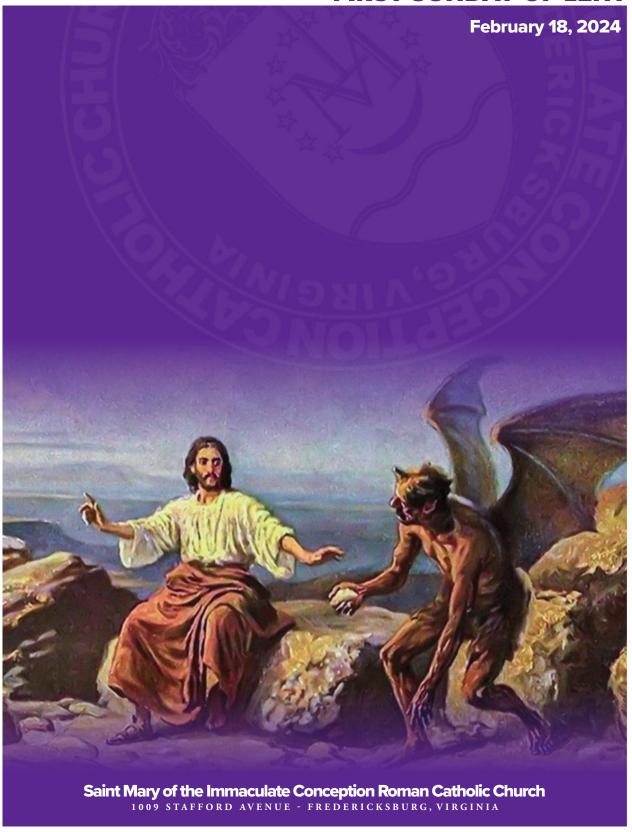
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



capital campaign grow our legacy in faith

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

Updated Loaves and Fishes Card!

Please be on the look-out for our newly updated Loaves and Fishes Card that you will be receiving in the mail along with a brief letter that verifies your previously submitted brick inscription. WE have changed our brick vendor, which means that we can now offer you up to three lines with a total of 60 characters of *text for your personalized brick inscription!*

When you receive your letter, please take a minute to review the updated *Loaves and Fishes Card and the back* of it as you may fall into one of three categories, below:

- · Submitted a Loaves and Fishes Card and are satisfied with your original, brick inscription.
- Submitted a Loaves and Fishes Card and would like to edit/change your brick inscription, now that there is more space.
- Made a pledge or a one-time gift of \$1000+ in support of the campaign's immediate needs but did not have a chance to fill out a Loaves and Fishes Card and would love to do so given that there is a new card and more space!

How do I return the newly updated Loaves and Fishes Card?

If you fall into the last two categories above, please fill out the back of the updated Loaves and Fishes Card and drop it into the Sunday Offertory basket or turn it into the parish office by February 29, 2024.

If we do not receive the updated form from you, the campaign committee will make a note of it and assume that you are satisfied with your original submission. Any questions, please feel free to call us at 540-373-6491. *Thank you!!*

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

from our pastor

Dear folks,

Lent. Let's Go!!!!

We are kicking this Lent off with a Parish Mission led by Father James Searby. He is a priest of our diocese, Parochial Vicar at St. Timothy's and has a podcast available on iTunes. The podcast description says, "From the classroom to the office to everywhere in between, struggling for goodness & holiness can be a daunting task. In these homilies, meditations, classes & talks by Fr. James Searby, discover the possibility of Holiness for the Working Day."

The Mission will take place next week, February 20, 21 & 22 (Tues-Thurs) @7pm in the Church. Each night will begin with evening prayer and move into a different talk with opportunity for Adoration. All are welcome and we encourage you to make every effort to attend the entire Mission.

Also, Adoration: 24 extra hours of Adoration this week! Beginning Tuesday morning, running into our regular Adoration hours and going non-stop all the way to Friday morning! Come spend time in silence with our Lord – you will find peace.

I hope you enjoy this opportunity to kickstart your Lent!

See you soon!

Falu Mosimum

Pastor

May God Reward You, Elaine!!

