

**September 14, 2025**

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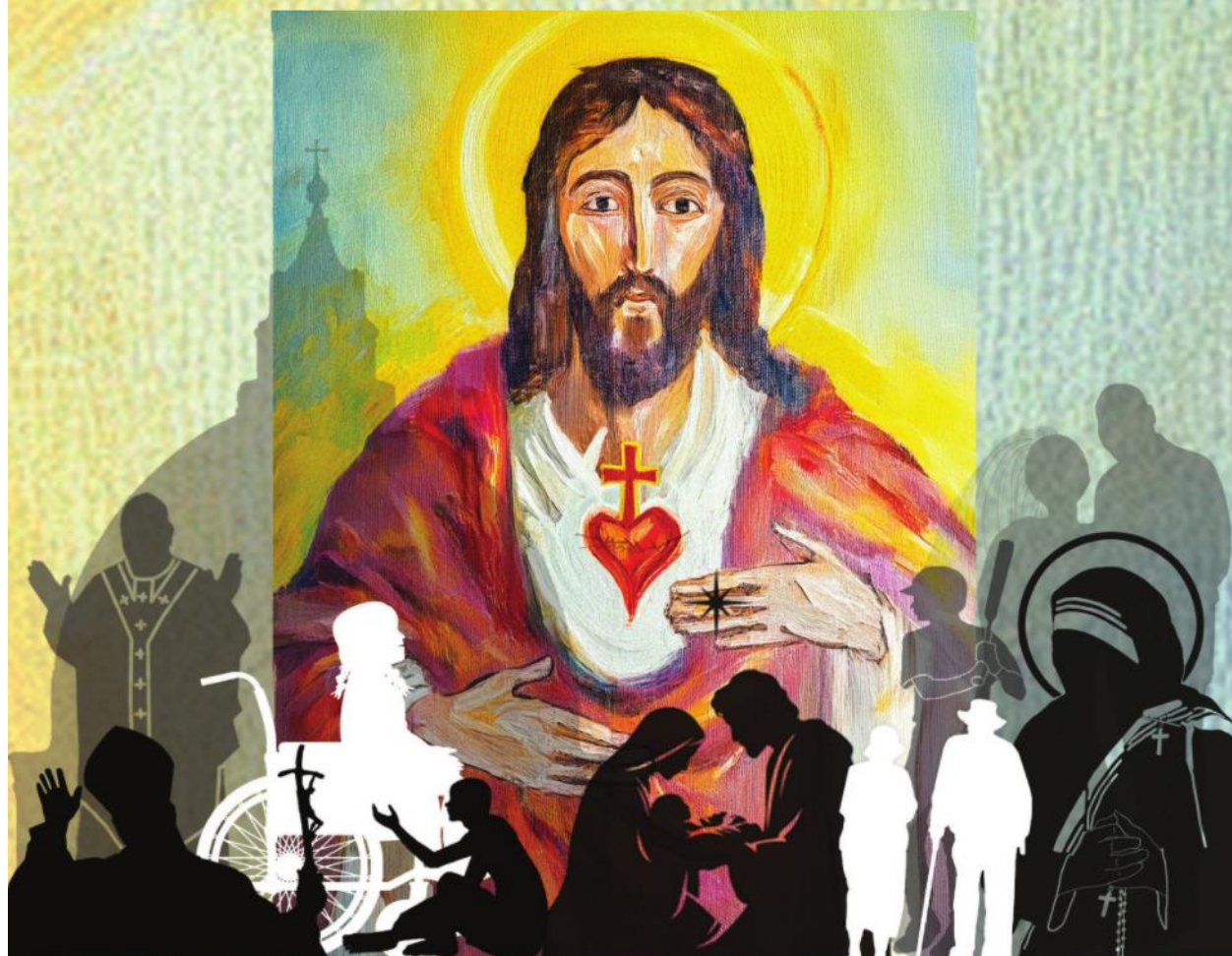
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1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

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## Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

# capital campaign

# grow our legacy in faith

**FROM THE DESK OF THE HCA PTO PRESIDENT KATHLEEN LOGAN BUTTS.**

A letter of appreciation to the many Parishioners and Holy Cross Families who dedicated their time, treasure, and talent to make what was thought to be impossible, the expansion of our parish school, such a success in just fourteen months!

