TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2023 Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

capital campaign

Our Legacy of Faith

ALL ST. MARY PARISH FAMILIES ARE INVITED "GROWING OUR LEGACY OF FAITH" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PIZZA **WITH PADRE**

September 10 | 1:30pm - PLC

September 16 | KofC Family Dinner - 6pm - PLC

September 17 | Pastries with Padre | 8am - PLC

September 27 | 7pm - Holy Cross Academy

October 1 | 1:30pm - PLC

October 5 | 7:00pm - PLC (En Español)

Come & Learn About All the Wonderful Plans for St. Mary & Holy Cross Academy!

Join Fr. Mosimann & the Capital Campaign Team ~ Listen, Ask Questions & Discern ~



Scan to RSVP or Call the Office 540-373-6491

HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE

- 1. Open your Camera app
- 2. Tap notification that appears
- 3. Sign up through SignUpGenius

Troubles? Call the Parish Office

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN | PREVIEW FOR THE COMING WEEK

The Capital Campaign is entering the Final Phase! We are so grateful to the 600+ Parish families and individuals that have pledged a little over \$5.7M, funding 81% of our needs. Thank you!!

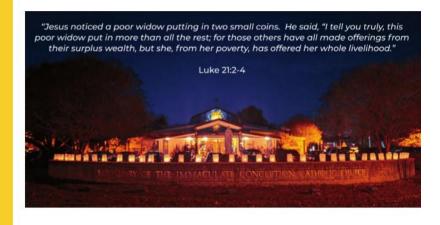
Five-year pledges have made this campaign a great success! Every sacrificial gift matters and will have a major impact on the parish, both now and for many years to come.

What can you expect this week?

Look for a packet of campaign materials in the mail this week. All parish families will be receiving one. Please review them carefully. For those who have given, share with other parishioners the reason for your pledge!

Attend an upcoming Group Information Session. Only 2 more left!

Watch Fr. Mosimann's detailed Capital Campaign Presentation at the link provided at youtube.com/@StMaryFxbg to learn important new updates and get your questions answered.



Folks,

Great news! This past Tuesday, the Fredericksburg City Council voted 6-1 to approve our Special Use Permit allowing us to use the houses we own for meetings, and small groups. This has been 2.5 years of hard work for Chris Lanzarone, our facilities manager; so if he looks like the weight of the world has been lifted from his shoulders, you will know why!

A great thanks to the many parishioners who wrote to city council, and packed the council chamber as a sign of support. I absolutely believe that your presence had an impact on the vote for approval!!

The next step is to get the proper 'certificate of occupancy' for the homes which can then be used as needed. Work is underway to see that all code requirements are met, and once that is done, we will be able to move some meetings, bible studies, and such to the new spaces. We agreed to some limits on the time we could have public assembly in those spaces, in order to lessen the impact on our neighbors.

Once the new spaces are in use and we meet our Capital Campaign goals, we will then be able to begin work on our adoration chapel! This will be of great benefit to the spiritual life of the parish!

One of the principles of how we are trying to organize the uses on our campus, is to move lower impact meetings to the properties on the Northwestern side of our campus (the 'homes' facing Stafford, Royston, and Augustine streets). Thus, we will keep our Masses and higher volume uses, like the pre-school and adoration chapel on the interior / Williams Street side of campus, and in doing so, will alleviate the impact on private residences bordering our parish.

There is still much work to be done, and we must still be vigilant in being good neighbors. Please use our parking lot as much as possible. Recognize that when we park on public streets, we are impacting our neighbors, and do not ever block driveways. Please, remember, our church is located in a community of homes and we must always obey the speed limit, crosswalks etc., keeping our neighbors safe. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

This scripture pertains even to our parking and relations with neighbors when we come to any Mass, bible study, or any event at St. Mary's:

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-4)

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, V.F. Pastor

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announcements



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

Monday - Friday 6:30am, 9am, & 12pm Saturday 9am Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

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

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, Vicar Forane, Pastor Reverend Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar Reverend Robert Renner, Parochial Vicar Reverend Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar Reverend Kevin Dansereau, 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 Assistant to the Music Ministry, 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, Katherine Evans Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Katherine Evans

OUTREACH

Director, Elena Doyle

Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.

