

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 19, 2025



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

capital campaign

grow our legacy in faith

Divine Mercy & St. Helena Chapels

Memorial Opportunities

"Share" opportunities available

Father has opened up a "Share" on a few of the memorial opportunities that remain. It is his hope that both chapels will honor our Lord and be a permanent sign of the faithfulness and love of our parish family.

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

St. Mary's Church

Altar*	6 shares/\$5k each
Pews	8 shares/\$5k each
Stained Glass Windows* (4)	\$25k each
Candlestick Holders (2)	\$2.5k each
Divine Mercy Image/Window*	\$TBD
Cross	\$TBD

More items may be identified as we finalize the design of the Adoration Chapel. *Subject to final design approval by the Bishop.



In our St. Helena Chapel, the stained glass windows have been installed, and they look lovely. Within this prayerful space, the windows are also beautifully lit by delicate interior lighting. Jesus, our Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph are there for our Holy Cross families front and center as you enter the school.



Saint Helena Chapel

Holy Cross Academy

St. Joseph & Jesus Window	5 shares/\$5k each
The Annunciation Window	5 shares/\$5k each
Candlestick Holders (6)	\$2.5k each
Stations of the Cross (14)	\$TBD

Contact Us - Availability is limited

Memorials are supplemental to your generous pledge. Thank you!

These opportunities are on a first-come, first-served basis.

All memorials will be acknowledged on our Holy Cross Academy cafeteria memorial wall.

Please get in touch with Donna Haring at the Parish Office at 540-373-6491.

from our pastor

Dear folks,

Two things:

1. One of our parishioners, Emma Atkinson, is preparing to enter the religious life in the Carmel of Port Tobacco! What a wonderful blessing, to have one of our own praying for us and following the path of the beloved brides of Christ! See the information about a farewell for her next weekend, and a note from her!

2. With the bulletin's lost in shipping last week, I want to rerun this message from last week, because several folks who read it online were very grateful to see it. Thus, I rerun it here for those who missed it.

With the snow days this week, it had me reflecting on how often there is a post-Christmas wave of colds and coughs! I think that the pandemic helped, in so far as we have heightened awareness of washing hands and good health hygiene.

I also think that it has given folks greater freedom to say, "I'm sick today, I can't come to work." When you are under the weather, it is an act of charity to stay home to rest and recover. Your priests and pew neighbors thank you for being prudent!

I had a nightmare experience helping at a penance service 15+ years ago, just days before Christmas. During the prayer service, the priest next to me was very ill, constantly coughing and wheezing. When it came time for the sign of peace, he embraced me and grabbed my hands! As soon as it ended, I sprinted to the bathroom to scrub down and made sure not to touch my face or rub my eyes! Thankfully I avoided catching the plague! But, I recall sitting there with dread of the possible infection and wishing he had sat elsewhere!

I remind you that Catholic law already allows for you to miss Sunday Mass because of health reasons or caring for those with health reasons. Moreover, I find the folks who most worry about this, are the very ones who least NEED to worry!!

Only those who want to come to Mass worry about not making Sunday Mass! If you feel bad about being sick or missing Mass, thank Jesus!! You couldn't miss Him, if He weren't giving you the grace and desire to know and be with Him!

Folks be wise, be prudent, be calm, trust in Jesus, and wash your hands. He foresees everything and He promises to bring good from all things for those who love Him, even when we catch a cold.

Oh, and the St. Blaise blessing will be here in a couple of weeks, just in case!

pax,
John P. Mosimann

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann V.F.
Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"God recognizes a Carmelite by her soul." Over the last few years, I have felt these words, spoken by Elizabeth of the Trinity, echoed in the circumstances of my own life. Mine has been a journey of detachment, of saying, in the pattern of John of the Cross, "Neither dance, nor art, nor music, nor poetry; neither a purely human friendship, nor family ties, nor even romantic love—no, not any of these, but God alone, who is the fulfillment of all desire, the ocean towards which all the rivulets of the human heart flow." Surprisingly the loss, or rather, the surrender of all these genuinely good things has led me to a place of profound peace, and I have found that I am becoming more and more myself, and therefore, His. I have begun to learn what it is that Teresa Benedicta of the Cross meant when she wrote "to erect the structure of holiness...one must dig deep, must descend into the depths of one's own nothingness in order to be raised high up into the sunlight of divine love and compassion." And so it is with a spirit of great joy and hope that I share with you that I have been accepted to enter as a postulant at Carmel of Port Tobacco on February 2 of this year. Thank you for accompanying me on my journey through your prayers and know of my continued prayers for you and for your families.