*To Our Community of Faith,*

*"We will be forever grateful to all the Capital Campaign donors, including the many Holy Cross Academy families and Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception parishioners. Your generosity helped fulfill longtime hopes, dreams, and a vision.*

*In thanksgiving for the completion of the Holy Cross Academy expansion, the Saint Helena Chapel and the many beautiful new additions to our school; the Holy Cross Academy Parent Teacher Organization provided each student with a Holy Cross Novena prayer card and invited them and the school community to pray the Holy Cross Novena beginning on September 11, 2025, the Feast of the Holy Cross. With grateful hearts, the special prayer intentions of each donor will be remembered throughout the nine days that the students and school community pray the Holy Cross Novena, which will conclude on September 19, 2025."*



## **The Holy Cross Novena**

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates the discovery by Saint Helena of the True Cross of Christ. Pray this Holy Cross Novena to draw closer to Christ Crucified.

Jesus, Who because of Your burning love for us willed to be crucified and to shed Your Most Precious Blood for the redemption and salvation of our souls, look down upon us and grant the petition we ask that you for (mention your request here...). We trust completely in Your Mercy.

Cleanse us from sin by Your Grace, sanctify our work, give us and all those who are dear to us our daily bread, lighten the burden of our sufferings, bless our families, and grant to the nations, so sorely afflicted, Your Peace, which is the only true peace, so that by obeying Your Commandments we may come at last to the glory of Heaven.

## **Concluding Prayer**

Lord, we exalt Your Holy Cross, upon which You redeemed the world. Grant us a share in Your sufferings, uniting our crosses to Yours, so that we may share in Your Heavenly glory forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Novena Cards are available in the St. Helena Chapel of the school.



# from our pastor

Dear Folks,

This weekend, we have the joy of announcing the winners of our Volunteer of the Year Awards, nominated by you—our parish family. It's a small way to shine a light on the big hearts that quietly serve our parish behind the scenes.

St. Mary's could not accomplish all that it does without so many amazing volunteers. I often think that a big part of my vocation is to encourage each of you to use your gifts to serve the Lord. If I can help point you in the right direction, then I can get out of the way and wonder at the marvelous works of the Lord.

Please take a moment to read the announcement here in the bulletin. One of the award winners gave me a big hug after the announcements at the leadership dinner! It seems he was surprised that someone had noticed. Noticing and being grateful are essential to a healthy spiritual life—for each of us, and for the parish as a whole. Conversely, be vigilant in rooting out any sense of entitlement that could stir envy or bitterness in your soul!

To all who made nominations, and to all who were nominated: thank you. Every year, I'm grateful for how the nomination process brings someone into focus who has been quietly serving with great, often hidden, generosity.

There's no shortage of work to do in any parish, and it can be a challenge to serve the needs of 6,700 families (yes, you read that number right!). But St. Mary's thrives when all of her children are giving of their time, talent, and treasure. These Volunteers of the Year winners all give heroically.

And a bonus shout-out to Margaret Ford, who was honored with a "Lifetime Achievement Award"! Since she was previously honored many years ago with a Volunteer of the Year Award and continued serving in many ways, she was eligible, per the rules, for this special recognition. Thank you, Margaret!

This year, we announced a new award, "The Pastor's Above and Beyond Award", given to Mike Hamann. Why? Because his work as general contractor went beyond and above industry standards! His children have graduated from HCA, but he is truly leaving the school much better than he found it. Thank you, Mike, Margaret, and all of our honorees! We were thrilled with an impromptu drop-in from a visiting Bishop! God is good!

