

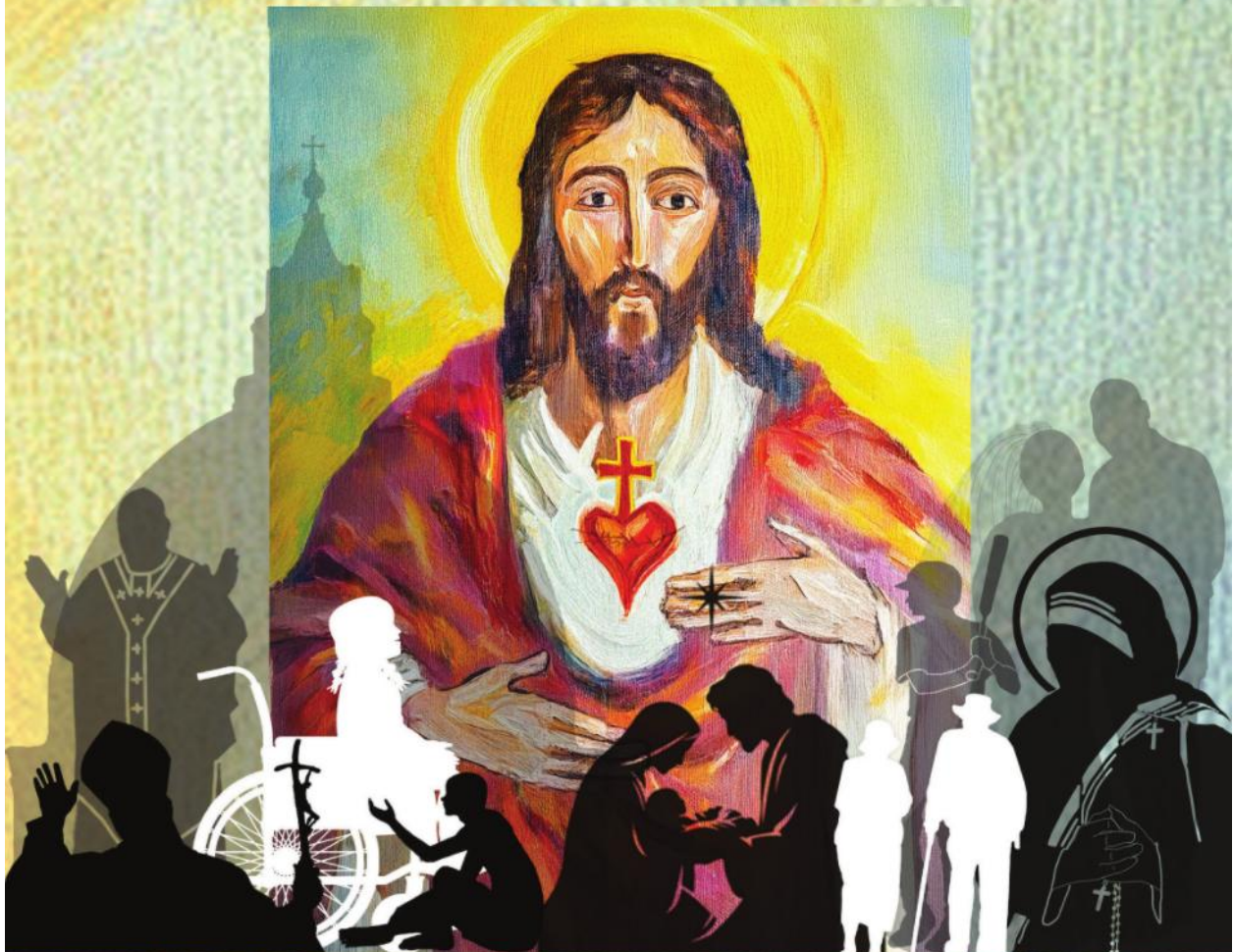
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 21, 2025

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WHO DO YOU SAY
THAT

I am?