May God bless you now and always,
Emma

**Join us in a Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift
of Emma Atkinson as she prepares to enter
The Discalced Carmelite Order**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 - 8:30AM MASS

Reception to follow in the Parish Life Center

**"It is love alone that gives worth to all things."
- St. Teresa of Jesus**

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 our Welcoming Committee are looking forward to spending some time with you (and your family) and introduce you to the many ways in which you might share your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Team and with your new pastor **Sunday, February 23rd 10am-12pm**. Meetings will take place in the Parish Office (located directly behind the church). We are looking forward to meeting you!

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
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 - 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, Retired

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski
Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone
Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey
Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez
Parish Secretary, Giovanni Camacho

MUSIC

Joseph Ciskanik
Director of Music, musicdirector@stmaryfred.org
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, Dr. Katherine Evans
Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Dr. 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

January Kickoff

Our time before winter break at HCA preschool was full of so many fun learning opportunities. We learned all about the birth of Jesus and our four year old classes were able to perform a Nativity play for their families. We created many special keepsakes for our families and then we ended our time together before Christmas by hosting a Happy Birthday Jesus party.

After our nice long break, our preschoolers will be learning about the Three Wise Men and their gifts to baby Jesus. This is the perfect way to start off 2025! As the month continues, there will be lots of opportunities to learn about baptism, winter, snow, hibernation, and polar animals. Holy Cross Academy is such an amazing place to learn and play!

The enrollment window for the 2025-2026 school year is just around the corner! If you have a child that will be three or four next year and would like to learn more about our preschool program. Please reach out to our director, Mrs. Sheri Castellarin via email at preschool@holycrossweb.com or by phone at 540-373-7553.



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Blue Ribbon
School of
Excellence*



education

religious education

Upcoming Events

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

January 2025

Monday - Wednesday, 1/20-22

No Religious Education Classes

Thursday, 1/23

Confirmation Year 1/Gr 7 Formation Night #2 in the church from 7-8pm

Saturday, 1/25

SPRED classes #7 in the PLC 10am-12 noon

Saturday, 1/25

Baptism #2 of RE students at 10am in the church

Sunday - Friday, 1/26-31

Catholic Schools Week

Monday - Wednesday, 1/27-29

Religious Education Week 17

Formation for Spanish-speaking parents:
SACRAMENTS

February 2025

Monday - Wednesday, 2/3-5

Religious Education Week 18

Youth Ministry visit to Confirmation Classes
Formation for Spanish-speaking parents:
SACRAMENTS

Saturday, 2/8

SPRED classes #8 in the PLC 10am-12 noon

Religious Education Liturgies of Baptism

The first Liturgy of Baptism for Religious Education students and their siblings was held on Saturday, January 11, 2025. The second will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

537 Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father's beloved son in the Son and "walk in newness of life":

Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.

Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God. (Catechism of the Catholic Church- usccb.cld.bz/Catechism-of-the-Catholic-Church/156/)

Please view this video from FORMED: watch.formed.org/videos/a-new-creation-the-mystery-of-baptism

Are you an Adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?



Are you Baptized? Did you receive First Communion, but not Confirmation?



JOIN US! *Adult Confirmation Classes!*

- Beginning February 6th, every Thursday from 7-8:45 pm, in the St. Joseph House through April 10, 2025
- Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19, 2025
- Taught by Dr. Michael Evans, PA-C
(*St. Mary Diaconal Candidate*)
- Contact the Parish Office to register at (540) 373-6491

our parish youth ministry

Youth Ministry Alumni Reunion

At the beginning of the month, we invited our youth ministry alumni to join us for a small reunion after the holidays. It was great to catch up with several of our graduates from the past few years and see what everyone has been up to! We met for Mass and then had lunch together in the John Paul II House. This is a tradition we aim to keep going every year. We hope to see many familiar faces next year when we host our next reunion!