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

education

holy cross academy

We Celebrate Our Feast Day

The students of Holy Cross Academy enjoyed celebrating our Feast Day, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On campus, it was a day to practice our faith, provide service to others in our community, enjoy fellowship and physical activity, and to feast!

The day started out with a beautiful school Mass. Students spent time in adoration and spent time reading scripture. Students also enjoyed a craft project where they learned how to make rosaries and chaplets.

Our students enjoyed a special visit from the popular Kona Ice Truck to provide a cool snack. Eighth grade students beautified our school campus by picking up bags of trash along Stafford Lakes Parkway.

The day ended with a faculty vs 8th grade volleyball game and lots of raffle prize winners! Check out the Arlington Herald article about the day long celebration:

catholicherald.com/article/local/schools/holy-cross-academy-celebrates-the-feast-of-the-holy-cross-with-treats-and-service/

Thank you to the faculty, staff and parent volunteers for helping to bring life and celebration to this special day!

Thank you, Father Mosimann, Father Cozzi, Father Renner, Father Tim and Father Dansereau for their spiritual instruction and leadership.

2023-24 Applications/Tours

Our enrollment is still growing for the current school year. HCA still has openings in some grades including Kindergarten. Application information is available on the school website at holycrossweb.com/admissions.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Cross Academy, 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.



religious education

Upcoming Events

Monday to Friday, Registration of Religious Education students at the Parish Office.

Tuesday to Wednesday, October 2-4:

Religious Education Classes, Living Rosary at each session

Monday, October 9:

No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 10:

Two Religious Education Teaching Masses at 4:45pm and 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 11:

2nd Catechist Meeting

Wednesday, October 11:

No Religious Education Classes

Thursday, October 12:

Confirmation Year 1 Formation Night (Church)

Monday to Wednesday, October 16-18:

Religious Education Classes

Thursday, October 19:

Year 1 First Communion Meeting

Saturday, October 21:

SPRED classes in the PLC 10am-12 noon

Monday to Wednesday, October 23 to 25:

Religious Education Classes

Monday, October 23:

Meeting with parents of children to be Baptized on January 6, 2024

Students Registered for Religious Education Classes as of September 22, 2023

	K	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Totals
Monday 4:45	0	17	18	12	12	10	12	18	20	119
Monday 6:30*	0	22	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	190
Tuesday 4:45	0	8	12	3	0	9	4	18	19	73
Tuesday 6:00	7	10	10	13	11	0	13	9	12	85
Tuesday 6:30	0	11	17	2	6	4	8	22	20	90
Wednesday 4:45	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	6	9	31
Wednesday 6:30	0	18	17	0	12	13	13	21	21	115
Home Taught	0	7	7	11	8	10	5	3	6	57
RE Children in Grades K-8	7	101	105	41	49	46	55	97	107	760

*Children catching up on Sacraments	Confirmation	Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist	Totals
Year One	28	52	80
Year Two	35	37	72

*SPRED (Special Religious Education) 8 students registered

Classes are held on twelve Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, October to June

Grades 3 to 6 Religious Education Students

Parents of children from Grades 3 to 6 who have received First Holy Communion are encouraged to register them for Religious Education classes. If you cannot bring the child to class you can do the lessons at home.

Most Religious Education students are Grades 1, 2, 7 and 8, sacramental years. After the pandemic many children had to catchup on their school lessons, unfortunately many of them will never catchup. When a child returns to Religious Education classes in Grade 7 many of them will never catchup too. Please help your child develop an age appropriate relationship with Christ. Please call the parish office for more information.

Call 540-373-6491 or email religioused@stmaryfred.org.





Week of September 17

Watch the videos at watch.formed.org/eucharist

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

our parish happenings

Blessing of the Animals

The traditional blessing of animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on Wednesday, October 4th at 6pm in the Blessed Mother Prayer Garden in front of the Church. Please park away from the area to allow space for our "rambunctious" pets. Please also come prepared to clean up after your pet in case of "accidents". All animals should be contained or leashed.

