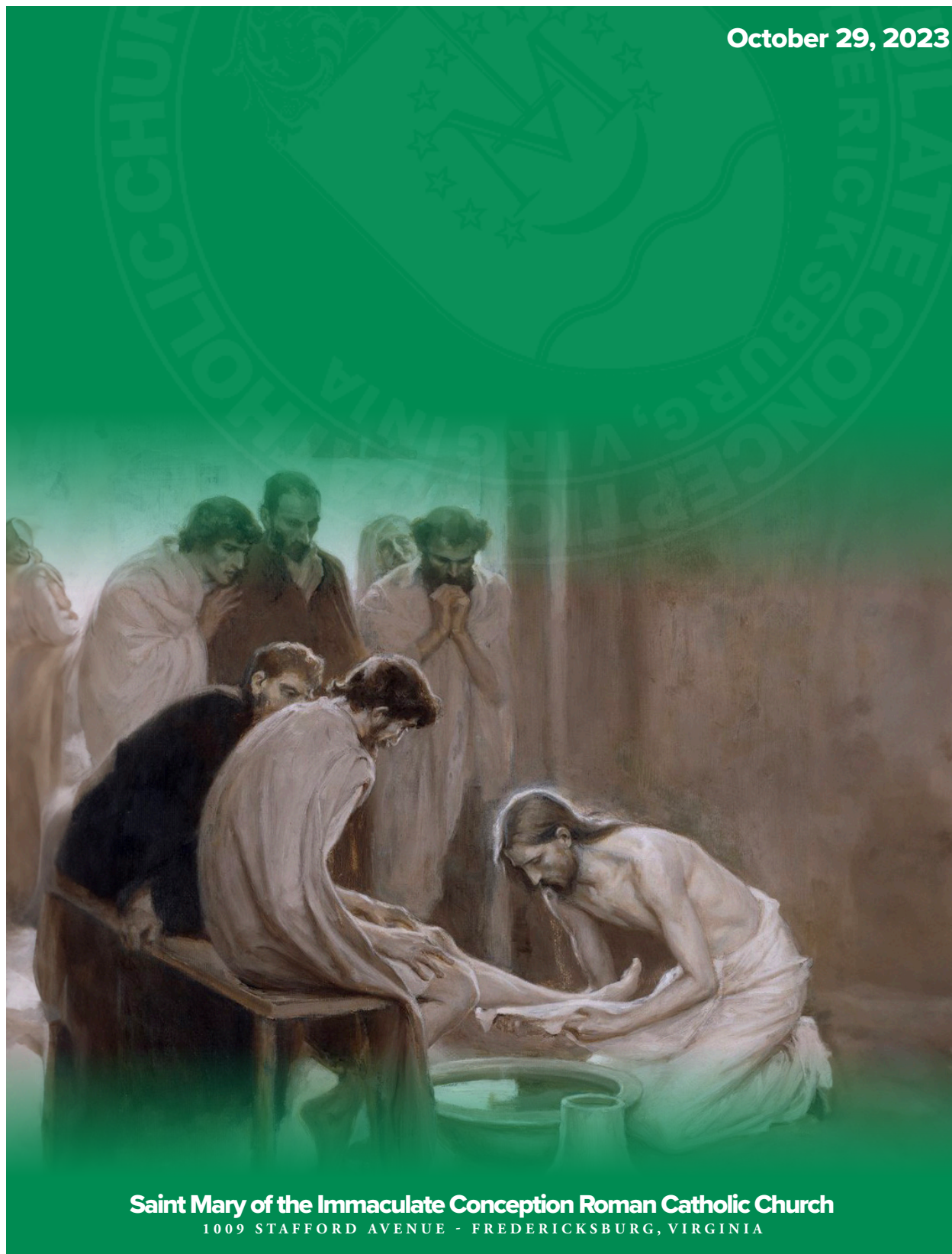


# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 29, 2023



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

# capital campaign

# Growing Our Legacy of Faith

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN | TRACKING OUR PROGRESS

**Thank you** for contributing to the **Growing Our Legacy of Faith** over the Commitment Weekend, held last week at all masses. We appreciate the generosity of all our parishioners who have given of their treasures to support this critical initiative.

Our Capital Campaign team is busy processing the pledge envelopes and we will provide a financial update next weekend.

**There is still time to make a pledge.**

You can find pledge envelopes and a Loaves and Fishes card in the vestibule of the church. Both may be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the Offertory basket.

**Our bedrock principle has been to build what we can afford.** Any day now, we will have all the final HCA expansion costs and will begin comparing our current financing with the scope of work. Your help matters!