One of the gems at St. Mary, is Elaine Stanislawski. This month we celebrate Elaine's 30 YEARS of SERVICE to our parish. She currently serves as our Business Manager. Her wealth of knowledge and information is extraordinary and her ability to juggle countless details with accuracy is a gift to our parish. Elaine has served under four pastors and worked with over thirty-one priests and deacons. When asked how in the world she has served so long and with such goodness, her response was simply, "It is all by God's grace." Elaine is married to Joe, her husband of over 52 years and has two sons, Adam (Rita) and Jason (Elizabeth) and four beautiful grandchildren. She is a fully professed member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. You can also spot her at 9am daily Mass where she often serves as a lector. Please congratulate Elaine and thank her when you see her, as we celebrate her goodness and the gift she is to our parish family!

Stations of the Cross

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT IN THE CHURCH

6:30pm English

7:00pm Español

All are Welcome to Join

Additional 40 Hour Adoration

Please sign-up to spend an hour with our Lord
Tuesday, February 20 after 9am Mass
Wednesday February 21 until noon Mass

https://bit.ly/30oOUDI



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 meeting you and spending time with you, (and your family) to see how you might share your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot on **Sunday, February 25th 9am-12pm** for yourself and/or family to spend time with our
Welcome Committee Team and with your new pastor.

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

Sign-up HERE https://bit.ly/46pMXhh

contact us

SUNDAY MASS

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

DAILY MASS

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

DEVOTIONS

Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass, Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am 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 - 9pm; Students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays (Closed)

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, Emma Atkinson

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

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



education

holy cross academy

HCA Preschool

It looks like Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow so our HCA Preschoolers have been able to take advantage of the warmer but blustery weather to go out to the playground. Also the children continue to use this time to make friends, learn through play, and build their academic skills. Science activities like exploring how shadows are created, how polar animals stay warm in the cold temperatures, and looking carefully at how snowflakes are made have been fun and educational. We celebrated Catholic Schools Week by giving out lollipops after morning masses on January 29th and 30th. We also thanked our families by providing a top your own cheesecake bar and making cards. Of course, the children also had to show the priests some appreciation too, so our preschoolers made one of a kind rosaries for the priests out of shrinky dinks.

The weeks between the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday are considered ordinary time in the church calendar, but these weeks are far from ordinary at preschool! What made these weeks of so special was the opportunity to explore some of the things that make our Catholic Faith so amazing. We've been learning about baptism and even got to practice baptizing a baby doll. We have also begun to talk about Miracles. There really is something extraordinary about ordinary time at our Catholic preschool!

With the school year speeding by so quickly, it is time to start enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have a three or four year old child, please contact our preschool director, Mrs. Sheri Castellarin via phone at 540-373-7553 or by email at **preschool@holycrossweb.com** to schedule a visit. We would love to show you what makes Holy Cross Academy Preschool at St. Mary the best preschool in the 'Burg for your child to grow spiritually, socially, physically, and academically!





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religious education

Upcoming Events

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

Monday to Wednesday, February 19-21

No Religious Education Classes, Parish Mission. Students are expected to attend the Parish Retreat at least once.

Tuesday to Thursday, February 20-22

Parish Lenten Retreat 2024

Thursday, February, 22

Year 2 Formation Night #3 at 7-8pm

Saturday, February 24

9:40 am-3:30 pm: Catechist Certification Classes in the St. Joseph House, Topic: Teaching the Sacraments (Part 1)

Monday to Wednesday, February 26-28: Religious Education Classes, Religious Education students return attendance Cards to Catechists

Monday to Saturday 1-31 (all month)

Year 2 Confirmation Interviews

Saturday, March 2

Year 2 Boys' Confirmation Retreat at HCA, 12:50pm-7pm

Monday to Wednesday, March 4-6

Religious Education Classes, Lenten Confessions for Religious Education

students from Grades 3-8 at St. Mary

Tuesday, March 5

Special Lenten Activity for HCA Religious Education students

Wednesday, March 6

Lenten Confessions for Home Taught students at 4:45pm in the church

Saturday, March 9

Year 2 Girls' Confirmation Retreat at HCA 12:50-7pm

CRS RICE-BOWL AND ATTENDANCE CARD

"The Bread of Life—which we receive through the Eucharist—fills us with God's grace and love. The Eucharist feeds us. It nourishes us. It unites us with God and one another as members of the same body of Christ. And it is through our communion with the Bread of



Life that we are called to share bread for life.

Jesus tells us, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." When we receive Jesus through the Eucharist, our hearts are filled with his love and the call to share that love with our sisters and brothers in need ground the world

During Lent, we're invited to act on this call through our Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. When we practice these Lenten pillars, we enter a living relationship and unite our hearts with God and with one another.

As we go through these next 40 days, let us remember the words of Jesus, our bread of life, and be nourished by him in the Eucharist to walk with our global family." crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/intro

This week's video youtu.be/Dy6rJhVDehE



Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? I his session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

Jatines Freurana, Social in the West One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SQLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jeaus is inviting you to move beyon your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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

lenten mission



WALK CLOSER WITH CHRIST

ST. MARY LENTEN MISSION

Presented by Fr. James Searby
7pm /// February 20, 21 & 22 /// In the Church



LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY

National Eucharistic Revival presents Jesus and the Eucharist

This 7-session series will unveil the beauty of our Eucharistic faith and invites you to discover the true power and promise of this incredible gift.

Connect with your fellow parishioners in a cozy small group setting as you hear from some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism.

To host or join a small group study at St. Mary's email edoyle@stmaryfred.org or call the office 540-373-6491

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St Mary 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 - we would love to have you!

Public Rosary

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.
Our next meeting is scheduled for February 17 an noon.

St Mary's Singles Group

An open invitation to everyone single and 40 years of age or older for monthly group gathering's like dinners, movies, plays, works of charity, prayers, Mass, and other church events. Contact Eileen Walts at emw5348@gmail.com to get on the email newsletter list.

Meeting monthly to plan events at Wegmans upstairs meeting space at 10am. Next meeting is Saturday, March 16 at Wegmans – upstairs meeting area.

Focus on Brain Health

Please join your St. Mary Council of Catholic Women on Tuesday, February 20 at 10am in the Father Rooney Community Room on the church courtyard. Our special guest will be Mike D'Ostilio, a member of the AARP Virginia Speakers Bureau, who will address us on "Brain Health." We will have

a brief business meeting, a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, and refreshments! Mike will begin his presentation about 10:30am. Everyone is most welcome! Please find out more about CCW at stmaryccw.org. Like us on Facebook at fb.com/ StMaryCCW to keep in touch; and sign up for all the latest at StMaryCCWNews@aol.com. Let's meet in fellowship and get our minds right for a rewarding Lent!

Upcoming Adult Education Bible Study Opportunity:

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of her earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son.

COST: The materials cost \$20.00 per person. This does not include on-line access. Class size limited to 25 each.

Class Dates: Wednesday or Thursdays beginning March 20 or 21. Class run time about 90 minutes. Time: 9:45am. Location: Father Rooney Community Room. This is an eight week class. Please sign-up in the Parish Office (540-373-6491) before March 7.

Micah Cold Weather Shelter

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter opened for the winter season on November 15 and will remain in operation until mid- to late-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by

greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (e.g. white socks, thermal underwear, men's boxer briefs, women's underwear and t-shirts). Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that the temporary shelter is available during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit Micah Ecumenical Ministries, dolovewalk. **ne**t or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, thurmanbrisbencenter.org.

The Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach needs Spanish Interpreter Volunteers

The GFC is a 100% free medical clinic opened in 2005 by Fr. Jerome Magat, to serve the indigent and medically-uninsured population of Colonial Beach and Westmoreland County. The Clinic is the first Free Clinic established in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Guided by Catholic principles for health care, the Clinic seeks to assist in the total healing of all patients. The Clinic is only open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm and is seeking medical and non-medical volunteers but is in dire need of Spanish Interpreters. Almost 90% of the Clinic's patients speak Spanish. For more information, please visit our website at **guadalupefreeclinic**. org, or contact us via email at lcarrington@guadalupefreeclinic. org, or by phone at (804)-224-0571.

our parish happenings

Join TEAM ST. MARY on February 24 The Coldest Night of the Year!



The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for MICAH ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES and help support people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Team up, fundraise, walk, and gather for good... because it's cold out there.

To register to walk in the event with St. Mary for either 1 mile or a 5K, visit the link below and register. If you are unable to attend but want to support our efforts, click the link and donate to Team St. Mary.