Short Film Festival Preparation

Several of our teens are participating in the Diocese of Arlington's One Act Play and Short Film Festival this year! They wrote, planned, and filmed a short film to submit to the festival, working together smoothly as a production team. Our director, cinematographers, actors, and crew all did such a wonderful job bringing their vision to life, and we hope to bring glory to God and St. Mary at the festival next month!



Large Groupings

High School Youth Group

Grades 9-12

Sundays 6-8:30pm

Parish Life Center

Dinner, friends & faith formation for high schoolers!

Middle School Youth Group

Grades 6-8

1st & 3rd Fridays 6:30-8pm

Parish Life Center

Dinner, friends & faith formation for middle schoolers!

Small Groupings

Boys Group - Fight Club

Boys, Grades 7-12

Saturdays 6:30-8am

Parish Life Center

Grow together in brotherhood as Men of God!

Girls Group - Feminine Genius

Girls, Grades 6-12

2nd & 4th Thursdays 6:30-8pm

John Paul II House

Grow together in sisterhood as Women of God!

YOUNCAT

Grades 9-12

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm

John Paul II House

Dive deeper into Scripture and your Catholic faith!

Senior Ministry

All 12th Grade

Monthly Meetings TBD

Contact us for exact dates

Gather for a potluck dinner & formation!

Contact Us

Tatiana Beltran

tbeltran@stmaryfred.org

Catie Espiritu

cespiritu@stmaryfred.org

our parish happenings

Micah Cold Weather Shelters

The Micah Cold Weather Shelters (men's and women's 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 our neighbors that utilize the facilities. Each participating church is asked to bring items such as 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.net or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, thurmanbrisbencenterv.org.

Traveling Blessed Mother

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

Cursillo

The Arlington Diocese will be hosting both a Women's Cursillo and a Men's Cursillo in the Spring of 2025. The cost is \$300. (Financial help is available). Each weekend retreat will be held at Missionhurst Retreat Center in Arlington VA. Cursillo is a long-standing movement within the Catholic Church aimed to strengthen leadership and further one's faith journey. Also, it is a means to provide a meaningful experience with other Catholic women and men and to reignite one's faith. It is considered a short course in Christianity with long time effects for each individual.

The next Women's Retreat is scheduled for March 6-9, 2025.

The next Men's Retreat is scheduled for April 24-27, 2025.

Currently, following each Thursday Noon Mass, a Faith Sharing Group meets in the Courtyard Room at approximately 12:30. We share our weekly faith journey, pray, and have a short discussion. All are welcome. For more information, contact Tammie Chute: cursilloofredericksburg@gmail.com

MARCH FOR LIFE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

"Life: Why We March" encourages pro-life advocates to draw renewed energy for this challenging moment in the movement by reflecting on the basic truth that inspires the pro-life cause: every human life – including the unborn and their mothers – is beautiful, has unique dignity, and is worthy of protection. "Life: Why We March" invites all Americans of goodwill to recognize and unite around this truth.

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, DC and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the US Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on Friday, January 24th to commemorate the 52nd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Although Roe v. Wade has been overturned, there is still work to be done, and the March for Life will continue to take place every January until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

St. Mary will have two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation; however, participants are asked to bring diapers and/or baby items for Birthright.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Mary and will return to St. Mary at approximately 5:30pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. Please call the Parish Office to reserve a seat on the bus.

our parish
happenings

Hope for your marriage

with Greg & Julie Alexander

featuring musical performances by Marie Miller

Saturday, February 15 | 9 am - 3 pm

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
3901 Woodburn Rd., Annandale, VA



Greg & Julie Alexander have been married since July 1987. They navigated deep marital troubles and now live a marriage rooted in the Catholic Faith and help couples experiencing the same problems.

arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriageretreat



Catholic Diocese of Arlington | Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703.841.2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | [@arlingtonfamily](https://twitter.com/arlingtonfamily)