**How can you participate to help us meet 100% of the identified campaign needs?**

- **Read** the Final Phase brochure or Call us at 540-373-6491 with any questions.
- **Watch** Fr. Mosimann's detailed Capital Campaign Presentation at [youtube.com/@StMaryFxbg](https://www.youtube.com/@StMaryFxbg) This includes FAQ's!

**Five-year Pledge Commitments have made the Campaign a great success!**

Please note that your five-year pledge commitment and commemorative brick enables you to become a lasting part of Holy Cross Academy history while contributing to the academic growth and improvement of our student community for years to come! Both are also tax-deductible.

**Because of the generosity of those that have given, we are able to:**

- **To grow** stronger as a parish family by providing for the material needs of our Parish and School Community.
- **To foster** a safe and faith-based academic experience for our pre-school students by moving them to the HCA campus.
- **To enhance** our elementary and middle school students education by adding a new cafeteria and updated classroom spaces.
- **To meet** with elected officials to secure the proper zoning and special use permits for the buildings that we use for all of our parish ministries and events.
- **To better serve** all of our parishioners by providing more space to meet the sacramental needs, to host senior gatherings and to provide a place of comfort for funeral receptions.
- **To show** gratitude for the blessings and benefits we have received here at St Mary!

Thank you for contributing to the Capital Campaign for St. Mary. *May God bless you for your continued support and generosity as we work to cross the finish line!*

# from our pastor

Folks,

Thanks for your generous response to the Capital Campaign as we are trying to bring it to a close. As the bulletin goes to press mid-week, the volunteers and staff are still working to sort the pledge envelopes. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

This Wednesday we also have the great Feast of All Saints which is a holy day of obligation, and Thursday is the Feast of All Souls. There are lots of Masses for these, but sometimes folks are confused as to which feast is which.

**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 or which are in purgatory. 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, helping them get to heaven more quickly!

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 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 your 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,



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

## **Feast of All Saints – November 1st**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

### **Mass Schedule**

Vigil Masses | October 31, 6pm & 7:30pm

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

## **Feast of All Souls – November 2nd**

6:30am, 9am, 12 noon, 7pm Candlelit Mass

# announcements



## contact us

**stmaryfred.org**

### 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 Novus 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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Director of Music, David Uschold  
Assistant to the Music Ministry, Malinda Jones

### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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250 Stafford Lakes Parkway  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234  
Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry,  
sfry@holycrossweb.com

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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

### 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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception  
1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401



education

# holy cross academy



## HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

OPEN HOUSE  
SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 12  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

SCHOOL HOURS  
8:10AM-3:10PM

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# our parish religious education

## Upcoming Events

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

**Monday, October 30**  
Religious Education Saints Procession

**Tuesday, October 30**  
No Religious Education classes

**Wednesday, November 1**  
No Religious Education classes

**Saturday, November 4**  
SPRED classes

**Monday to Wednesday, November 6 to 8**  
Religious Education classes

**Thursday, November 9**  
Year 2 Formation Night 7pm in the church

**Monday to Wednesday, November 13-15**  
Religious Education classes

**Tuesday, November 14**  
Advent Confessions for Grades 3-8 RE students at HCA during classes

**Thursday, November 16**  
Year 2/Grade 2 First Penance & First Communion meeting, 7pm in the church

**Saturday, November 18**  
Diocesan Catechetical Conference 2023, Reston Sheraton 7:30am to 4:30pm

**Monday to Wednesday, November 20 to 22**  
No Religious Education classes, Thanksgiving Break

## SPRED Volunteers Needed

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a program in which persons who are developmentally disabled come together with a spiritual friend/catechist to share a one-on-one relationship and form with others a small faith community. SPRED fosters and nourishes spiritual and personal growth by helping those with developmental disabilities discover God's action and presence in their lives.

In our parish SPRED students meet about 12 times for the year on Saturdays from 10am to 12noon. Volunteers are urgently needed. Please call the parish office at 540-373-6491 for more information.

## Year 1/Grade 1 First Communion Meeting

On October 19 at 7pm a meeting of Grade 1 and Year One First Holy Communion parents was held in the church. The purpose of the meeting was to help parents prepare their children receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist in the spring of 2025. The following five things were emphasized.