Pax (et Bonum!),

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



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# announcements



## contact us

### **SUNDAY MASS**

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

### **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 Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Joseph Connor, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Alberto Bernaola

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

## stmaryfred.org

### **MUSIC**

Joseph Ciskanik  
Director of Music, musicdirector@stmaryfred.org  
Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

### **HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**

540-286-1600  
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234  
Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry,  
sfry@holycrossweb.com

### **HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL**

Director, Allison Gardner  
540-286-1600

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans  
Associate Director, Amy MacKinnon  
Administrative Assistant, Sonia Spencer

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Director, Tatiana Beltran  
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

### **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)**

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans  
kevans@stmaryfred.org

### **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 or Margaret Bereit  
margaret@stmaryfred.org

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

## Welcome Mrs. Gillen!

Let's give a warm Crusader welcome to Mrs. Alexandria Gillen, our new 7th Grade Science Teacher and Homeroom Lead for 7-1 at Holy Cross Academy!

My name is Alexandria Gillen, and I am the new middle school science teacher at Holy Cross Academy! For the last five years, I've worked as an Education Specialist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, supporting teachers and students to learn about and care for our ocean. In that role, I was fortunate to travel around the country (and even as far afield as South Korea!) to classrooms, conferences, and more to share materials, discoveries, and best practices on ocean science and education.



Before joining the team at NOAA, I taught for four years at St. James School in north Philadelphia as part of an Episcopal Service Corps program called Servant Year. While my original plan was to stay for one year, I loved the work so much I stayed for another three, even while pursuing my Master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania. It was such a blessing to be a part of a community focused on learning and growing in faith together, and I am grateful to be joining a new community with that same focus!

I have lived in Virginia for the last five years, but got familiar with the DMV area while getting my undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland (go terps!). When I'm not in the classroom, you can usually find me outside in my garden or reading.



## WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM!

We are excited to announce that we are hiring two dedicated individuals to join our after-school care team! This is a fantastic opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of children, working from 3-6pm. If you're passionate about nurturing young minds and creating a fun, safe environment, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Michael Klupenger at [mklupenger@holycrossweb.com](mailto:mklupenger@holycrossweb.com) for more information.



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**HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**

# GOLF

**TOURNAMENT**

**MONDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 29**

**GAUNTLET GOLF CLUB | 9AM SHOTGUN START**

1st - 2nd - 3rd Place Prizes  
Longest Drive, Closest to pin, Hole-in-One  
18 Holes with Genius Electric Score Card  
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# our parish religious education

## Upcoming Events

**Mon-Wed, 9/15-17**

Religious Education Week 2,  
Spanish Parent Formation begins

**Friday, 9/19**

Home-Taught Parents Meeting,  
6:30pm in the PLC

**Saturday, 9/20**

Catechist Certification Class  
CAT101-2 at St. Patrick Church,  
9:30am-3:30pm

## Religious Ed Classes Have Begun!

Last weekend our catechists all took the Oath of Fidelity to the Catholic Church, a solemn promise in which they pledged loyalty and obedience to the Catholic Church and her Magisterium. This Oath safeguards the Church's teaching mission by ensuring that those who teach our children will do so in full fidelity to Christ and His Church.

Then, on Monday-Wednesday, we had a great Kick-Off! Religious Education students and their parents found their classrooms, met their catechists, picked up their books, and learned all about the exciting new changes and programs we have put in place:

