeta de identificación de DMV
- contrato de arrendamiento, factura de servicios públicos (lúz, agua), O una carta de servicios sociales, etc.
- Verificación de carta de aceptación al programa de Head Start

Para más información envíe un correo electrónico (email) a

schooldressingdays@gmail.com Encuéntranos en Facebook: School Dressing Days



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Weekly Offertory

Donations Received May 3 to May 8						
Sunday Offertory	\$29,406.00					
Parish Debt Reduction	\$6,685.00					
Catholic Home Missions	\$160.00					
Special Parish Needs	\$235.00					
Poor Box St Vincent de Paul	\$2,381.00					

Faith Direct Donations May 4

Sunday Offertory (+Ascension)	\$87,224.63
Parish Debt Reduction	\$5,977.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$1,598.00
Diocese Retired Priests	\$4,515.00
Special Parish Needs	\$2,760.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in April for the following unscheduled intentions: +Lorraine C. Beyer, +Kathy O'Loughlin, Jan Floom (2), +David Bapple, +Dee King, Ambrose Adams, Gabby Jones, +Henry Weese, +Beth Strohmeier, +Consuelo Villagrana Rivera, Anthony Brooks Family, +Mary Floom, +Paul Lysher, +Brody Nathaniel Beverly, +Thomas Brancaccio, and +Steven West Mason.

Children's Charity - May

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of May will be donated to the Children's and Teen's Programs of Empower House (formerly the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence). These programs provide ongoing support for children ages 5 to 12 affected by domestic violence and teens affected by dating violence and domestic violence.

Pro-Life Reflection

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers")

St. Mary's Catholic Young Adult Group

Are you between the ages of 18 and 39 and looking to meet new friends in your community? Join the St. Mary's Catholic Young Adult Group! We strive to bring glory to God by serving the young adult population of our parish through faith building activities, opportunities to volunteer in the wider community and relationship building social events. To join us please contact Norvilia at stmaryyava@gmail.com - we would love to have you!

Donor Services/Gift Processing

Experience helpful, 2 years of data entry experience or related activity handling financial transactions with proven accuracy and efficiency Experience in CRM, or comparable fundraising database is a plus. Able to handle multiple projects accurately with a high level of productivity. Able to work with and process information in an analytical fashion. Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively as part of a team, in the office. Demonstrated ability to use good judgment and to handle confidential information with a level of sensitivity.

All Candidates must be able to pass an extensive background check.

Please send resume to American Life League Attention HR. P.O. Box 6170 Falmouth VA 22403 or email to **HR@all.org**. Please indicate what position you are applying for.

Saint Patrick School is Hiring!

Saint Patrick Catholic School is hiring and has several positions available for the 2023-2024 school year: Middle School teacher, Teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade social studies, general math class and science or reading.

Spanish teacher & Music teacher (part-time) instructs grades K-8.

Director of Extended Day Program oversees the Extended Day Program

Extended Day Staff 18 years or older and have an interest working with children in a Catholic school environment.

For more information about each position contact Anne Dihlmann adihlmann@saintpatrickschoolva.org

liturgy



Saint Mary Prayer List - May

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

Anthony D'Ostilio, Beth Kelley, Chris Breth, David Harnett, David Smetek, Eric Antonio Baker, Guadalupe Osuna, Heather Clemens, Joanne O'Brien, Jorge A. Lecea, Joseph Krieg, Karl Eugene, Keith & Theresa Kovalefsky, Kerrie LeGeros, Larry Dillman, Louise Ravert, Michael D'Ostilio Jr., Michael Fedowitz III, Re & Chris Mac Arthur, Richard Hollenkamp, Shirley Bozicevic, Sylvia Velarde Osuna, William David Jackson (Liam) David Smetek, Jason Stoker, Joseph Crieg, Larry Dillman, Loraine Lemoine, Mac Frescas, Maureen Bunn, Michael Fedowitz III, Paula Snellings, Re & Chris MacArthur, Sarah Fartro, Teri Cueman, Theresa & Keith Kovalefsky, William David Jackson (Liam), William Debary, Gary Rolla, Kati Ryan, Valerie Barcheski, Charlie Clawson, Lexie Haglund, Shirley Bozicevic, Chris Breth, Karl Eugene, Joanne O'Brien, Jon Collins, David Harnett, Mmichael Adamitis, Mary's Shelter Baby

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.

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

Daily Mass Intentions

May

22 MONDAY

6:30am All in Our Mother's Day Novena 9:00am All in Our Mother's Day Novena 12:00pm All in Our Mother's Day Novena Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

23 TUESDAY

6:30am Martin Stanislawski 9:00am Mary Buer 12:00pm Rose Genuario+ Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

24 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Guillermo Ramsey+ 8:15am* Reed Sturtevant 9:00am Lenard Majeski+

12:00pm Leticia and Freddy Gonzales

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

25 THURSDAY

6:30am Loreta Canizares 9:00am David Deckman 12:00pm Robert Nicholson+ Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

26 FRIDAY

6:30am David Frasher+ 9:00am Traci Leigh Saylor+ 12:00pm Frances Cascio+ Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

27 SATURDAY

9:00am Ruth Brown 5:00pm John Fedowitz 7:00pm Mathew Fedowitz Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

28 SUNDAY

7:00am Alberto Bernaola Jr.
8:30am Joseph Huynh Le
8:30am* John Ivory+
10:30am* George Holzworth
10:30am* For an Action of Grace
12:30pm Our Military Living & Deceased
2:30pm Familia Corral Ortiz

2:30pm Familia Corral Ortiz 5:00pm Katie Luciani 7:00pm For Our Parish

Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

* 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.