

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 2023



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

capital campaign

Growing Our Legacy of Faith

"Loaves and Fishes" Commemorative Brick Wall



A commemorative brick wall will be displayed in the new Holy Cross Academy cafeteria for all to see for years to come. These bricks will serve as lifetime reminders of those generous families that desired to "Grow Our Legacy of Faith."

3 WAYS TO RECEIVE A BRICK

1. Make a five-year pledge or gift of \$1,000+ after 10/01/23
2. Any pledge or gift made prior to 9/30/23
3. Purchased brick in the 2016 sale

Our Loaves and Fishes wall allows you to be part of this expansion as you honor your family, memorialize loved ones or commemorate special events, such as graduation.

Please complete the form on the reverse side and submit it along with your completed pledge card on or before Commitment Weekend or drop it off to the parish office. Questions call 540-373-6491.

Jesus took that small gift of five loaves of bread and two fish and He multiplied it by five thousand. Jesus can do the same with us too. We bring to Jesus our treasures, talents and abilities that we have and He makes our gifts grow, if we cooperate with the graces that He sends us.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be

filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3: 9-10

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Preparing for Commitment Weekend

As we approach Commitment Weekend, we need your help! We are still \$1.2 M away from meeting \$7M in the Parish and School Needs. We kindly ask you to indicate your giving intentions on or before the weekend of October 21st.

What are the Needs?

- Watch Fr. Mosimann's detailed Capital Campaign Presentation at the link provided here youtube.com/stmaryfxbg. This includes updates and FAQ's.

How can you prepare for Commitment Weekend?

- **Please review the campaign materials that were sent to all parishioners.** We are inviting all families to make a sacrificial gift or pledge according to your blessings.
- **Pray** with your family and use the chart below to discern what your sacrifice will be and how it reflects your gratitude for the blessings and benefits that you have received at St. Mary's.
- **New! Loaves and Fishes Commemorative Wall**
*The campaign will honor any commitment if made before 9/30/23. Moving forward, anyone that makes a five-year pledge or gift of \$1000 or more will receive a brick. If you need a **Loaves and Fishes Card**, you may pick one up in the church vestibule.*
- **Commitment Weekend**
A special parish-wide Commitment Weekend will be held at all masses on the weekend of October 21-22, 2023. Please help us meet 100% of the need by completing a pledge card along with the Loaves and Fishes card to mass that weekend and join your brothers and sisters in support of this transformative effort.

My Sacrifice Equals	Monthly Commitment	Yearly Commitment	Total Commitment Over 5 Years
Small Daily Coffee	\$50	\$600	\$3,000
Cell Phone Upgrade	\$100	\$1,200	\$6,000
Dinning Out Weekly	\$200	\$2,400	\$12,000
Vacation	\$300	\$3,600	\$18,000
Car Payment	\$1,000	\$12,000	\$60,000

from our pastor

Folks,

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
— Psalm 34

I type this Tuesday evening from retreat. And from a place too of distraction as the horrific bloodshed in the middle east compels me to look at twitter to see if the world is spiraling to destruction. I know priests, including Fr. Lundberg, who are still in the Holy Land as of mid-week, students from Franciscan University, and have seen many reports of innocent people who are suffering the destruction of evil.

At a loss for words, I share with you our Bishop's statement following declaration of war by Israel:

I ask the faithful in the Diocese of Arlington and all people of good will to join in prayer for peace following a terrorist attack in Israel. Our hearts are shocked and saddened by the death of hundreds of people, and thousands more who are wounded or dispersed already. It is my hope and prayer that the international community will work together to help ensure a peaceful and just resolution for the good of all. At this time, we also pray that the victims and their families find strength and support. May we join with one voice in asking God to grant eternal rest to the deceased, console those who grieve, and guide political leaders to bring an end to the war without further violence.

— Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington.

Very early in seminary life, I learned that sometimes my presence and prayers were all that mattered. Where I desperately wanted to find words to give meaning, I was confounded into silence in the face of the mystery of suffering. Presence matters, because love matters, and it is love that conquers death.

Back to the tabernacle for me. There are souls to pray for, and in His providence, the Lord had set aside this week for me to pray. I will see you this weekend.

Pax,



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

announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some fellowship!

New Parishioner Welcome

Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Mosimann and members of our Welcoming Committee are looking forward to spending time with you, to get to know you a bit and see how you (and your family) can share your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot on **Sunday, October 29th from 9am-12** for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Committee Team and with your new pastor. Visit bit.ly/46pMXhh to secure your 30-minute appointment.

Meetings will take place in the Courtyard Meeting Room (Fr. Rooney Room) behind the church - the room with all the crucifixes on the wall!

If you have any questions, please email Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org or call **540-373-6491**.

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

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

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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. Thanks!

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

holy cross academy

Busy Preschoolers

September was such a busy and fun month in preschool. Apples were a big part of our month as students played apple orchard, explored their five senses with taste tests, cooking activities, art projects, and science experiments. Our three year old classes have also been focusing on how each of us is uniquely created by God, how awesome the world that God created is, and how to be a good classmate. They are really working hard to master our daily prayers and the Sign of the Cross. Our four year olds have been learning about creation, Adam and Eve, and the first four letters of the alphabet.

As October continues, we will begin to learn about dinosaurs, farms, pumpkins, and fall. By the time this bulletin goes to print, we will also have had our Grandparents Celebration. At the end of the month, we will celebrate Fall with our Preschool Family Fall Festival by having a costume parade, special snacks, games, and crafts. Holy Cross Academy Preschool is such a wonderful place to play, learn, and grow!



Holy Cross Open House - Save the Date!

Would you like to learn more about Holy Cross Academy, and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life? Please join us on Sunday, November 12 from 1:00-3:00 p.m., for our annual Open House! Details coming soon; in the meantime, please visit our website at holycrossweb.com (click "Admissions") or email our Admissions Coordinator, Deena Lanier, admissions@holycrossweb.com for more information.

World's Finest Chocolate Sale

The World's Finest Chocolate Sale has begun. The profits from this candy sale helps to provide funds for the many events planned by the HCA PTO. Students will be selling chocolate after mass on October 28th and 29th at St. Mary and HCA



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School of
Excellence*



our parish religious education

Upcoming Events

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

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

Monday, October 30
Religious Education Saints Procession

Tuesday, October 31
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

Fire Drill and Rosary

Religious Education annual fire drill was held during classes October 2-4. At the assembly area a rosary was prayed before returning to classes. It was a positive experience for the students to pray the Rosary along with their classmates and the rest of the students.



THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of October 15



St. Luke the Artist | Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



Saint Ignatius of Antioch | Catholic Saints

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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CLICK REGISTER THEN ENTER PARISH CODE: **F6F228**

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October
Month of the
Rosary

Octubre mes del Rosario

Let's celebrate
together in
community!
Join us to pray
the Holy Rosary.

20

Octubre

Bilingüe

7:00 *pm*

¡Celebremos
juntos en
comunidad!
Acompáñanos a
rezar el Santo
Rosario.

St. Mary of Immaculate Conception



1009 Stafford Ave
Fredericksburg, VA 22401



our parish happenings



Giorgio Frassati

RETREAT
for
Young Adults

Ages 21-35

***NOV 10-12
FRIDAY-SUNDAY**

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was a young, vibrant, and wealthy man who loved life, God, and the mountains of Italy. He shared his wealth with the poor, savored friendships with a broad circle of men and women, and brought hundreds closer to Christ.

COME CLIMB WITH US!

Verso l'alto "on to the heights" means not only to climb the mountains before us, but also refers to scaling the peaks and navigating the troughs of the spiritual life and knowing Christ.

PGF

**For the more adventurous souls — come along on a Sunday afternoon excursion to the summit of a Blue Ridge Peak!*

Fr. Riley will guide us to the summit!

Email Deacon Mark Maines at:
Mark.Maines@arlingtondiocese.org

RETREAT COST IS \$265. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE.

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 25 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.

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.

Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale

The CCW's annual Fall Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale will take place Saturday, October 28 at the Parish Life Center, from 8am until 2pm, with lunch served by the American Heritage Girls! If you have handcrafted items to donate, drop them off at Room 100, PLC (the door on the courtyard) Thursday, October 20 between 9am and 11am, or bring them to the Parish Office the weekdays preceding the bazaar. Please bring your baked goods to the Rooney Room October 27, until 7pm. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Wanda Cushing, 540-373-9184, or Esther White, 540-548-0779 for crafts, or Arlene Wilkinson, 540-785-7718, for the bake sale.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO COME, ENJOY & SHOP!

CCW To Host Deacon Alberto

Please join us on Tuesday, October 17th in the Father Rooney Community Room on the church courtyard. We'll have a brief business meeting at 10am, followed by a refreshments break. At about 10:30am Deacon Alberto Bernaola will talk with us about Our Lady of Fatima and Communal First Saturday. We'll have a 50/50 \$\$ raffle and tickets available for our big December raffle as well. If you aren't on our email list, please subscribe at StMaryCCWNews@aol.com. And learn more about your St. Mary Council of Catholic Women at stmaryccw.org and fb.com/StMaryCCW.

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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

Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism

To join, please contact Rob Pata, Membership Director

www.kofc4034.org

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



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. Please let us know the name of your child and what grade they are currently in school.

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We've got Scrip Gift Cards for That

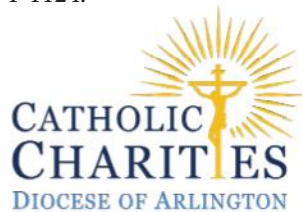
Do you buy groceries at Giant, Publix, Target, Walmart or Weis? We have Scrip Gift cards for that. Buy breakfast or Lunch at Chipotle, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Burger King, Hardee's, Sonic, or Panera Breads? We have Scrip Gift cards for that. Enjoy fine dining at Red Lobster, Outback, Bravos, Bonefish, Carrabba's, 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 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!

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+



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.

Public Rosary Reminder

Reminder to pray with others the Public Rosary on October 21 at noon.

Join other parishioners at noon in front of St. Mary on Saturday (3rd Saturday of the month) too pray the Rosary as requested at Fatima by our Lady for Peace. RSVP to michaelgkasey@verizon.net

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.

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
FIGHT CLUB
Young Men 7-12 Grade

Thy Kingdom Come
Claim Your Royal Dignity and Inheritance

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

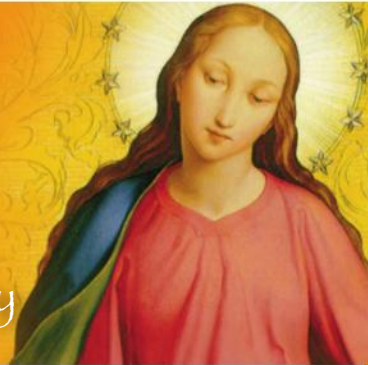
Week 1	Sept. 9	Thy Kingdom Come
Week 2	Sept. 16	The Kingdom is Like Leaven
Week 3	Sept. 23	Christ The King!
Week 4	Sept. 30	The Overthrow of Satan
Week 5	Oct. 7	How to Overthrow an Empire
Week 6	Oct. 14	Word - Witness - Walk
Week 7	Oct. 21	The Men We Need to Build the Kingdom
Week 8	Oct. 28	The Kingdom 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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Don't Miss This Life-Changing Retreat!

33 Days to Morning Glory



Marian Consecration is a great weapon to fight the evils against the Church and in the world. Mary will obtain the grace for us to trust in God's Mercy, as she is the Mother of Mercy.

Experience this extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian Consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II.

Fr. Gaitley masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp and simple enough to put into practice. He weaves their thought into a user-friendly retreat that will bless even the busiest of people. So if you have been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you are simply looking to deepen or renew your consecration to her, 33 Days to Morning Glory is the right book to read and the perfect retreat.

We will make our consecration together at the December 8th Mass

**Retreat Sessions to be held October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26 & December 3rd
(Court Yard Meeting Room) Sunday 4-5:30pm**

MUST REGISTER NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 27TH, 2023

Cost: \$13.00 for the book

Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

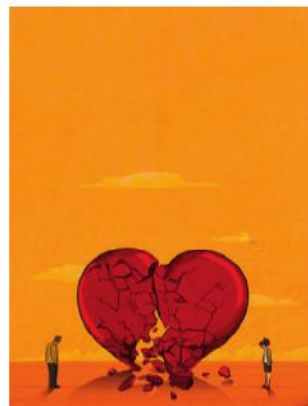
Is Your Heart Broken by a Loved One's Addiction to Drugs?

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

Month of the Holy Rosary
October 2023
Youth Ministry Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 HS YOUTH GROUP	2	3	4 YOUCAT	5	6 MS YOUTH GROUP	7 FIGHT CLUB
8 HS YOUTH GROUP	9	10	11 YOUCAT	12 FEMININE GENIUS	13	14 FIGHT CLUB
15 HS YOUTH GROUP	16	17	18 YOUCAT	19	20 MS YOUTH GROUP	21 FIGHT CLUB
22 HS RALLY	23	24	25 YOUCAT	26 FEMININE GENIUS	27	28 FIGHT CLUB
29 HS YOUTH GROUP	30	31	1	2	3	4

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



@stmarycym



flocknote

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.

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PRESENTS

RALLY

• ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED! •



A DAY FILLED WITH FAITH AND FUN!



**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER:
JIMMY MITCHELL**

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER
22ND**

**MASS WITH
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

Vigilia de
Adoración



17
Octubre

Misa,
Adoración Eucarística
y confesiones

» **7:00pm**




St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception

1009 Stafford Ave,
Fredericksburg, VA 22401



TE INVITAMOS A REZAR EL
Santo Rosario
UNIDOS CON TODA LA NACIÓN

Sábado
14 de Octubre

**Saint Michael the Archangel
Catholic High School**

11:30 AM
CANCIONES

12:00 PM
SANTO ROSARIO

📍 6301 Campus Dr
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Retiro En
Silencio



Sábado 18 de Noviembre
9:00am-5:00pm

\$30 Incluye alimentos

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY
250 Stafford Lakes Pkwy
Fredericksburg VA
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Semana 4	Sept. 30	Los Cinco Atributos de Líderes Auténticos
Semana 5	Oct. 7	El Liderazgo Consistente
Semana 6	Oct. 14	Logrando Claridad de Pensamiento
Semana 7	Oct. 21	Desarrollando Integridad de Acción
Semana 8	Oct. 28	Colocando una Base para el Futuro
Semana 9	Nov. 4	La Voluntad de Pagar el Precio
Semana 10	Nov. 11	Liderazgo Auténtico en el Hogar
Semana 11	Nov. 18	La Muerte del Occidente
	Nov. 25	Día de Acción de Gracias, sin clases
Semana 12	Dic. 2	Llanto de un Niño
Semana 13	Dic. 9	Un Nuevo Día para el Hombre

our parish animal blessings



Thank you, Ginny Foreman for the wonderful photos!



our faith happenings

St Michael Open House

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its Fall Open House for prospective families Tuesday, October 24th from 6pm-7:30pm. Come meet our faculty, tour the school, review curricula - and get a \$250 enrollment discount for attending! saintmichaelhs.org/open-house



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!

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Parish Debt Reduction	\$335.00

The next Financial Report will be published in the October 29th Bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in September for the following unscheduled intentions: Barbra & George D'Isidoro, +Agnes Brown, +Sue Gregory, +Jack Kopcak, Barbara Todd (3), +Beverly Sala, All Souls, Souls in Purgatory, +Patrick Meade, Brother James Bernard, OFM, +Lourdes Geronimo, +John Heaney, Bernice Edwards, +Spencer Rodgers, Michelle Shaikh, and Pat Lohman

World Mission Sunday

October 21 & 22

"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"

Next weekend, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank you!

El próximo fin de semana, nos uniremos a la Iglesia global para celebrar el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Este año, el Papa Francisco ilumina nuestro camino con el tema: "Corazones fervientes, pies en camino". Al prepararnos para observar este día especial, se nos recuerda encender nuestros corazones con el amor de Cristo y extender ese calor a los rincones más vulnerables de nuestro mundo. Sus fervientes oraciones y la próxima generosidad en la colecta para la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe reforzarán a los misioneros que trabajan en África, Asia, las Islas del Pacífico y ciertas regiones de América Latina y Europa. Unámonos para apoyarlos en su misión de amor y servicio. ¡Gracias!

Pro-Life Reflection

"Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life -especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life", respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. Everything passes, but God never changes. Patience obtains everything. Those who possess God lack for nothing. God alone is enough. - Saint Teresa of Avila

Heavenly Father, let me remain calm amid all the difficulties of life. Help me to preserve my union with You, which is the one this necessary in this world.

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 - 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.



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

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.

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- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Contact: Serena Nguyen, Coordinator
Adoration@stmaryfred.org

Daily Mass Intentions

October

16 MONDAY

6:30am Denis Collins
9:00am Zachary Kroko+
Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

17 TUESDAY

6:30am George O'Reilly
9:00am Jill Niles+
12:00pm Fred Kenworthy+
Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

18 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Salvador and Mary Bahena
8:15am* Babs Bolger+
9:00am Jeanette Dubois+
12:00pm Dr. Paul Fiori+
2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

19 THURSDAY

6:30am Joseph Reagan+
9:00am Jason Mooney+
12:00pm Louis and Dorothy Caiafa
Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

20 FRIDAY

6:30am George O'Reilly+
9:00am Andy Pacheco+
12:00pm Elaine McBennett
Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

21 SATURDAY

9:00am Timothy Cain
5:00pm Lillian Carreiro+
7:00pm For Our Parish
Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

22 SUNDAY

7:00am James Russel Gray+
8:30am Maria Cabrera+
8:30am* The Kolwick Family
10:30am Manuel Robles+
10:30am* Bon Than+
12:30pm Rice McCray and Kelvin McCray+
2:30pm Aida Ascanio+
5:00pm The Hugh & Carol Fleming Family
7:00pm The Currier Family
Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

* 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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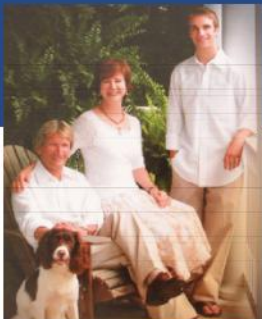


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