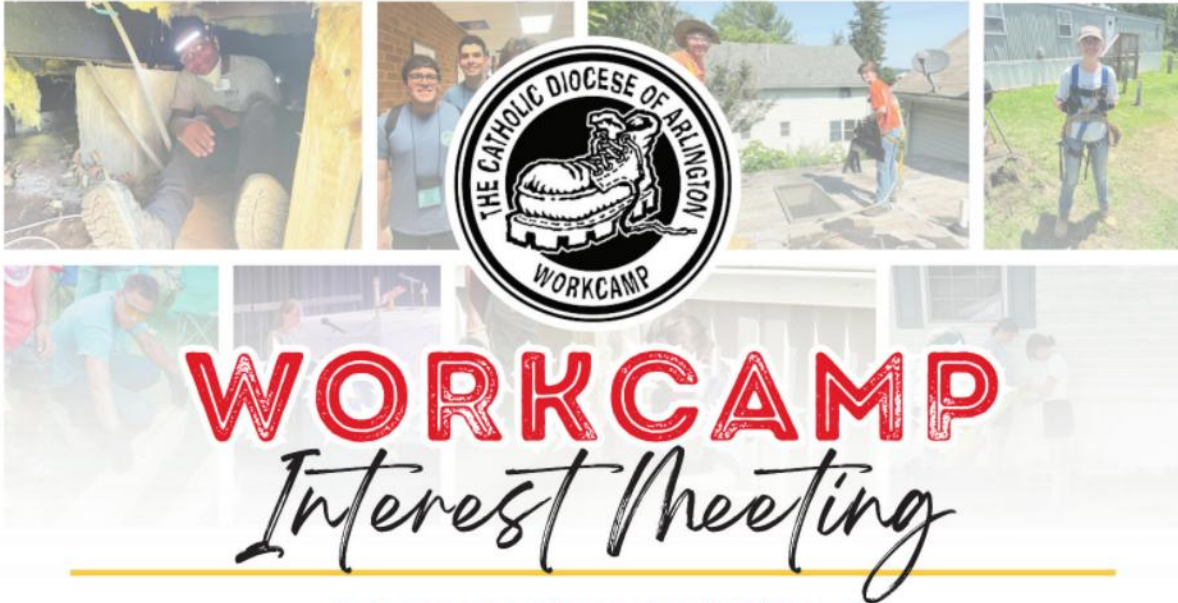
- We met new staff: Amy MacKinnon, Assistant DRE and Sonia Spencer, RE Administrative Assistant
- We met lots of new catechists and volunteers
- We learned about the new OCIT program for high school students missing one or more sacraments
- We picked up our calendars for the coming RE year

The official deadline for RE registration was 8/29, and some of our classes are now closed. But we still have room in several sessions, so please contact Sonia Spencer if you have not yet registered your child. Sonia can be reached at: 540-373-6491 x 208 or at [sspencer@stmaryfred.org](mailto:sspencer@stmaryfred.org).

## SEPTEMBER RE CALENDAR 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 All RE volunteer training 5:30-8:30pm	3	4	5	6 Oath of Fidelity Weekend
7 Oath of Fidelity Weekend	8 RE KICK OFF! 4:45-6, 6:30-7:45	9 RE KICK OFF! 4:45-6, 6-7:15pm HCA, 6:30-7:45pm	10 RE KICK OFF! 6:30-7:45	11	12 Homeschooling Parents Meeting 6:30pm	13 SPRED 10-12 PARISH PICNIC 3-7 @HCA CAT CERT 101-1 9:30-3:30 @ St. Pat's
14	15 RE: 4:45-6, 6:30-7:45	16 RE: 4:45-6, 6-7:15 HCA, 6:30-7:45	17 RE: 6:30-7:45	18	19 Home-Taught Parents Meeting 6:30pm	20 CAT CERT 101-2 9:30-3:30 @ St. Pat's
21	22 RE: 4:45-6, 6:30-7:45	23 RE: 4:45-6, 6-7:15 HCA, 6:30-7:45	24 RE: 6:30-7:45	25	26	27 Parish Life Weekend
28 Parish Life Weekend	29 RE: 4:45-6, 6:30-7:45	30 RE: 4:45-6, 6-7:15 HCA, 6:30-7:45	1-Oct RE: 6:30-7:45	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct CAT CERT 102-1 @ St. Pat's

# our parish youth ministry



DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON WORKCAMP  
SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
JUNE 20 - JUNE 26, 2026

**Monday, October 13 from 6:30 - 7:30pm**  
Parish Life Center

All current 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to come learn more about WorkCamp, where teens spend a week in June living in an **intentional Christian community** making homes warmer, safer, and drier for people in need within the Diocese.

**ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE THIS SUMMER. AT LEAST ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND WITH THE INTERESTED TEEN.**

LEARN MORE AT [STMARYFRED.ORG/WORKCAMP](http://STMARYFRED.ORG/WORKCAMP)

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**Catie Espiritu**  
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# our parish

# 2025 volunteers

## 2025 Volunteers of the Year

St. Mary's is proud to honor the following individuals this year as Volunteers of the Year for their remarkable service to the parish and ministries. Each one has selflessly given countless hours in building up the kingdom of God. Truly their lives are lead in the service of others,

Fr. Mosimann and those attending the 5pm Mass this Sunday will honor them in person followed by a lovely dinner at Renato's with Father and their family members. Please take a moment to congratulate and thank them!