Adult Confirmation Classes

We will begin Adult Confirmation classes for all those who have been Baptized and received First Communion, but have not had the opportunity to be Confirmed. There will be an introductory meeting, followed by seven (7) class sessions, each lasting about 1 hour. An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, October 28 in the parish office. If you would like to register for the class, please call or stop by the parish office 540-373-6491 or email stmary@stmaryfred.org and include your name, phone number and address.

St Mary Book Club

Our St. Mary Book Club will meet Tuesday October 10, 10am-12 noon approximately, in the Father Don Rooney Community Room. We will discuss "My Cousin the Saint" by Justin Catanoso. This book is a testament to the challenge of being Catholic in 21st century America. More than a biography of Saint Gaetano Catanoso, more than an immigrant memoir, more than the story of renewed faith, it is a love letter to a family now reunited across oceans and years. All are welcome; come join us!

International Week of Prayer & Fasting

The 31st International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, and others are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from **October 20-28**.

The Closing day of the International Week of Prayer and Fasting will be held in-person on Saturday October 28, from 8:30am to 4pm at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, with Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at 12 noon, the Rosary, and guest speakers throughout the day. Confirmed speakers include Fr. Timothy Byerley, Ray Grijalba, Dr. Carlos Parellada, Sister Deirdre Byrne, and Ted Flynn. Our main celebrant Bishop Emeritus Robert J. Baker, STD.

The week will begin with a Virtual Conference starting on October 20, 21, & 23 with the following speakers: Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. Robert Altier, Nikki Kingsley, Fr. David Gunter, Dr. Peter Howard, Mark Houck, Karen Japzon, Fr. Ron Stone, and Maureen Flynn. Registration is required for the Virtual Conference and watch FREE on Day of Presentation at iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY.

On-demand replays of speakers' talks are available by registering online at **iwopf.org** for an ALL-ACCESS PASS.



St Monica Prayer Group

Adults and mature teens are welcome to join the St. Monica Prayer Group on Saturday, October 14 following the 9am Mass (10-11 am) at St. Mary's in the Courtyard Meeting Room by the Parish Office.

The mission of the St. Monica's Prayer Group is to provide a community for Catholics to pray for loved ones (children, parents, spouses, extended family) who have strayed from the faith, to provide encouragement, and to assist each other in our growth in holiness.

We will pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary, then discuss the 6th chapter ("Be Kind, Not Nice") from the book The Saint Monica Club by Maggie Green which is available on Amazon.

For more information, please contact Megan Kimbrell at **st.monica.club@gmail.com**.

happenings



Manna Project FOOD DRIVE

September 30th and October 1st

The Food Drive is happening this weekend before and after each Mass at St. Mary Church and HCA. Please help us fight hunger during Hunger Awareness Month! All non-perishable food items and toiletries are welcome. We also accept and appreciate monetary donations (checks should be made out to St. Mary Catholic Church). For every \$10 donation, the Food Bank is able to provide 20 meals for hungry families. Thank you for helping our ministry provide for families in need!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4034

PRESENTS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

5:30 PM until 8:00 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: \$40.00.

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









Knights of Columbus

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Catholic Charities Migration Refugee Services ~ Seeking Mentors

Making a difference in young refugee lives simply with your presence, knowledge and compassion is one of the most generous and rewarding acts you can take part in today. The opportunity to directly change the course of a young life is nothing short of inspirational when you look back on where they started to where they are today and where they may go tomorrow. Our MYVA program is an opportunity to have this type of unforgettable impact by helping young refugees navigate the many influences that surround them after arrival to the country. Having just one person to ask questions or who can help provide support and guidance is more valuable to a young refugee than you can imagine.