1. **Attend Sunday Mass.** If receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is wonderful and special, then we would want to at least receive the Eucharist every Sunday. Don't let "being too busy," sports or anything keep you from going to Mass.
1. **Talk about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist with your child.** The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is our belief. We believe that the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Eucharist is not a symbol or a sign, but Jesus truly present. Teach your child our parish prayer for this year.
1. **Go to Confession as a Family:** Aside from practicing how to go to confession with a child, families should practice actually going to confession. Parents are the first educators of their children when it comes to our Faith. However, the best way to really teach children about the Faith is to practice it by living it out in our everyday lives.
1. **Pray Together:** Aside from all the talking, reading, and practicing, the most essential step in preparing children - and ourselves! - is prayer. Through prayer, we join in an intimate conversation with God. Parents should pray with and for their children, asking God to prepare him or her for these great Sacraments.
1. **Use magazines "God's Gift Together- Reconciliation" and "God's Gift Together- Eucharist"** to prepare at home for sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.

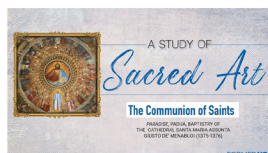
THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

## Week of October 29



### Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.



### The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art

In celebration of All Saints' Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de Menabuoi's "Paradise" and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.



### Brother Francis - All Souls Day

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

SIGN UP FOR FREE AT [FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](https://formed.org/signup)  
CLICK REGISTER THEN ENTER PARISH CODE: **F6F228**

# our parish happenings



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**  
Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7:00pm  
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church

Reception to follow in the Courtyard Meeting Room

Please RSVP by calling 540-373-6491  
or via email [stmaryfred.org](mailto: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.”***

## Parishioners Seeking Assistance

A married couple, both disabled veterans, are seeking help with housekeeping, cooking and assistance with transportation to medical appointments and with errands. Seeking to hire someone up to 30 hours weekly (but are flexible). Must be a legal resident of Virginia for at least 5 years, have a valid driver's license and transportation.

If interested, please email Elena at [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org)

## 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 Thursday, 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 Tabernacle during the Novena.

### 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.”

# our parish happenings



Presented by St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg



*Strangeways Brewing*

350 Lansdowne Rd.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**MON. NOVEMBER 6**

Doors open at 5pm  
Presentation at 6:30pm



*This Month*

**The Human Person**

Carrie Gress has her doctorate in philosophy and is a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and a scholar at the Institute for Human Ecology at the Catholic University of America. She has authored ten books and runs an online magazine on the theology of the home. She is married and a mother of five. She will be speaking to us on what is the authentic beauty of the human person, especially women. This is a night not to miss! Come join us for good friends, good beer, and good conversation.



**CARRIE GRESS**



*Contact*

St. Mary's Young Adult Group  
[fredericksburgtot@gmail.com](mailto:fredericksburgtot@gmail.com)

**Open to all!**  
**Young families welcome!**



our parish

# concerts at st mary

Concerts at Saint Mary presents

## Project Trio



Friday  
November 10  
8pm

On Friday, November 10, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., Concerts at Saint Mary will open the 2023/2024 series season as it presents PROJECT Trio, a dynamic and innovative music group known for their genre-blending performances and captivating stage presence.

Acclaimed by Downbeat Magazine as “packed with musicianship, joy and surprise” and “exciting a new generation of listeners about the joys of classical and jazz music”, PROJECT Trio pushes the boundaries of traditional chamber music with their unique fusion of classical, jazz, hip-hop and world music influences. With their virtuosic musicianship and contagious energy, Peter Seymour, Double Bass, Greg Pattillo, flute, and Daniel Berkey, saxophone, have gained worldwide acclaim for their electrifying performances that defy categorization and captivate audiences of all ages. Their creative and adventurous approach to music-making has earned them a devoted following, making them a trailblazing force in the contemporary music landscape.

The eclectic program of works of Bach, Bernstein, Brahms, Davis, Lennon, McCartney and Mozart, will also include many original works in a variety of styles including salsa, hot jazz and bluegrass. Admission to the concert is free and a free-will offering will be taken to support future Concerts at Saint Mary productions. Following the concert there will be a reception in the church's Parish Life Center where there will be an opportunity to meet the performers and share fellowship with others.

# our parish happenings

## We've got Scrip Gift Cards for That

Do you buy groceries at Giant, Publix, Target, Walmart or Weis? We have Scrip Gift cards for that. Buy breakfast or Lunch at Chipotle, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Burger King, Hardee's, Sonic, or Panera Breads? We have Scrip Gift cards for that. Enjoy fine dining at Red Lobster, Outback, Bravos, Bonefish, Carrabba's, Bob Evans, or Cracker Barrel. We have Scrip Gift Cards for that. Need a cup of Starbucks coffee, we have a Scrip Gift card for that also. Stop by the Scrip Gift Card table after mass and purchase gift cards or to review the list of all the Scrip Gift Cards that are available. Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Scrip Coordinator at [scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com) for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase or with any questions. Thanks for using script gift cards and supporting HCA!