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

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grow our legacy in faith

THE DEDICATION MASS AT HOLY CROSS ACADEMY WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE

On Thursday, September 11th, Bishop Burbidge came to Holy Cross Academy! He celebrated mass and dedicated all the new spaces for our expansion completed in just 14 months. As mass ended, the Bishop opened his arms and prayed a prayer of blessing for all the volunteers, construction workers, donors and staff that had worked to make all the new additions to the school possible. He then began his tour of Holy Cross Academy in our brand new cafeteria. He prayed and sprinkled the lovely new space with holy water saying that: *"this is really nice and what an improvement for our students!"* After noticing all the windows and the natural light in the space, the Bishop stopped and prayed over the Donor Brick Wall. He said, *"How Beautiful,"* as he admired all the names. Seeing the brick *"Fly Eagles Fly"* in honor of his beloved Philadelphia Eagles, the Bishop said: *"Wow! That's incredible! Thank you!!"*

Just through the double doors of the new cafeteria, the bishop was greeted with shouts of joy when he asked the first and second graders at recess how they were enjoying their new "bigger and better" playground! After taking pictures with all the kids and their teachers, the bishop went on to tour and bless the new middle school wing meeting with 7th graders in their new Science Lab and 6th graders in their Stem Class! Hands shot up immediately after the Bishop talked to them, asking them, if anyone had any questions for him! One 6th grader asked him if he knew Fr. Dobbins, a family member, that had recently passed away from cancer and the bishop said yes, remarking that he was such a good, priest. Unfazed by the kids calling him *Father*, the Bishop smiled and talked with our students for a long time. Another student asked him if he thought that AI and technology, in general, was a gift from God. The Bishop said "what a good question and that it's a very 'big' gift from God, sent to help us, but that we must remember to use it and all God's gifts wisely!" Before moving on, the Bishop talked a little football with the boys.



From the youngest to our more mature Middle schoolers, the Bishop reminded the students to be good to each other and to seek God in the midst of their academics. The Bishop said, "as important as book knowledge is, *as people of faith*, we know that *the truth* is found ultimately in a person, *Jesus Christ, the Son of God*. The Light of God is what moves us from knowledge to wisdom." As you grow and learn, he encouraged "the kids to pursue a deeper relationship with God as this is where *"the truth"* that we all seek both in this life and the next is revealed."



Bishop Burbidge went on to bless both pre-school classrooms and the St. Helena Chapel. He liked that the classrooms for our pre-schoolers are joined by an interconnecting door and that our littlest Crusaders have their own, separate playground. Both classrooms are also outfitted with two small restrooms to assist our teachers

in meeting the needs of our littlest students. The Bishop prayed and blessed our new school chapel. Pausing, he also took a moment to bless the St. Helena novena prayer cards, prepared by our PTO and being prayed for all our Donors during the holy *Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross*. Next week, please stay tuned for highlights from our Parish Picnic and Scavenger Hunt at Holy Cross, held September 13th. We want to thank St. Scholastica and all the Saints for the beautiful weather! A heartfelt thank you also goes out to our wonderful volunteers and all who attended with their families!!

from our pastor

Dear Folks,

“Who do you say that I am?”

Our theme this year, is a bit of riddle: those words are spoken by Jesus, but how do they change when they are spoken by the Church, or the Pope, or a priest, or your spouse, or the elderly, or the sick and lame?

Every ministry and everyone serving in any capacity needs to ask this question as well? When we serve, it is Our Lord who is serving through us:

By the grace of God, this parish is alive! And we just finished an amazing parish picnic last weekend! So many families, celebrating and rejoicing to see the new school. Our little scavenger hunt booklets?? 1,100 were used to guide folks through the new spaces!! That alone is a resounding success!!

But I'll also share that this observation at the end: when the picnic was shutting down, it fell to people who had already been serving all day to sweep the cafeteria and wipe down tables! I was so convicted of this that I grabbed some cloths to help wipe down tables, and more folks stepped up!

My point is that we all can help in some ways. Everyone. And when we do so, it is our Lord who strengthens and gives success to the work of our hands.

Next week's Parish Life Weekend is a chance for you to allow the Lord to work through you:

- To cook or serve a meal to the hungry,
- To usher at Mass,
- To teach the faith in RE students,
- To mentor youth at workcamp,
- To visit the lonely in nursing homes,
- To give joy to children at the homeless shelter!

And please say a Hail Mary for everyone who has been an instrument of grace for you to know and be served by Jesus.

Thank you and God Bless you!!

Pax (et Bonum!),



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



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

**WHO DO YOU SAY
THAT
I am?**

**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!

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
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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

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MUSIC

Joseph Ciskanik
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Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

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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

holy cross academy

Parish Picnic Joy at St. Mary and Holy Cross Academy!

On September 13, our parish community came together for a spectacular afternoon of fun, fellowship, and food at the annual St. Mary and Holy Cross Academy Parish Picnic! From Outdoor Adventures Galore to exploring our beautiful expansion, what a celebration it was!

From face painting, moon bounce houses, and pony rides to a charming little train complete with a conductor, the outdoor festivities were a hit with kids and grown-ups alike. The scent of cotton candy, grilled hamburgers, and hot dogs filled the air, and every bite was as delicious as the laughter echoing across the lawn.. Inside, families were given an HCA passport and then embarked on a lively scavenger hunt through our newly expanded spaces. Each room offered fun facts, prizes, and engaging activities that highlighted the heart and gave purpose behind every corner of our growing campus. It was both informative and inspiring—a true celebration of progress and community spirit.

If you'd like to be part of this joyful, faith-filled community, we would love to have you join us. Stop by St. Mary Parish or reach out to Dina James at Holy Cross Academy, 540-286-1600, to learn more. Your presence makes all the difference!



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School of
Excellence*



our parish religious education

Parish Life Weekend: September 27-28

Next weekend is Parish Life Weekend, an opportunity to learn about all of the exciting ministries of St. Mary Church. Tents will be set up in front of the Parish Life Center with a place for each ministry to highlight its mission, answer questions, and invite parishioners to join in! If you haven't already signed your children up for Religious Education, sign-up forms will be available at the R.E. tent. If you'd like to volunteer with Religious Education, there will be volunteer forms available as well.

Stop by after all Masses (except the 7pm Sunday Mass), and don't forget to pick up a new Ministry Catalog, too.

September Charity of the Month for R.E.: Stafford Junction

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.

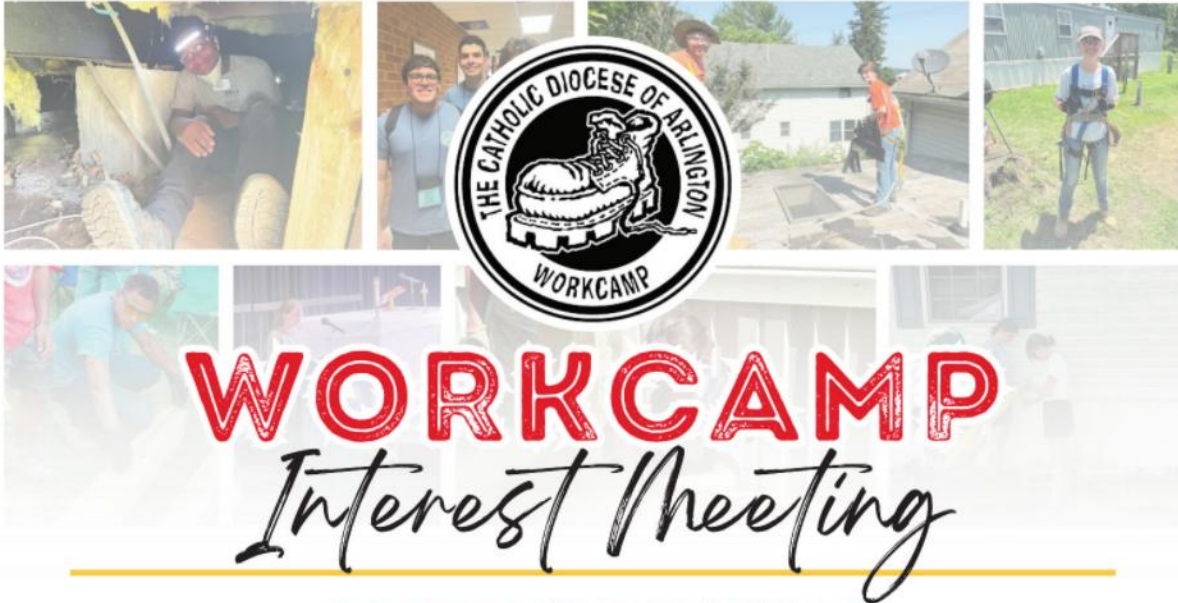


Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

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 9th through 12th 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

Tatiana Beltran
tbeltran@stmaryfred.org

Catie Espiritu
cespiritu@stmaryfred.org

our parish parish picnic

Thank you to all who worked so very hard to host our Parish Picnic this year! It was FANTASTIC!!!

A special THANK YOU to Tony DeMaio, Brian Hellmann, Mark Gardner, Peter Paquette and all the Knights of Columbus! CCW, HCA PTO Maryann Harring & Kathy Butts & HCA staff especially Dina James, Angie Tomayko & Dr. Steve Fry! Thanks to Vison Band and Paul Glancy for bringing back his fabulous animal train!

God is good! If you were not able to see the HCA expansion but are still interested, please reach out to the school directly and set-up a time to come by for a tour.



our parish parish picnic



our parish happenings



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**. 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**

SHRED EVENT

Do you have any old files and paperwork taking up space at your home or office? Plan to join us on Saturday, October 11 from 10am to 1pm for our Shred Event, to dispose of your confidential documents.

Recycling is an essential part of any commitment to sustainability, and we here at St. Mary are responding by offering this community-wide event, which will be open to all in the parish, small businesses, non-profits and area residents.

Deliver materials to the back parking lot behind our Parish Life Center where you will be assisted with unloading your vehicle. There is a 5 box limit per vehicle, and we will continue to accept materials until the truck is full or 1pm, whichever occurs first.

There is no charge, but we are most grateful for free-will donations, which will benefit our Youth Work Camp Program.

We will accept all office-based paper materials, and small metal fasteners such as paper clips and staples. NO binders, hardcover books, newspapers, magazines, plastic or metal objects and electronic media such as CDs and DVDs.

Questions regarding the event can be directed to Elaine Stanislawski at **estanislawski@stmaryfred.org**, or contact the parish office at 540-373-6491.

our parish happenings



SNACK BAG PROGRAM

~ 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

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

National Life Chain Sunday, October 5

Annual Life Chain 2-3:30pm

What is a Life Chain?

The first Life Chain, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by Please Let Me Live, a small pro-life ministry in Yuba City, California. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that has claimed over 65 million lives worldwide, through surgical abortion. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration. Hundreds of Christians – clergy and lay people -- stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs reading Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: The Loving Option, Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation, Life: The First Inalienable Right. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives. Consider the words of Pope Saint John Paul II who said, "When life before birth is attacked, we will stand up. No one ever has the authority to destroy unborn human life."

St. Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 5 and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in front of the Parish Life Center at 1:45pm to pick up our signs and walk up to Emancipation Highway (Route 1), where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Stafford Avenue to College Avenue. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Fredericksburg

This month

Contemplation (with less perspiration):

A Guide to Spiritual Theology

Fr. Joseph Connor is parochial vicar here at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception. A native of Alexandria, Fr. Joseph graduated with an engineering degree from Virginia Tech. He worked in construction before completing seminary formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmittsburg, MD. Known to many Fredericksburgers for his youthful visage, Fr. Joseph is more than just a pretty face. He also loves to play piano, travel, and, most importantly, share with others the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Presenter
Fr. Joseph Connor



MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Strangeways Brewing

350 Landsdowne Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Connect with us! fredericksburgtot@gmail.com

Doors open at 5pm
Presentation at 6:30pm



our parish happenings

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+

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - August

Did you know that the Poor Box located in the back of our church helps to fund the good work of our local St. Vincent de Paul?

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society provides financial grants, prayers and emotional support every Thursday evening to folks right here in our community encountering emergency situations. Proceeds from the all-volunteer Thrift Store located at 142 Olde Greenwich Rd. Fredericksburg, along with private donations and the Poor Box make this assistance possible. August's

Poor Box contributions were \$1,231 and 77 families (totaling 203 people) were interviewed, and the Society provided \$27,529 in financial assistance to these families.



If you would like to volunteer with the Society, either working at the Thrift Store or being trained to interview clients on Thursday nights, please contact Maureen at mjones@mckcompany.com. To provide financial assistance, please continue to use the Poor Box.

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.

St Mary's Singles Group

St. Mary's Singles Group extends an open invitation to everyone single and 40 years of age or older for monthly group social gatherings such as dinners, movies, plays, works of charity, prayers, Mass, and other church events.

Contact Eileen at emw5348@gmail.com to get on the email newsletter list.

There is a gathering each month at the Wegmans upstairs meeting space at 10 am to plan activities. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, October 4.

Public Rosary | All Are Invited

Saturday, October 18th at noon | St. Mary

Please join parishioners to pray the public Rosary for Peace as requested by Our Lady of Fatima over 100 years ago, on Saturday, Please RSVP to michaelgkasey@verizon.net or (540)760-3885



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 or scan the code.

St. Mary's Music Ministry Invites You to Sing With Us!

For any questions, comments, or to join any of the ministries listed above, please contact Mr. Joseph Ciskanik at musicministry@stmaryfred.com



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 & cheese
- 1 lb bag of white rice
- 2 cans of black beans
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 jar jelly

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Married in 2000 or 1975?

All golden and silver jubilarians are welcome!
Contact your parish office today to register!



Sunday October 19, 2025

Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm

3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist

our parish happenings

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

**BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS!**




OCTOBER 4
10:00 AM

OUTSIDE AT THE
BLESSED MOTHER STATUE
IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH

WE LOVE DOGS & CATS & EXOTIC ANIMALS TOO!

*ANIMALS MUST BE ON A LEASH



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 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

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
posteriormente desayuno y reunión en la
casa Juan Pablo II**

Información: Betsy Correa (540) 842-6686

Serás corona de adorno en la mano del Señor, y tiara real en la palma de tu Dios. Isaías 62,3.

operations given in love

Donations Received September 1 - 9

Sunday Offertory	\$32,356.77
Catholic University	\$6,144.50
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$160.00
Debt Reduction	\$185.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$529.00

Faith Direct Donations September 9

Sunday Offertory	\$82,198.38
Debt Reduction	\$5,178.35
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$2,304.00
Diocese Mission Appeal	\$110.00
Catholic University	\$1,639.00
Manna Food Project	\$978.00
Religious Education Collection	\$2,528.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Special Collection for Gaza

September 27 & 28

A special collection will be taken up on September 27 and September 28 for emergency humanitarian relief for the suffering Christians in Gaza.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) have well-established relationships with the Catholic Church in the region to provide medical, psychological, material, and pastoral care. These resources will be utilized to support the relief efforts for those affected by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. All checks should be made payable to the parish, with "Gaza Collection" in the memo line.

Children's Charity - September

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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. 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

In The Gospel of Life, Pope St. John Paul II commends "brave mothers... who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to [their children] the best of themselves" (EV 86). As members of the Body of Christ, we have a responsibility to help mothers do just that. And there are simple ways we can help mothers who desire to pursue educational achievements. We can offer to babysit or do the grocery shopping, so a mom has time to attend an evening class or study for an exam. We can advocate for colleges and universities to provide flexibility for parenting students. We can do these and so many other things. Most importantly, we can pray for mothers to be given the grace and the support they need, and for the wisdom to know how we can help.

Faith Direct – Latest News About Update

The upgrade from Faith Direct to ParishSOFT Giving is almost here!

As a reminder, you don't need to take any action-your recurring gifts and payment information will transfer automatically. After the upgrade, you'll log in to ParishSOFT Giving using your same credentials. A link and instructions will be provided at launch.

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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:

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, Staff Sergeant Sean Walker Brown, Matthew Sampson, Kenneth Linstrom, Lt. Gregory Odland, Andrew Doyle, Olav Brooks, Gabriel Sanger, Josh Lawson

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.

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

22 MONDAY

6:30am Yon Cha Nestor+
9:00am Theresa and Karl Kaczmarek+
12:00pm Carleen Delio
Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

23 TUESDAY

6:30am Gabriel Rizk
9:00am Jason Southworth
12:00pm William Hocter, Sr.+
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

24 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Mary Beth Cameron+
8:15am* The Clemente Family
9:00am Patrick Leo Petro, Sr.+
12:00pm Deirdre McQuade+
Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

25 THURSDAY

6:30am Mauricio Antonio Vazquez+
9:00am Timothy Hanlon+
12:00pm Patrick Hagans+
Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

26 FRIDAY

6:30am Jonathan Paquette
9:00am Christopher and Tana Michalaski
12:00pm Charles Mitchell+
Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

27 SATURDAY

9:00am Margaret Bereit
5:00pm Frank Maciejczyk+
7:00pm Joseph Thinh Trung
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

28 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish
8:30am Jack E. Heitz+
8:30am* In thanksgiving to St Joseph
10:30am George Holzworth
10:30am* Andy Pacheco+
12:30pm Joan Marie Johnson+
2:30pm The Rivera Family
5:00pm Harry and Agnes Noon+
7:00pm Alda John+
Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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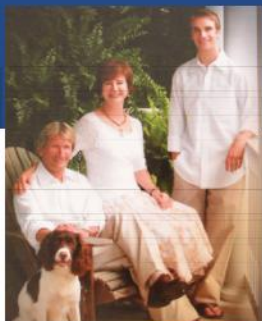
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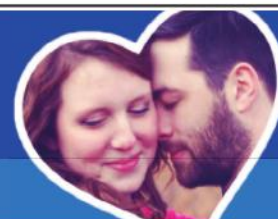
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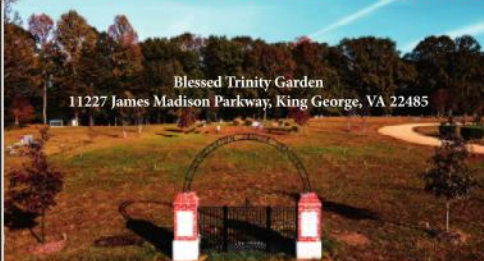
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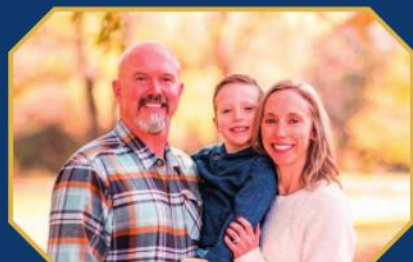
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