Please consider becoming a mentor – it requires no more experience than a giving heart and the desire to have fun while helping our youth find their way in our society. Tasks include helping with school information, college opportunities, job applications and many more. The opportunities for learning and discovery are endless. Refugee youth often have questions about our country, how to navigate community resources and even how to drive. We ask for a minimum of 6 months commitment and at least 2 hours a week as our youth are in need of stability and consistency in their relationships with new individuals. Studies show the longer the relationship the greater the impact and just a couple hours a week is enough to make a significant difference in their lives. Thank you for your consideration! Contact Kathleen Renfroe, Fredericksburg Site Supervisor at kathleen.

renfroe@ccda.net

our parish appenings

Public Rosary

A public Rosary will be prayed every 3rd Saturday at noon at the statue in front of the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church. Come join us to pray for Peace as asked by the Blessed Mother at Fatima. If you have questions or wish to RSVP, send an email to michaelgkasey@verizon.net.

This regular devotion is sponsored by America Needs Fatima (ANF) and the Fredericksburg Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Prayers and Squares

The Prayers and Squares ministry has distributed many prayer quilts to sick and troubled members of our parish family. There is no cost involved in requesting a quilt for a sick family member or friend. The comfort these prayer quilts provide is visible in the faces of those who receive them. Please consider stopping by our table after mass when we put a quilt out and say a prayer as you tie a knot for someone in need.

If you would like to request a quilt for someone, please pick up a request at the office or contact DianEpp at **dbepp65@outlook.com**.

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



Catholic Investments for Catholic Families Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors' advisory services



Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming Financial Seminar and Social.

October 25, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22408





RSVP free but required: abbatekofc.com/events 1-866-868-1492 The Abbate Agency

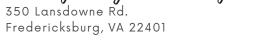
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Presented by St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg



Strangeways Brewing





This Mouth How to understand, "Who am I?"

William J. Hocter, Jr., MD is a psychiatrist specializing in forensic and geriatric psychiatry and a United States Navy Veteran of 30 years. Drawing from his studies, he will present on the various factors that can shape a person's identity, the philosophical shift against authority while embracing a love of everything disposable, and the psychological ramifications these elements can have in psychosexual development. This is a night not to miss! Come join us for good friends, good beer, and good conversation.



MON. OCTOBER 2

Doors open at 5pm Presentation at 6:30pm

DR. BILL HOCTER



Contact

St. Mary's Young Adult Group <u>fredericksburgtot@gmail.com</u>



happenings

St. Lucy Project ~ Help Needed for Gleaning Day Vegetable Gleaning | Northern Neck, VA

Saturday, October 28, 8-11am Farm gleaning with St. Lucy Project & Healthy Harvest, Northern Neck, VA

"Gleaning" is the traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot, or be plowed under after harvest. Commissioned by Christ will join The St. Lucy Project and Catholic Charities to glean crops at Parker Farms in the Northern Neck of Virginia. These crops have been donated by farmers and will be transported back to the St. Lucy Project warehouse and distributed to local, hungry residents within 48 hours of picking the produce.

The volunteering time can be broken up into two opportunities: picking crops from 8am-11 pm at Parker Farms and unloading at St. Lucy Warehouse from 1pm-3pm. Children must be 10 years of age or older. NOTE: There is a chance the gleaning trip may be cancelled on short notice. The farmer may not have any crops available for harvest at that time. We'll let you know as soon as we find out.

Register at cbc-missions.org/local-missions

ADHD Skills Group

Have you been diagnosed with ADD or ADHD? Is medication just not enough? Learn how to feel more organized and prepared through the ADHD Skills Group this fall.

On October 18, 2023, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will start an 8-week, skills-based therapy group for adults with ADD or ADHD. Meetings will be held in person in Fredericksburg on Wednesday evenings, 6pm-7:30pm. To learn more, please call the office at 540-371-1124.

There will be a fee to participate, based on your household's income and size. Ages 18+





The Summit Gala 2023

We hope you will join us Friday, October 27 for an evening of delicious food, friendship, and fun to benefit The Summit Academy! Sponsorship and advertising opportunities, as well as corporate table packages available.

Tickets available for purchase at thesummitva.org/gala

Contact Nick Marr at nmarr@thesummitva.org for more information.