All the details for the event are found on the link. Once registered, we will follow up with details on where to meet so we can walk together! Any questions, please reach out to Elena at edoyle@stmaryfred.org

Register by visiting walk.w-ith.me/StMary or scan the code below!



our parish happenings

St. Mary will have one bus available for parishioners to attend the Virginia March for Life on February 21st. The bus will leave at 10am for the Rally and March and will return at approximately 4pm. Parishioners who wish to reserve a seat on the bus must call the Parish Office to sign up. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Any child without an adult will not be allowed to attend. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and priority will be given to parishioners. Holy Cross Academy and Youth Ministry will have their own buses. Anyone from Holy Cross or in Youth Ministry will need to contact the school or Youth Ministry directly to make a reservation.

VIRGINIA PRO-LIFE DAY

FEBRUARY 21, 2024 • RICHMOND, VA

Find out more at

sbcv.org/prolifeday





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Please contact our Coordinator,

Ginny Christina at ginchristina@amail.com to volunteer!

COST: The materials cost \$20.00 per person. This does not include on-line access. Class size limited to 25 each.

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St. Mary Food Pantry

St. Mary's has a small Food Pantry located within our parish office. It is open to ANYONE seeking food M-F 8:30am-9:00pm and Sat. 9am-1pm. We reorganized and made changes to how we feed our neighbors. We no longer accept miscellaneous food donations, but instead give bags of specific food items that will feed with dignity, those seeking assistance. When our supply is low, we alert our parishioners. Well, it's that time again. If you would like to contribute, please pick up a special ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY BLUE BAG in the back of the church (in the pull-out cabinet located across from the women's restroom). Please purchase ALL ITEMS listed on the stapled list and return the bag, at your convenience, to the parish office. Thank you and may God bless you!

List of Items:

Box of cereal
Spaghetti sauce & pasta
2 cans of tuna or chicken
2 cans of HEARTY Soup
2 cans of ravioli
2 cans of fruit
2 cans of veggies
2 boxes of mac and cheese
1 lb bag of white rice
2 cans of black beans
1 jar peanut butter
1 jar jelly

happenings



SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5-8PM IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

Adults/Teens: \$15 || Seniors (60+) \$12 || Children (7 to 12) \$10

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.

MENU

IRISH SODA BREAD, CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, RED POTATOES, DESSERT



ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO UPGRADE
THE PARISH LIFE CENTER KITCHEN EQUIPMENT



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noticias en español

Centro Católico de Fórmacion JSV

Retiro Tetelestai



Registrate





O en persona en la oficina con Giovanni 540-373-6491 o gcamacho@stmaryfred.org





iOtra Misa en Español!

Todos los sábados a partir del 17 febrero de 2024



Nuestros sacerdotes de St. Mary presidirán Misa de vigilia dominical

Hora: 7:00pm Lugar: St. Jude Catholic Church

> 9600 Caritas Street Fredericksburg, VA 22408

youth ministry

February 2024

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Youth Ministry Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2 MS YOUTH OROUP	FIGHT CLUB
4 HS YOUTH GROUP	5	6	7 YOUCAT	8 FEMININE GENIUS	9	10 FIGHT CLUB
NO HSYG- SUPERBOWL	12	13	14 NO YOUCAT- ASH WED.	15	16 No MS YOUTH GROUP HIGH SHO	17 NO FIGHT CLUS OL RETREAT
18 NO HSYG	19	20	21 VA MARCH FOR LIFE	22 FEMININE GENIUS	23	24 MS FIGHT CLUB
25 HS YOUTH GROUP	26	27	28 YOUGAT	29	1	2

Month of the Holy Family







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!

HIGH SCHOOL FIGHT CLUB (9th-12th BOYS)

1st 8 3rd Saturdays, 6:30–8:00am Parish Life Center Explore what it means to be a Man of God!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIGHT CLUB (7th-8th BOYS)

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 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!



our parish happenings



Freedom in Christ Conference

Based on the 5 Keys to Freedom by Neal Lozano

- Are you anxious or fearful?
- Holding on to past hurts?
- Stuck in a cycle of sin?
- Feel that you are "no good"?





For more information: stmaryfred.org 540-373-6491

March 15-16, 2024

Friday, March 15—6:30pm-9pm Saturday, March 16—8:30am-8pm

Holy Cross Academy

250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, VA 22406



Includes food & materials Financial aid available

Register



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given in love

Donations Received January 31 - February 5

Sunday Offertory	\$33,310.00
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$3,346.00
Parish Debt Reduction Fund	\$5,015.00
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$387.00

Faith Direct Donations February 4

Sunday Offertory	\$83,002.78
Parish Debt Reduction	\$5,231.50
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$2,365.50
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$2,615.00
Micah Love Your Neighbor	\$1,476.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in January for the following unscheduled intentions: +Robert Nicholson, Zelie Orie, +David Spellman (2), +Barbara Tobias, +Tyler Milbut, Max Gold (2), Catherine Clagett, +Janet Kimble, +Beth Kirk, Brother Steven Kuehn OFM, +Dr. John Painter, +Elizabeth Tracy, +Margaret Dougherty, Bruce and Norka Miller, +Bill Voight, Craig Harrison (2), Deanna DeBondt (2), Leanne Gold, Father Sina, and +James Zurlis.

Pro-Life Reflection

CHOOSE LIFE REFLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 18 "We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

Children's Charity - February

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in February is Hazelwild Farm's Therapeutic Riding Program. The program offers specialized horseback riding lessons for all ages of riders with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The lessons increase stability, flexibility, strength, motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence for the riders, along with providing many other physical and emotional benefits. For more information, go to hazelwildfarm.com.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal Notice

We are very grateful to all those who have already responded to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Your generous support is most appreciated. We ask that all those who have not yet responded to prayerfully consider how you can help this very important appeal. Also, we have been asked by the Diocese to advise everyone to please not make your pledge donation through Faith Direct. Going through online giving will delay the processing of your payment by 6 to 8 weeks

Helpful Hints & Reminders

Did you know that when you write a check, you should use only black or blue ink? All other colors may look very nice, but they don't show up on bank scanners and bank employees have to return the check to us. So please use only black or blue ink when writing a check.

- When you receive your 2023 contribution statement, did you notice that one or more of the collections may have shown only a penny as your contribution. That's because when the envelope was received for posting in our database, no amount was written on the envelope, so a penny was entered to show that an envelope was received but the amount was unknown. Don't forget to write the amount of your contribution on the outside of your contribution envelope.
- If you are using a blank envelope for your contribution, please be sure to print your name, address, date and amount of donation on the envelope, as well as the purpose of the donation. We have had quite a few instances of envelopes being received without any name on it, so the contribution could not be posted.
- From time to time we receive contributions in envelopes from other parishes in the Diocese. If there is no notation, it is our policy to send these contributions to the parish indicated on the envelope. If your contribution is actually meant for St. Mary, please be sure to use St. Mary envelopes, or a plain envelope with your name and address indicated, or cross out the name of the parish on the envelope and clearly write St. Mary on the envelope so that we can process your contribution properly.

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Saint Mary Prayer List - February

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

Charles Boyer, David Smetek, Denise Passagaluppi, Erik Antonio Baker, Jack (John) Smith, Jason Stoker, Katie Slaughter, Maria Emma Lovos, Michael Fedowitz III, Richard Corrigan, Elizabeth Bodoh, David Smetek, Shirley Bozicevic, Drew LoRusso, Chris Breth, Joanne O'Brien, Karl Eugene, Larry Delaney

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, 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, Dominic Marsillo, Fr. Sean Koehr

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.

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 6-7pm and are open to the public at large. For more information call or text Wayne (540)840-5230 or Wanda (540)538-6978

Daily Mass Intentions

February

19 MONDAY

6:30am Tess Morton+ 9:00am Julia Lesley Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

20 TUESDAY

6:30am Eileen W. McKinlay+ 9:00am Migdalig Ortega Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

21 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Mr. And Mrs. Michael Kasey 8:15am* James Schicke 9:00am Minh Hang T. Duer Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

22 THURSDAY

6:30am Jackie and Bob Ezersky 9:00am Adam Stanisławski 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

23 FRIDAY

6:30am Pedro and Angelica Pedroso+ 9:00am Fred Gasper+ Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

24 SATURDAY

9:00am Elizabeth Stanislawski 5:00pm Katherine Evans 7:00pm Patricia Alling Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

25 SUNDAY

7:00am Leslie Hardcastle+
8:30am Margaret Alexander+
8:30am* Clifford Snipe
10:30am The Le Family

10:30am* Angie and Tony D'Ostillio 12:30pm Our Military, Living and Deceased

2:30pm Jose D. Soto+ 5:00pm For Our Parish 7:00pm Andres Guerrero

Gn 22:1-15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

* 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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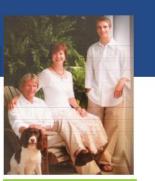
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