May God Reward each for their goodness!

### **VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR**

#### **Claire & Marcel Dionne**

- Serving as ushers over 5 years
- Leading the Rosary Rally – American Needs Fatima in the FXBG region for many years
- Served as adult altar servers for funerals and other Masses
- Faithfully served as Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

#### **Julie Finnegan**

- Devoted Eucharistic Minister to the homebound and nursing homes – bringing Christ to the sick, lonely and elderly.
- Serving as an usher, greeter whenever needed
- Helping decorate the church for Christmas & Easter

#### **Gustavo & Kathryn Guzman**

- SUPER Leaders in the Hispanic Ministry organizing the Grupo Mariano and Grupo de Oracion
- Organizing countless retreats throughout the year, Liberado, Nueva Vida etc.
- Serving as the coordinators of one of our Brisben Shelter Dinner teams
- Helping Outreach with various parishioners in need.
- Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

#### **Yesi Lemus**

- Serving as Eucharistic Minister
- Cooks for many parish events – especially the Marriage Prep course and Religions education
- Helps in Outreach
- Fundraises for the seminarians in India – tens of thousands of dollars collected for the seminarians

#### **Rachel Luciani**

- Actively involved in serving Youth Ministry since 2017
- Supporting the YOUCAT program, Middle School Youth Group, Sunday Night HS group, Workcamp, Banica Mission Trip
- Has Served as a catechist for many years





# our parish of the year

## **Angela Moulton**

- Serving in the Legion of Mary for over 4 years – consistently visiting the residents of Hughes Home and other nursing homes in our region.
- She prayer the rosary with residents, listens, is compassionate
- Permanent Adorer

## **Jim Shall**

- Has led the Prison Ministry for over 10 years
- Essential in assisting the Called & Gifted Program
- Usher at the 12:30 Mass
- Member of Stewardship Committee
- Leader for the Brisben Center dinner team

## **Robert Simmons**

- Usher for 8:30, 10:30 & 12:30 Masses EVERY Sunday
- He is gentle, kind and humble
- At a time when we really need ushers he has stepped up in a BIG way

## **Scott & Caryn Vezina**

- Began the Cana Family Ministry over 10 years ago
- Led and organized the Vacation Bible School Program
- Finance council

## **LIFETIME AWARD WINNERS**

### **Leticia Gonzalez**

- Over 20 years working tirelessly for the Hispanic ministry
- Assisting in the OCIA program and RE
- A joy to work with – has brought countless people and families to Christ

### **Margaret Ford**

- Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion for over 10 years. Visiting folks in their homes and/or assisted living. Many people owe their reception of Jesus to Margaret's selflessness and kindness
- Worked hand and hand with many pastors to organize countless tours – dedicating hours to get the details just right.
- BEST TOUR GUIDE TO IRELAND

## **THE PASTOR'S ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD**

### **Mike Hammn**

Dedicated countless hours of service to the expansion project at Holy Cross Academy. Working tirelessly with many contractors and Stafford County Officials to get the project completed on-time and within budget. HCA was able to open on-time due to Mike's hard work on our behalf!

# our parish happenings



## ~ Help Support the Snack Bag Program ~ Hugh Mercer Students

Our local elementary school has identified 60 children who rely on receiving school meals as their main source of nourishment. On the weekends many of these children go hungry and the school has reached out to area churches to ask for assistance. St. Mary's is happy to help and will be providing snack bags on the 4th Friday of every month.

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER

Sign-up to drop off food items by visiting  
<https://bit.ly/3TM9z72>

Make a donation to St. Mary Church – include  
“Outreach-Snack Bags” on the memo line.

Thank you in advance for your goodness! Questions,  
contact Elena Doyle [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org)

## CCW to Welcome Randy James

The special guest speaker at the Council of Catholic Women's meeting on Tuesday, September 16, will be Randy James, founder of Paul Stefan Homes. Randy will be sharing about that accomplishment, and about his personal faith journey. We will meet at 10am in the Parish Life Center main hall; everyone is most welcome. After Randy's talk we will enjoy refreshments, have a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, offer tickets for our annual “Big (up to \$500) Raffle,” and conduct a brief but informative business meeting. Learn all about St. Mary CCW at our website, [stmaryccw.org](http://stmaryccw.org) and follow us at [Facebook.com/StMaryCCW](https://Facebook.com/StMaryCCW). Sign up for Newsletters at [StMaryCCWNews@aol.com](mailto:StMaryCCWNews@aol.com).



The Catholic women's ministry that develops Bible studies that aim to bring us to a deeper relationship with Christ. It is not a walking program. Each study presents practical Biblical teachings consistent with Church doctrine. Be a part of a **Catholic women's group that will help you grow in your faith!** Choose the study that best meets your needs.

**Opening Your Heart:** The Starting Point: Thursdays 6-7:30 in the Parish Life Center (begins on 9/18/25 to 4/23/26)

**Touching the Divine:** Thursdays 6-7:30PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 9/18/25 to 4/23/26)

**Grounded in Hope:** Thursdays 6-7:30PM in the Parish Life Center (begins 9/18/25 to 4/16/26)

**Rooted and Radiant:** Mondays 9:30-11:30AM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 9/15/25 to 5/11/26) OR Tuesdays 6-7:30PM in the HCA Library (begins 10/7/25 to 5/11/26)

**Discovering our Dignity:** Zoom meeting Thursdays 6:30-8PM (begins 9/18/25 to 4/23/26)

**Ordering Your Priorities:** Fridays 10-11:30AM in the John Paul II House (begins on 9/12/25 to 6/12/26)

Books can be purchased online at [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com). Come and see what we're all about! We look forward to meeting you! Find us at Facebook at Walking With Purpose- St. Mary's Fredericksburg  
For more information and to register for a class contact Lisa Sarber at [lisakymi@aol.com](mailto:lisakymi@aol.com)

# our parish happenings

## St. Mary Young Adult End of Summer Cook Out

September 21 | 3-7pm | Old Mill Park

GAMES! FOOD! FELLOWSHIP! FUN!

Bring a dish/dessert to share!

Hamburgers/Hotdogs will be provide!

Scan the QR code to RSVP today!

Reach out to Tyler at  
[stmaryyava@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryyava@gmail.com) for  
more information!



This event is open to  
parishioners between the ages of 18 & 39!

## Are You a Crafter?

Do you like to knit, crochet, bead, sew, make jewelry, make rosaries, or any other craft? Please join the Stafford County Catholic Women's Crafting and Fellowship Group on Saturday, September 27 from 10am-12pm at Salem Library. Bring your tools and join us for friendship, fellowship, and crafting. We will meet once a month on Saturday. All crafts and all experience levels are welcome!

Saturday, September 27th

10am-12pm

Rappahannock Regional Library - Salem Library  
2607 Salem Church Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407.  
Questions? Please contact Gabriela Guazzo at 571-867-8467.

## CURSILLO

The Arlington Diocese will be holding a Women's Cursillo at Missionhurst Retreat Center in Arlington Va, September 18-21. The cost is \$300. All are invited to come renew their faith. Cursillo is a long-standing movement within the Catholic Church aimed to strengthen leadership. It is a means to provide a meaningful learning experience with other Catholic women. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity with long lasting effects for each person's faith journey. Contact: Miguel Ayala, [miguel.a.ayala@gmail.com](mailto:miguel.a.ayala@gmail.com) or go to [arlingtoncursillo.org](http://arlingtoncursillo.org) for applications.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4034

PRESENTS



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

5:30pm until 8pm

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**

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.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church,  
Parish Life Center

## ADHD Skills Group

Are you disorganized? Easily distracted?

Are you pretty sure you have ADD/  
ADHD? Learn how to feel more  
organized and prepared through the  
**ADHD Skills Group this fall.**



On October 8, 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, 6:30pm-8pm**. To learn more, please call the office at 540-371-1124. Registration deadline is September 19.

There will be a fee to participate, based on your household's income and size. A short survey and discussion with the facilitator will determine if the group is appropriate for you. Ages 18+



# our parish happenings

## St Mary Opening Homeschool Mass and Reception

St Mary homeschoolers, please join us on Tuesday, September 30 at the 9am Mass for the first Mass of the school year, and stay for the reception in the PLC to meet friends new and old!



For planning purposes, please RSVP at [bit.ly/stmhsmass](http://bit.ly/stmhsmass) or scan the code.

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

*It's TIME to engage in your faith life... Just say YES and let God do the rest!*

WHO DO YOU SAY  
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Join us for  
Parish Life Weekend  
September 27 & 28th!

Parish ministries will be present after Mass for you to sign-up  
and join in the great work being done at St. Mary!



# our parish happenings

## OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults at St. Mary

THURSDAYS AT 7pm  
September 18th through Pentecost

Become Catholic  
Delve deeper into the Faith  
Fulfill a missing Sacrament

All materials will be provided

**All are welcome!**

To register contact  
Dr. Katherine Evans, OCIA Director  
kevans@stmaryfred.org | 540-373-6491 x230

**Hosted by Society  
of St. Vincent  
de Paul (SVdP),  
Conference of St.  
Mary and St. Jude,  
Fredericksburg, VA**



Saturday, September 27 –  
Rain or Shine  
Registration begins at 9:15am — Walk starts at 10am  
John Lee Pratt Memorial Park, 120 River Road,  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Walk with us to make a difference! Every step helps neighbors in need. 100% of funds raised will support SVdP's mission of serving people living in poverty right here in our community.

Can't Walk? Select "Give" and donate to a walker or to "SVdP Walk."

Register/Donate at [bit.ly/walkforpoor](https://bit.ly/walkforpoor) or scan below



This is an interactive men's program that blends scientific research with Catholic teaching to help men live fully and faithfully. By addressing real-life pressures and temptations, it equips men to lead and transform their homes and communities.



### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday Mornings  
September 6th – Start Date  
Saint Mary of the Immaculate  
Conception

### SCHEDULE:

6:00AM– Breakfast/Fellowship  
6:45AM– Video (Church)  
7:20AM– Small Groups  
8:00–Final Blessing

### REGISTRATION:

Scan QR Code for Registration For  
more info call or email Peter  
Paquette at (540) 847-1434 or  
[paquettepeter@yahoo.com](mailto:paquettepeter@yahoo.com)

# our parish happenings



## El Grupo Mujer Llena de Gracia



Te invita a participar de sus  
Reuniones semanales los días jueves  
**iniciando con la santa Misa a las 9:00am**  
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Matthew 9: 37-38



# our parish happenings

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*Masses were offered in August for the following unscheduled intentions: Cristina Macias y Daniel Garcia, and a Special Intention.*

## Religious Education Collection

The Second Collection next weekend supports the Religious Education Program of our Parish. Your generosity in supporting the faith formation of our children is sincerely appreciated.

## Children's Charity - September

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of September will be donated to Stafford Junction. In 2002, the Stafford County Sheriff's Department assessed the Olde Forge community, which was known for its high crime rate. The evaluation identified several challenges such as poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, unsupervised children, and the arrival of non-English speaking and refugee families. In response, the Sheriff's Department launched a call for action that led to the establishment of Stafford Junction, a non-profit organization with a faith-based approach focused on enhancing the well-being of children and families in low-income regions of Stafford County. Stafford Junction's programs prioritize education, nutrition, and healthy living. Its goal is to improve the lives of those living in low-resource areas by providing them with a path to a better future. For more information, visit their website at [staffordjunction.org](http://staffordjunction.org). Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

## Pro Life Reflection

*The Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross is today. Because His death destroyed our own, the Cross is a symbol of ultimate triumph over evil and a symbol of the cross we must embrace in everyday life. Especially if we work to save the unborn, we are*

*subject to ridicule and rejection. Our plans for pro-life activity should not be geared towards avoiding rejection but rather should count on it. Lord may we see the cross as our triumph today and forever. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day)*

## Important Notice From Faith Direct Upgrade to Parishsoft Giving

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# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - September

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Kate Barboza, Michael Bare, Gloria Brennan, David Brown, Bonita and Chuck Boyer, Jonette Boyer, Shirley Bozicevic, Maryann Carroll, Ryan Carson, Glenn Cunningham, Dawn Dittmer, Mary Ann Gragan, Michael Fedowitz III, Colleen Himelright, Stephanie Huff, Kiri Johnson, Keith & Theresa Kovalefsky, Pam Kraemer, Lloyd Keeton, Joseph Krieg, Joe Leffel, Bill Lehmebeck Jr., Tamlyn Leaf, Logan Leslie, Dustin Lieske, Drew LoRusso, Maria Mangini, Claire Matthews, Emory Miller, Gary Miller, Jacob Moser, Margaret Murphy, Gloria O'Connor, JoAnne O'Brien, William Pell, Doris Pohwala, the Kathleen Price Family, Mary Quinn, Gregory Ruth, Laverne Ruth, Bernice Schlosser, Jack Smith, Jason Stoker, Joe Sullivan, Marlon Zelaya

**Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:**

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**Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.**

## St. Mary Prayer List

As a reminder, we will update our prayer list in the bulletin as a monthly listing. If you would like to include a person on the prayer list, please email [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org) or call the office at 540-373-6491.

Your intention will be included for the month. If you would like your intention to remain, please reach back out and we will happily include it for an additional month.

Did you know.... Our parishioners gather every Wednesday at 3pm – The Hour of Great Mercy - to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

All are warmly welcome to spend time in Adoration in the church and join in this powerful devotion.

"Jesus, I trust in You"



## Mass Intentions

*Please remember, Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If a desired date is no longer available, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.*

## Daily Mass Intentions

### September

#### 15 MONDAY

6:30am Jose A. & Alberto G. Bernoala II+  
8:15am\* Holy Cross Academy  
9:00am Mauricio Chavez+  
12:00pm Carlos Fortunato Martinez+  
1 Tm 2:1-8/Jn 19:25-27

#### 16 TUESDAY

6:30am Carmen Sanchez Martinez  
9:00am Hector Alejandro Camacho Leon  
12:00pm Elizabeth Stoffel+  
1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

#### 17 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Janet Prohaska  
9:00am Jerry Murray Jr.+  
12:00pm Karey Wilhoite  
1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

#### 18 THURSDAY

6:30am Steven and Chau Barlow  
9:00am Laura Paquette  
12:00pm Hazel O'Toole  
1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

#### 19 FRIDAY

6:30am Tam Le  
9:00am Beth Kirk+  
12:00pm Michael DeRieux  
1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

#### 20 SATURDAY

9:00am Michael Correa  
5:00pm Jack Forsyth  
7:00pm For Our Parish  
1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

#### 21 SUNDAY

7:00am Felix Galendez+  
8:30am Benito DeRosa+  
8:30am\* Clara Faye Barnes+  
10:30am Mara Southworth  
10:30am\* David Spellman+  
12:30pm Owen Lea+  
2:30pm Father Sean Koehr  
5:00pm Hazel O'Toole+  
7:00pm Cecile Dibeyi+  
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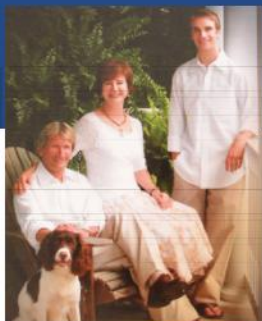
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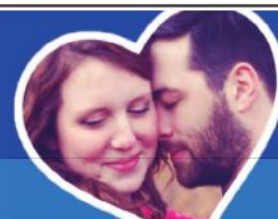
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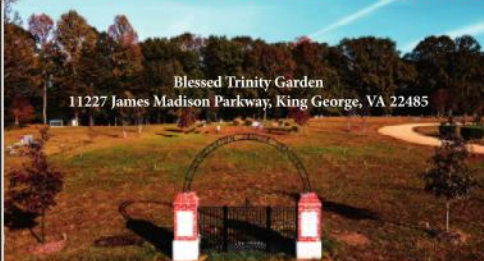


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