Last week's Living Waters - A Christian Response to Gender, Sexuality and Freedom presentation by Marco Casanova was a wonderful blessing for our parish community. Marco is an engaging speaker who courageously shared his story and testimony of God's tremendous healing love and mercy, available to

If you are seeking help in areas of same sex attraction, gender identity confusion, survivor of sexual abuse or ministry to loved ones who are LGBTQ+ identified, please contact Marco Casanova at mcasanova@ desertstream.org, and he will be able to connect you with some Desert Stream resources available to you.



America Needs Fatima

Public Square Rosary Rally Across the United States to commemorate the 105th Anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary apparitions in Fatima St Michael High School Grounds, 6301 Campus Dr, Fredericksburg, VA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 12 NOON

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.

On Route 3, turn unto the Five Mile to Campus Drive. We will be on the right, St Michael entrance. Please bring your chair. Rain or Shine, we will pray the Rosary.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL ANY OF THE BELOW CAPTAINS:

Rosary Captain: Claire Dionne at 540-548-3503

Co-Captains:

Laura Morris: 540-786-1828 - Irma Bravo: 540-841-8328





Get Inspired to LIVE a HEROIC LIFE

6:15 am Hot Breakfast (PLC)

6:45 am Presentation (Church)

For more information contact Peter at paquettepeter@yahoo.com

Fall Semester

Week 1 Sept. 9 Thy Kingdom Come Week 2 Sept. 16 The Kingdom is Like Leaven Week 3 Sept. 23 Christ The King! Week 4 Sept. 30 The Overthrow of Satan Week 5 Oct. 7 How to Overthrow an Empire Week 6 Oct. 14 Word - Witness - Walk Week 7 Oct. 21 The Men We Need to Build the Kingdo Week 8 Oct. 28 The Kingdom Comfort Week 9 Nov. 4 Acquiring A Taste for Heaven Week 10 Nov. 11 Blinded By The Kingdom Week 11 Nov. 18 On Earth As It Is In Heaven Nov. 25 THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, NOTMIY Week 12 Dec. 2 My Son, Jonathan Week 13 Dec. 9 The Kingdom is Like Weeds Among the Wheat

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* ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED! *







A DAY FILLED WITH FAITH AND FUN!



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JIMMY MITCHELL



BISHOP BURBIDGE



MUSICIANS: Ben Walther & Band

All high schoolers invited to Rally!
Please email Tatiana for a permission slip tbeltran@stmaryfred.org

vida parroquial

noticias en español

OICA

¿Conoces a alguien que esté interesado en hacerse católico o quiera profundizar más en la Fe? O eres un católico bautizado, pero ¿te falta algún sacramento? Nuestro programa de OICA (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos) es la respuesta perfecta. Es ideal para los no católicos que están en la búsqueda de la verdad o adultos católicos que aún no han recibido la Eucaristía y/o la Confirmación, estas lecciones y discusiones en grupo se llevaran a cabo la noche de los jueves a las 7 pm, comenzando el 14 de septiembre hasta Pentecostés. Se les proveerá de todo el material de lectura. Las inscripciones están disponibles en la oficina parroquial o contactando a Leticia González al (703) 473-7218.



¡Aprende tú para que puedas enseñar!

- La formación secular de hoy es preocupante
- Dios necesita que enseñes a tus hijos la fe
- La Iglesia no puede hacerlo sola.... Necesita de ti
- Ven a clase mientras tus niños están en clase
- Aprenderás sobre la Misa y los Sacramentos.

¡No te quedes en el auto! Comenzaremos Septiembre 11, 12 y 13 en el PLC

Abriendo el Misterio de la Biblia

Lunes de 4:45 a 6:00 pm

Iglesia St. Mary - Salon Padre Rooney

Empieza Octubre 2, 2023

Este estudio de ocho partes (sesiones de 30 minutos) ofrece la manera más fácil de entender la Biblia. Abriendo el misterio de la Biblia hace sencillo lo complejo. Le ayuda a descubrir la historia entrelazada en toda la Sagrada Escritura para que puede ver el "panorama completo" de la Biblia y comprender de qué se trata. La Biblia es la historia sobre el amor fiel del Padre hacia usted – un amor que ahora usted está llamado a compartir con los demás.

Su grupo podrá:

- Comprender la Biblia y ver cómo se relaciona a su vida diaria
- Descubrir las conexiones asombrosas entre el Antiguo Testamento y el Nuevo Testamento
- Ver cómo los sacramentos, la Iglesia y nuestra Fe católica entera están arraigadas en la Sagrada Escritura
- ...y mucho más.

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 1 ro y 2do grado, 3-11
- Preparación de 2 años

CONFIRMACIÓN

- Jóvenes de 6to -8vo grado
- y Secundaria (High School)
- Preparación de 2 años

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

OUINCEAÑERA

- 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

operations

given in love

Donations Received September 12 - 18

Sunday Offertory	\$28,929.73
Parish Debt Reduction	\$7,859.37
Religious Education Collection	\$1,275.00
Catholic University	\$118.00

Faith Direct Donations September 15

Sunday Offertory	\$20,291.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$765.00
Catholic University	\$150.00
Religious Education Program	\$405.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Porto Charities Annual Collection for God's Special Children

September 30 & October 1

The month of October has been designated as Disabilities Awareness Month, and Bishop Burbidge has enthusiastically endorsed Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. Next Sunday there will be a second collection to assist special need programs such as the Paul VI High School, Saint John Paul the Great and St. Mark's School Special Education Options Program, the Helen Keller Institute, Gabriel Home, Special Olympics, and the "Keyboard for Kids" program which provides audio visual communication capability to special needs students in the diocese. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, their families and this entire diocese. Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church. For more information, visit portocharities.org.

Children's Charity - 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.

Pro-Life Reflection

"God's infinite love for each one of us helps us to grasp our identity and our worth. The recognition of this dignity leads us to respect and protect each person's life..." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities) We pray for the world that all people may recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God's creation.

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, October 1: The true and only glory is the glory that will last forever. In order to attain it, we do not need to do spectacular deeds. We need merely hide ourselves from the eyes of others, and even from ourselves. – St. Therese. God of glory, impress on me the value of humility as a means of attaining true glory. Help me to humble myself in my own eyes as well as in the eyes of all.

Respect Life Sunday

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life and pray for an end to the abortion holocaust that claims over one million American lives annually and has claimed over sixty-one million lives worldwide through surgical abortion.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides many resources to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics share the Gospel of Life during Respect Life Month and throughout the year. We encourage you to visit **respectlife.org** for many resources, prayers and devotion to help us join as a parish family in praying for an end to the holocaust of abortion and for the election of officials on all levels who will continue to defend life.

A Prayer to our Lady of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.



daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - October

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

Ana Gabriela Puna Gutierrez, Chris Breth, Ethan Harring, Jason Stoker, Joanne O'Brien, Karl Eugene, Michael Fedowitz III, Pat Carroll, Shirley Bozicevic, Smetek family, William David Jackson-nickname Liam

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

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

October

2 MONDAY

6:30am Jose Oscar Valle+ 9:00am Andrew Gifford Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10

3 TUESDAY

6:30am John Pokrzryk+ 9:00am Marie Jessup 12:00pm Joel Walor+ Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

4 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Anne Overington 8:15am* Joseph Aiello+ 9:00am Miguel Correa, Jr.+ Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

5 THURSDAY

6:30am Sister Agnes Bochnek+ 9:00am Jean Stock 12:00pm Father Mosimann Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

6 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation 9:00am Michael W. Kane+ 12:00pm In Reparation 7:00pm In Reparation Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

7 SATURDAY

9:00am Alvaro Postillo+ 5:00pm Frances Maciejczyk+ 7:00pm Tom and Pat Finnegan+ Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

8 SUNDAY

7:00am Aurello Miller
8:30am S:30am* Karl and Audrey Baur+
10:30am George Holzworth
10:30am* Timothy Hamlin+
12:30pm John Thomas Kennedy+
2:30pm Steven Flores
5:00pm For Our Parish

5:00pm For Our Parish 7:00pm Virginia Giewont+ Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

* 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.

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