## 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 [dbep65@outlook.com](mailto:dbep65@outlook.com).

## Young Adults

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 Tyler at [stmaryyava@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryyava@gmail.com) - we would love to have you!

## 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](mailto:kathleen.renfroe@ccda.net)



## New Altar Server Training

Interested in becoming an altar server? Training for new altar servers is open to any children of the parish who are in 4th grade or higher

The training schedule is below. All of these meetings take place in the church.

**Session 1** - Tue, 11/7 from 4-7pm

**Session 2** - Tue, 11/14 from 4-7pm

**Session 3** (choose one of these dates; we meet in smaller groups this week):

Mon, 11/20 from 4-7pm, Tue, 11/21 from 4-7pm, or Friday, 11/24 from 1-4pm.

**Session 4** - Tue, 11/28 from 4-7pm

All sessions are necessary to attend and will be held in the Church.

RSVP to Lori Mattson at [stmaryfxbg@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryfxbg@gmail.com). Please let us know the name of your child and what grade they are currently in school.

# our parish happenings



**ST. MARY'S**

## **COAT DRIVE**

**NOW ACCEPTING ALL SIZES  
CHILDREN AND ADULT  
NEW AND GENTLY USED COATS  
Until Friday, November 17**

**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**

**Coat Pick-Up is Sunday, November 19th after  
ALL MASSES until 4pm**

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

### **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**

# our parish youth ministry

## November 2023 Youth Ministry Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2 ALL SOULS DAY	3 MS YOUTH GROUP	4 FIGHT CLUB
5 HS YOUTH GROUP	6	7	8 YOUCAT	9 FEMININE GENIUS	10	11 FIGHT CLUB
12 HS YOUTH GROUP	13	14	15 YOUCAT	16	17 NO MSYO PLC EVENT	18 FIGHT CLUB
19 HS YOUTH GROUP	20	21	22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO CYM ACTIVITIES	23	24	25
26 NO HSYO	27	28	29 YOUCAT	30	1	2

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th)

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

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (6th-8th)

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

### YOUCAT (9th-12th)

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

### FIGHT CLUB (7th-12th BOYS)

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

### FEMININE GENIUS (6th-12th GIRLS)

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

### SAVE THE DATE!

WorkCamp Interest Meeting  
Sunday, Dec.3 at 12:00pm  
Parish Life Center



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## WORKCAMP 2024

### MANDATORY INFORMATION MEETING

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
**12:00PM - 1:30PM**  
**PARISH LIFE CENTER**

**ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING WORKCAMP THIS SUMMER MUST ATTEND WITH A PARENT IN ORDER TO APPLY!**

*WorkCamp is scheduled for June 22-28, 2024 in Frederick County, VA*

## CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS!

Join us every 2nd and 4th Thursday for our young women's group, Feminine Genius! Twice a month, girls meet to form strong bonds as Catholic women and lead one another to lives of greater virtue through prayer, accountability, and Catholic teaching! Middle and high schoolers meet separately in the John Paul II House.



# our parish happenings

## *St. Mary's* **SPECIAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**Supporting Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services, area social services and those in our parish in need of support**

We are hoping to provide over 250 area families with a Thanksgiving Meal

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

**WE THINK WE CAN DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR!**

If interested, pick-up a special blue St. Mary bag located in the Church vestibule with shopping list included. Purchase the items and return COMPLETED bag to the Parish Office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th**

### **ITEMS NEEDED**

- (1) Box of mashed potatoes, (4) cans of corn, (4) cans green beans,
- (2) cans sweet potatoes/yams, (2) jars gravy, (2) box of stuffing,
- (1) can cranberries, (1) brownie or cake mix

**Please try not to purchase glass jars**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

# vida parroquial

# noticias en español



Gracias a todas las familias que asistieron al evento especial "El mundo necesita a Fátima" y rezaron el rosario en inglés y español en la escuela secundaria católica St. Michael. ¡Fue un día lleno de muchas gracias especiales!



**Descubrir el Misterio de la Biblia**  
**Tu viaje por la historia de la salvación**  
**¡Ahora dos sesiones! - Lunes a las 4:45 y 6:30 pm**  
**Iglesia St. Mary - Salón Padre Rooney**

Muchos católicos quieren leer la Biblia porque saben que es la Palabra de Dios, pero abandonan su propósito porque les parece muy algo muy complicado.