**SOUPER BOWL WEEKEND
AT SAINT MARY'S
FEBRUARY 8-9**

SCORE A **TOUCHDOWN** FOR THE
HUNGRY IN OUR DIOCESE BY
BRINGING CANS OF **HEARTY SOUP
OR RAVIOLI** TO MASS. ALL CANS
WILL BE **DONATED TO THE
ST. LUCY PROJECT!**

INTO THE DEEP

Being Real with God..and Letting Him be Real with You

YOUNG ADULT MEN'S SILENT RETREAT



Lead by Fr. Christensen

San Damiano Spiritual Life Center

Friday, February 14, 2025 - Sunday, February 16, 2025

Your effectiveness depends on the conformity of your will with God's. Are you ready to take the next step? When the Lord invites you to "put out into deep waters" (Lk 5:4), He wants to make you more fully His instrument to accomplish His works. And the works of God do not crumble with the passing of time - they last for all eternity.



Scan to Register
Cost: \$285

Email grace.gretz@arlingtondiocese.org with questions



our parish happenings

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4043 PRESENTS

St. Valentine's

♥ DINNER/SOCIAL ♥



PARISH LIFE CENTER
••• FEBRUARY 8 | 5:30-8:30PM •••

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
Herb Roasted Chicken, Roasted Potatoes,
Glazed Carrots, Garden Salad, and Desserts

**All proceeds will be used to upgrade
the PLC Kitchen**

Adults/Teens - \$15
Seniors (60+) - \$12
Children (7-12) - \$10

MAXIMUM PRICE PER FAMILY: \$40



CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS

9th Annual Roses of Castile Gala Fundraiser

TO BENEFIT THE GUADALUPE
FREE CLINIC OF COLONIAL BEACH
CELEBRATING ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

OLD HICKORY GOLF CLUB
11921 CHANCEDFORD DR
WOODBIDGE, VA 22192

FROM 530PM TO 11PM
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

[HTTPS://GUADALUPEFREECLINIC.ORG/GALA](https://guadalupefreeclinic.org/gala)

St. Mary's Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 1pm - Friday 9am

Contact Adoration@stmaryfred.org
Permanent adorers and substitutes are needed



noticias en español

LIBERADO
liberacion libertad pertenencia



Conferencia Libres y Felices en Cristo Jesus

Basado en las 5 Llaves de Liberado de Neal Lozano (Unbound) • El Ministerio Liberado pone el poder de Dios en los corazones heridos

22 y 23 febrero de 2025 22 feb 8am-4pm y 23 feb 8am-4pm

\$50
por persona

Centro de Vida Parroquial, Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception
1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

incluye comida y materiales
(Hay ayuda financiera disponible, comuníquese directamente con Giovanni)

La conferencia te dara el poder

para romper el poder de las cadenas que atan/esclavizan tu vida para que puedas caminar en plena libertad

Cada uno de nosotros esta peleando una batalla invisible con:

- Pensamientos negativos, pecados ocultos y relaciones no sanas
- Hábitos destructivos, ídolos y falsa identidad
- Resentimiento; heridas y amarguras que parecen nunca sanar

¿Que tal si tu vida pudiece alcanzar y experimentar el amor de Dios?
Tu vida nunca seria igual!

Para mas Información llamar a:

Giovanni (540) 373-6491
Gustavo 540-229-3313

Cupo Limitado

Por la naturaleza de la conferencia es importante no traer niños.

Enlace de registro:
<https://bit.ly/4t4H4WH>



He aquí, yo estoy a la puerta y llamo; si alguno oye mi voz y abre la puerta, entraré a él, y cenaré con él y él conmigo.

Ap. 3,20



¿QUIERES APRENDER A CONSEGUIR PAZ EN TU VIDA?

Encuétrate con Dios y contigo mismo aprendiendo a orar y meditar la palabra en 15 sesiones que cambiarán tu vida.

Inicio: sábado 01 de febrero
Horario: de 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.
Lugar: Saint Mary Catholic Church Casa Juan Pablo II
Contacto: Olga Ortiz (540) 359-1738

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

"Dios reconoce a una Carmelita por su alma." A través de los últimos años, he sentido estas palabras de Isabel de la Trinidad resonando en las circunstancias de mi propia vida. Mi jornada ha sido una de desapego, de yo decir, siguiendo el patrón de Juan de la Cruz, "Ni el baile, ni el arte, ni la música, ni la poesía; ni la amistad puramente humana, ni los lazos familiares, ni siquiera el



amor romántico—sino sólo Dios, quien es la realización de todo deseo, el océano hacia cual corren todos los riachuelos del corazón humano." Sorprendentemente, la pérdida, o más bien, la renuncia de todas estas cosas genuinamente buenas me ha llevado a un lugar de profunda paz, y me he dado cuenta que me estoy convirtiendo más y más en mi misma, o sea, Suya. He comenzado a aprender lo que Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz quiso decir cuando escribió, "para edificar una estructura de santidad...uno debe excavar a lo profundo, uno debe descender hasta el abismo de su ser para poder ser levantado hacia la luz del sol, hacia el amor divino y la compasión." Entonces, es con un espíritu de gran alegría y esperanza que comparto con ustedes que he sido aceptada para entrar como postulante en el Carmelo de Port Tobacco el 2 de Febrero de este año. Gracias por acompañarme en esta jornada a través de sus oraciones. Estaré rezando por ustedes y por sus familias.

Que Dios los bendiga ahora y siempre,
Emma

Únete a nosotros en una Misa de Acción de Gracias por el don de Emma Atkinson mientras se prepara para ingresar a la Orden de las Carmelitas Descalzas Domingo, 26 de enero - Misa a las 2:30pm

Recepción a continuación en el Centro de Vida Parroquial

**"Solo el amor da valor a todas las cosas."
Santa Teresa de Jesús**

operations given in love

Donations Received December 17 - 23

<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	\$33,551.00
<i>Parish Debt Reduction</i>	\$432.00
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	\$136.00
<i>Arlington Catholic Herald</i>	\$110.00
<i>Poor Box St Vincent de Paul</i>	\$224.00

Donations Received December 24 - 30

<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	\$39,214.00
<i>Christmas Offering</i>	\$48,790.00
<i>Parish Christmas Special Charities</i>	\$450.00
<i>Debt Reduction</i>	\$166.00
<i>Poor Box St Vincent de Paul</i>	\$473.00

Donations Received December 31 - January 8

<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	\$33,002.51
<i>Christmas Offering</i>	\$300.00
<i>Debt Reduction</i>	\$300.00
<i>Arlington Catholic Herald</i>	\$1,313.00
<i>Poor Box St Vincent de Paul</i>	\$660.00

Faith Direct Donations December 16

<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	\$24,607.00
<i>Catholic Charities</i>	\$507.00
<i>Christmas Offering</i>	\$1,035.00
<i>Parish Christmas Special Charities</i>	\$525.00
<i>Debt Reduction</i>	\$705.00
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	\$320.00

Church in Latin America Collection

January 25 & 26

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit usccb.org/latin-america.

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Para muchos en América Latina y el Caribe, una creciente cultura secular, terrenos rurales difíciles y una escasez de ministros todos son obstáculos para practicar la fe. Su apoyo a la colecta proporciona capacitación para el liderazgo laico, la catequesis, la formación para sacerdotes y religiosos y otros programas para compartir nuestra fe católica con aquellos que anhelan escuchar la Buena Nueva de Cristo. Para informarse más sobre cómo sus donativos hacen una diferencia, visiten usccb.org/latin-america.

Children's Charity - January

Camp Rainbow, sponsored by Mary Washington Healthcare Grief Support Services, is a day camp for children who are coping with the loss of a loved one. Camp Rainbow provides a path for child campers along their journey through grief and toward healing. Little Buddies (child participants) are paired with trained Big Buddies (adult volunteers) to explore their feelings through age-appropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-on-one time. Expressive therapies such as art, music and dance are used to assist children with their grief and are balanced with traditional camp activities, like arts and crafts, kayaking, and singing by the fire. *Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office and are a wonderful way for children to learn about helping those in need. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.*

First Offering Contributions to Help Offset Cost of Collection Envelopes

Each year in January the envelope packet always includes an envelope marked "First Offering" with a suggested donation of \$15.00. This is not a regular collection, but merely a request for a free-will offering to help offset the cost of the printing and bimonthly mailing of collection envelopes to more than 5,000 parish families. From July 2023 to June 2024, the parish's cost for the offering envelopes was \$33,342.88. First Offering donations received for the same period totaled \$5,128.00. Your generosity and support in helping to offset the cost of the envelopes is greatly appreciated.

Pro-Life Reflection

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, Jr., while marching at the annual March for Life was asked, "Does this remind you of the civil rights movement and the marches with your uncle?" Her response was, "This is the civil rights movement." The message of Martin Luther King was not just about the equality of our black brothers and sisters; it was about the equality of all our brothers and sisters. Civil rights begin with the right to life. Defend Your people, O God, and protect the rights You have given to them all. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We welcome you to join with bishops, ecumenical officers and representatives of judicatories across Virginia to pray for unity hosted by the Virginia LARCUM Committee.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 7:30pm

**Saint Bernadette Catholic Church, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152 -- 703-451-8576**



liturgy

daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - January

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Bernice Schlosser, Bobby Anderson, Bonita Boyer, Brenda Gabriel, Carol Dalton, Cathy Nichols, Chamberlyn Guerra, Charles Boyer, Chris Breth, Connie Brimmer, David Smetek, Dean Albrecht, Deanie Ryder, Drew LoRusso, Gennaro Balletta, Jason Stoker, Joanne O'Brien, Karl Eugene, Larry DeLaney, Logan Leslie, Manuel Iraheta, Mark Smetek, MaryAnn Seidlinger, Maryann Carroll, Michael Fedowitz III, Pat Fish, Rita Hagans, Rita Williams, Shirley Bozicevic, Tom O'Brien, William Pell

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 Jobs, 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, Staff Sergeant Sean Walker Brown, Matthew Sampson, Kenneth Linstrom, Lt. Gregory Odland

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.

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

January

20 MONDAY

6:30am Tom Rice+
9:00am Khang Van Nguyễn+
Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

21 TUESDAY

6:30am David Andrew Frasher
9:00am Anthony Khang Van Nguyễn
12:00pm Karen Sturtevant
Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

22 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Aristedes Lucas
8:15am* Respect for All Life
9:00am Ross Retterer
12:00pm Stephen Inguanti, Jr.+
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6

23 THURSDAY

6:30am Jason Petrim
9:00am John Sturtevant
Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12

24 FRIDAY

6:30am Nicole L. Betts
9:00am Robert Podlesny+
Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

25 SATURDAY

9:00am Michelle Alvarado
5:00pm Lucy Mary Sandoval+
7:00pm Edward Fischer+
Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18

26 SUNDAY

7:00am Gilbert and Mariela Alvarez+
8:30am For our Parish
8:30am* Jason Petrim
10:30am Roy Doris+
10:30am* Anna Rymarulh+
12:30pm Our Military, Living and Deceased
2:30pm Rose de Maria
Quintanilla de Escobar+
5:00pm Sylvia Bibby+
7:00pm Joseph Ngon Vu+
Neh 8:2-4a-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

** 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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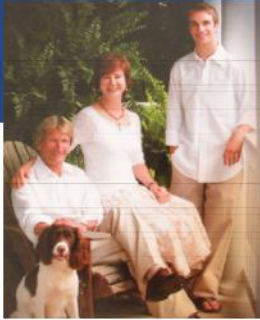
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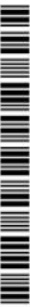
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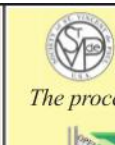
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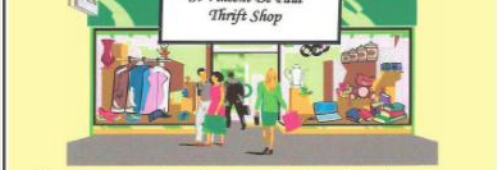
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