Descubrir el misterio de la Biblia te ayuda a captar el panorama general mostrándote cómo catorce libros narrativos de la Biblia cuentan la historia completa, desde Adán y Eva hasta Cristo y la Iglesia. Este curso te enseña a leer la Biblia de forma que puedas comprenderla.

Descubrir el misterio de la Biblia te ayudará a captar la historia de la salvación y a entender cómo entras tú en el plan de Dios. Este programa de estudio —de ocho sesiones— incluye videos de presentación, guía de estudio y material adicional.

**¡Te esperamos!**



## Retiro En Silencio



**Sábado 18 de Noviembre**  
**9:00am-5:00pm**

**\$30 Incluye alimentos**

**HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**  
 250 Stafford Lakes Pkwy  
 Fredericksburg VA  
 (571)336-6032

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 Hogares de Sta. Maria



# our parish two become one



We are happy to share that David and Margaret Bereit will be assisting our priests in the preparation of couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage. Together, the Bereits are launching the “Two Become One” marriage preparation retreat and mentorship program for engaged couples at our parish. This program offers a blend of Biblical guidance, Catholic teachings, practical relationship skills, personal growth exercises, and a structured weekend experience. It’s all designed to equip couples with the tools for a joyful, lifelong, Christ-centered marriage that benefits them, their families, the parish, our community, and the Church.

This past weekend, the “Two Become One” team offered its first retreat for the engaged at St. Mary. The retreat was an overwhelming success with ALL couples sharing that they felt blessed to have carved out this time to begin to intentionally focus and plan on what kind of marriage they truly want to build and how to put Christ in the center.



If you feel called to assist in this special ministry, please contact Margaret Bereit at [margaret@stmaryfred.org](mailto:margaret@stmaryfred.org)

# operations given in love

## Donations Received October 3 - 23

Sunday Offertory	\$26,275.61
Parish Debt Reduction	\$7,866.00
Diocese Mission Appeal	\$143.00
Poor Box St Vincent de Paul	\$60.00

## Donations Received October 11-17

Sunday Offertory	\$27,432.00
Debt Reduction	\$491.00
Poor Box St Vincent de Paul	\$624.00

## Faith Direct Donations October 4

Sunday Offertory	\$92,552.63
Parish Debt Reduction	\$5,420.00
Porto Charities Special Kids Special Needs	\$2,567.00
World Mission Sunday	\$2,686.00

## Faith Direct Donations October 15

Sunday Offertory	\$23,253.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$815.00
Porto Charities Special Kids Special Needs	\$225.00
World Mission Sunday	\$265.00

*Our Second Collection November 4 and 5 is for Parish Debt Reduction. Thank you for your generosity!*

## 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!*

## October - 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.

## Children's Charity - 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.





# liturgy 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, Jim Palmer

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, Elijah Hornback

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](mailto: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](mailto:Adoration@stmaryfred.org)

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.

## Daily Mass Intentions

### October

#### 30 MONDAY

6:30am Amanda de Rivera+  
9:00am Father Scott Sina  
Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

#### 31 TUESDAY

6:30am Raymundo & Thelma Odilia Rivera  
9:00am Cecilio Albo  
6:00pm Lauri Wilson  
7:30pm Betsy Correa  
Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

### November

#### 1 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Maria Beltran  
8:15am\* John Colwick+  
9:00am For Our Parish  
12:00pm Bernard Mahoney+  
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 THURSDAY

6:30am All Those in our All Souls Novena  
9:00am All Those in our All Souls Novena  
12:00pm All Those in our All Souls Novena  
Any readings from no. 668

#### 3 FRIDAY

6:30am All Those in our All Souls Novena  
9:00am All Those in our All Souls Novena  
12:00pm All Those in our All Souls Novena  
7:00pm All Those in our All Souls Novena  
Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

#### 4 SATURDAY

9:00am All Those in our All Souls Novena  
5:00pm All Those in our All Souls Novena  
7:00pm All Those in our All Souls Novena  
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

#### 5 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish  
8:30am All Those in our All Souls Novena  
8:30am\* All Those in our All Souls Novena  
10:30am All Those in our All Souls Novena  
10:30am\* All Those in our All Souls Novena  
12:30pm All Those in our All Souls Novena  
2:30pm All Those in our All Souls Novena  
5:00pm All Those in our All Souls Novena  
7:00pm All Those in our All Souls Novena  
Mal 1:14b—2:2-10/1 Thes 2:7b-13/Mt 23:1-12

\* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy.