

ALL SOULS' DAY

November 2, 2025



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

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All Saints Day

The feast of All Saints Day is a beautiful celebration and one that is a constant reminder of our destination, where we hope to be reunited with all those who have gone before us in faith. All Saints Day does not just focus on one particular saint or the newly canonized. Instead, it celebrates every canonized saint and every man and woman who currently rests in the embrace of our Heavenly Father, that is, any person who died in a state of grace. This could include a dear friend, our next-door neighbor, or a sibling or parent who died recently. All Saints Day is also a day that we hope someday to be included in as humble and faithful servants of God. Our hope, as people of God, is that the feast of All Saints Day will continue to get bigger and bigger. Dom Prosper Gueranger, a spiritual writer, comments on this reality in his book, Liturgical Year:

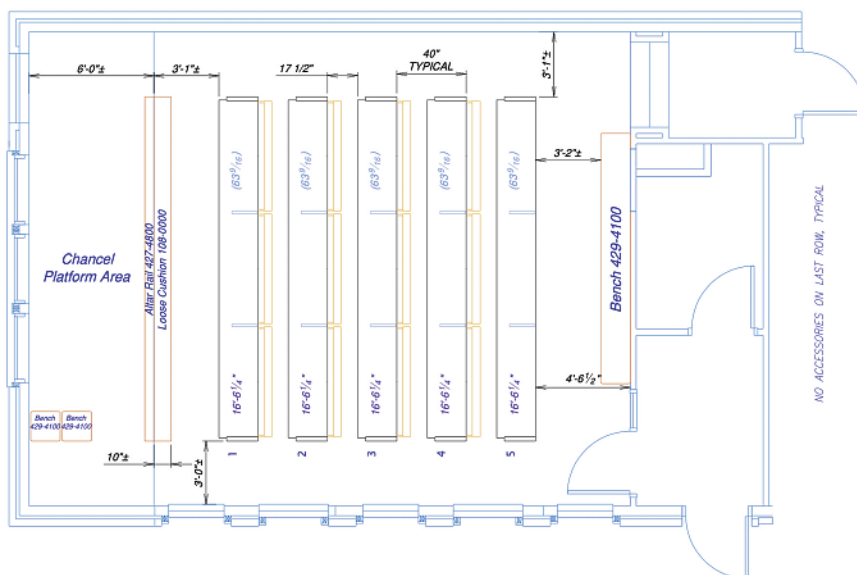
"Year by year the appointed time draws nearer when we ourselves, seated at the heavenly banquet, shall receive the homage of those who succeed us and hold out a helping hand to draw them after us to the home of everlasting happiness."

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel Update:

Construction progress continues to be made on the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel (layout and paint/flooring samples provided below). Just recently, the floor was leveled, and the side doors were replaced with windows.

Many thank you's go out to those in our parish community who have generously come forward to support the memorial opportunities for this sacred space. Out of respect for special requests, the new Adoration Chapel honoring our Lord's Mercy will include many holy men and women. These beloved saints will include our Blessed Mother, Mary, her spouse, St. Joseph, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, St. Therese of Lisieux, and Mother Teresa, who was canonized September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and there may be others.

As we reflect on the lives of the saints who now rest in eternal glory, may God grant us the grace to follow their example of faith and holiness until we join them in the heavenly kingdom.



from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Today is the beautiful feast of All Souls, one of those rare occasions when a feast takes precedence over the celebration of Sunday. It is the day when we pray for all our loved ones who have passed away.

Sometimes folks say to me that they want a funeral to be a celebration—but I look into their eyes and see that they are not truly celebrating in their souls. Death is painful for those who remain, and the pain we feel is directly related to the love we have for the dearly departed. There is nothing contrary to our faith in going through healthy mourning and shedding tears.

In fact, it is faith that changes everything. The Cross gives meaning to our pain and loss. No tear is wasted when it is given to Jesus. When freely offered to God, it shares in the very power of His Cross and His victory over death.

The greatest thing you can do for your loved ones is to pray for them. And there is no more perfect prayer than the Mass. In the Mass, our sufferings, sorrows, and joys are placed on the altar and united to the sacrifice of the Cross. The Mass is Jesus' High Priestly prayer before the Father.

Don't you want Jesus Himself offering prayers for your loved one? This is what it means to have a Mass offered.

Once again this year, you will see the banner with the names of our parish brothers and sisters who passed away over the last 12 months. A candlelight Mass for this year's faithful departed will be offered on Friday the 14th. Praying for our loved ones is a great privilege—one to which the Lord grants tremendous grace and power.

Also, please see the announcement about altar server training, which begins in 10 days. There are multiple sessions, as I want to have our new servers trained and ready for Christmas!

Pax,



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



ATTENTION!



*The St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception Roman Catholic Church*

2026

Mass Intentions Book

Will be available in the parish office on:

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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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
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Monday - Friday 8:30am - 9pm;
Students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays (Closed)

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

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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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

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540-286-1600

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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

HCA's Buddy Program

At Holy Cross Academy, alongside our Partners in Preschool Program, is our Big Buddy–Little Buddy Program! Our Big Buddy- Little Buddy is a cherished tradition that brings together our oldest and youngest students in a beautiful way. Each 8th grader is paired with a kindergartner, forming a special bond that's rooted in faith, friendship, and leadership. These pairings are more than just sweet moments—they're part of the formation of our students as saints, scholars, and leaders in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ. Big Buddies lead by example, guiding their Little Buddies during Mass, helping in the classroom, and sharing in joyful activities like art projects and story time. Sometimes, they simply sit together and talk—building trust, sharing laughs, and creating memories that last far beyond the school year. It's a heartwarming reminder that at HCA, every student is part of a loving, faith-filled community. We love watching these friendships grow!



Now Enrolling at Holy Cross Academy for the 26-27 school year!

Holy Cross Academy is excited to announce that enrollment is now open for the upcoming academic year! We welcome families seeking a nurturing, faith-filled environment where academic excellence and character development go hand in hand.

Why Choose Holy Cross Academy?

- Rigorous curriculum rooted in Catholic values
- Dedicated and compassionate faculty
- Newly expanded, safe, inclusive, and inspiring campus
- Enriching extracurriculars and leadership opportunities
- Strong community of faith, service, and scholarship

Enrollment Period: Open now — spaces are limited!

Grades: Pre-School 3 years through 8th Grade

Location: 250 Stafford lakes Parkway, Stafford County

Apply Online: holycrossweb.com click on admissions

Contact Us: 540-286-1600

Join us in shaping bright minds and kind hearts. Discover the Holy Cross difference — where saints, scholars, and leaders in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother are formed.



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Excellence*



our parish religious education

NOVEMBER 2-8 IS NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK!



This week we are invited to renew our prayers and support for those discerning God's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Families are the seedbed of vocations—please pray together for more laborers in the Lord's harvest and for the holiness of our priests. Encourage your children to listen for the Lord's voice and to be open to the beautiful possibility that He may be calling them to serve Him in a special way. May every home be a place where faith is nurtured and vocations are joyfully encouraged!

Do not be afraid! Accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!
— Pope Leo XIV

NOVEMBER CHARITY of the MONTH:

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Fredericksburg. This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.



our parish youth ministry

RECURRING EVENTS

High School Youth Group (HSYG)

Sundays, 6:00 - 8:30pm in the PLC
Fun and faith formation for high schoolers, with free dinner!

YOUCAT

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the JPPII House
A deeper dive into scripture and prayer for high schoolers

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

1st & 3rd Fridays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the PLC
Fun and faith formation for middle schoolers, with free dinner!

Fight Club

Saturday mornings, 6:30 - 8:00am in the JPPII House
A boys'-only group to grow in brotherhood and virtue for grades 7-12

Feminine Genius

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the St. Joseph House
A girls'-only group to grow in sisterhood and virtue for grades 6-12

Senior Ministry

2nd Fridays, 6:00 - 7:30pm (Location TBD)
A monthly potluck for all current 12th graders to discuss their faith deeper!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Daughters of the King Retreat

Saturday, December 20 in the JPPII House
Approximately 1pm - 9pm
A day of reflection, prayer, and sisterhood for high school girls

ST. MARY YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2025

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 HSYG	3	4	5 YOUCAT	6	7 MSYG	8 FIGHT CLUB
9 HSYG	10	11	12 YOUCAT	13 FEMININE GENIUS	14 SENIOR MINISTRY	15 FIGHT CLUB
16 HSYG	17	18	19 YOUCAT	20	21 MSYG	22 FIGHT CLUB
23 HSYG	24	25	26 NO YOUCAT	27 NO FEMININE GENIUS	28	29 NO FIGHT CLUB
30 NO HSYG THANKS- GIVING	1	2	3 YOUCAT	4	5	6 FIGHT CLUB

"I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME; YOU ARE MINE." ISAIAH 43:1

our parish happenings

Candlelit Mass of Remembrance

On Friday, November 14 at 6pm we will celebrate a special Mass for those who have passed this year. All parishioners are welcome to attend this special Mass and pray for their loved one. A reception will follow in the Parish Life Center. *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace"*

Calling all Scouts!

Catholic Scouts who are interested in completing their Ad Altare Dei (grades 6-12) or Pope Pius XII (grades 9-12) religious emblems can do so virtually on Zoom by having a parent reach out to Dan Pare at dan.pare.us@gmail.com. The program will run about eight weeks on Wed nights from Nov-Jan. Awards will be presented on Scout Sunday.

Military Service Spotlight

St. Mary's is calling ALL VETERANS! If you or a loved one is serving or has served our country in the military, we would love to learn more about you and your service!

Please reach out to Ann Skinner at askinner@stmaryfred.org or 540-373-6491 with your name and phone number.

We appreciate you and your service to our nation! God Bless You!

New Altar Server Training

Interested in becoming an altar server? Training for new altar servers is open to any children of the parish who are in 4th grade or higher. The training schedule is below. All of these meetings take place in the church.

Session 1 - Tue, 11/11 from 4-7pm

Session 2 - Tue, 11/18 from 4-7pm

Session 3 (optional) - Tue, 11/25 from 4-7 *** *this session is 2 days before Thanksgiving, and intended for younger servers who may need the extra help!****

Session 4 - Tue, 12/2 from 4-7pm

Session 5 - Tue, 12/9 from 4-7pm

Installation - Sun, 12/14 at 8:30am Mass

All Sessions must be attended (except #3) and will be held in the Church.

RSVP to Lori Mattson at stmaryfxbg@gmail.com. Please let us know the name of your child and what grade they are currently in school.

Senior Luncheon's Are Back!

We are excited to announce a return of the Senior Luncheon to be held on November 11th - Veteran's Day, to honor our veterans in conjunction with our seniors. To make this special event a success, we need your help. Volunteers are especially needed in the kitchen, but we also welcome helping hands with set up, hospitality, decorations, and clean up. If you're unable to volunteer during the event but enjoy baking, please consider signing up to bring a plate of patriotically decorated desserts to share. Your support will make this luncheon a warm and welcoming celebration for our seniors and Veterans—thank you in advance for pitching in! Sign up sheets will be available at the Senior Luncheon table in the Parish Ministries weekend. We encourage past volunteers to also sign up to ensure that we have the most recent contact information! Questions? Contact Lara Traylor at gueydangirl@gmail.com.

St Mary's Singles Group

An open invitation to everyone single and 40 years of age or older for monthly group social gatherings like 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 10am to plan activities. Our next meeting will be November 8.

The Paul Stefan Home invites you to our Christmas Celebration Open House!

Friday, December 19 | 12-2pm

Regional Maternity Housing & Educational Center
120 Caroline Street, Orange, VA

Join us for Christmas carols, photos with Santa, and Mrs. Claus' famous homemade hot chocolate!

Lunch will be served. RSVP by December 15 - tpollnow@paulstefanhome.org or 540-854-2300

If you'd like, bring cookies to share!

We also welcome donations of diapers (sizes 5 & 6, Parent's Choice), Lysol spray, trash bags, laundry soap, kitchen counter spray, paper towels, Swiffer mopping wipes.

Your continued generosity means so much!

our parish
happenings



ST. MARY'S

**COAT
DRIVE**

ACCEPTING COATS
Beginning Monday, November 3

**We also have a need for
NEW HATS & MITTENS**



Please leave your donations in the donations boxes located in the Parish Life Center & Holy Cross Academy

Families and individuals in need of coats are welcome to pick them up Sunday, November 16 following all Masses until 4pm

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491

St. Mary's
**SPECIAL
THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE**

We are hoping to provide over 100 families with a Thanksgiving Meal

CAN YOU HELP?

If interested, grab a special maroon St. Mary bag located in the Church vestibule with shopping list included. Purchase items listed and return **COMPLETED** bag to the Parish Office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**

ITEMS NEEDED

(1) box of mashed potatoes, (4) cans of corn, (4) cans green beans, (2) cans sweet potatoes/yams, (2) jars of gravy, (2) boxes of stuffing, (1) can cranberries, (2) boxes mac-n-cheese, (1) brownie or cake mix

Please try not to purchase glass containers

We are also seeking contributions of \$25 Walmart Gift Cards to cover the cost of a turkey

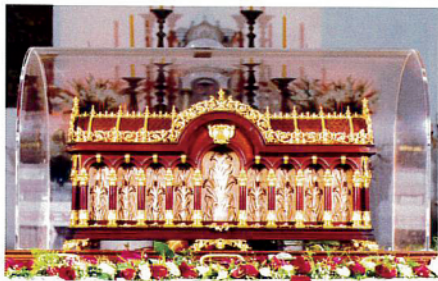
GOD BLESS YOU!

our parish happenings

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

*"I would like to preach the Gospel
on all five continents... until the
consummation of the ages."*

Her relics visit the United States
October 1 – December 8, 2025
the 100th anniversary of her
Canonization and the Jubilee Year



*"I will come
down. I will
let fall a shower
of roses."*

SEE ITINERARY:

StThereseUSA2025.com



*"My way
is all
confidence
and love."*

St Therese Relics at the Carmel of Port Tobacco 5678 Mt Carmel Rd La Plata, MD 20646

Sunday, November 23

7:30 am – Public veneration of relics begins
7:30 am – Morning Prayer
8:00 am – Mass
4:30 pm – Evening Prayer and Office of Readings
6:30 pm – Compline
8:00 pm – Chapel doors closed (veneration ends by 8:30 pm)

Monday, November 24

6:30 a.m. Public veneration begins.
6:50 a.m. Morning Prayer.
7:15 a.m. Mass.
4:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Office of Readings.
6:30 p.m. Compline.
8:00 p.m. chapel doors closed. Veneration ends by 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25

6:30 a.m. Veneration of relics.
6:50 a.m. Morning Prayer.
7:15 a.m. Mass. After Mass, the relics depart

Young Family Holy Hour

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 15
HOLY CROSS
ACADEMY
CHAPEL

FAMILY
FRIENDLY
ADORATION
11:00-11:45

IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWED BY
BYO PICNIC
AND PLAY
TIME AT THE
PLAYGROUND



**YOUNG FAMILY
MINISTRY**

our parish happenings



LAY FRATERNITIES of SAINT DOMINIC
PROVINCE OF SAINT JOSEPH, EASTERN USA

Come meet the lay men and women who are part of the Dominican family!

This unique vocation calls us to go deeper in prayer, study, community and service to the Church and to the world.

You are invited to come learn more about what it means to be a Lay Dominican and what our meetings are like to see if God might be calling you to go deeper in your relationship with Christ as a Lay Dominican. Join us November 8th at Sacred Heart Parish in Manassas, VA, after the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass in the Conference Room."

"Come and See"

November 8, 2025
6pm (after Vigil Mass)

Sacred Heart Church
Conference Room

12975 Purcell Road
Manassas, VA 20112



Join the Dominican Family!

St. Dominic
St. Catherine of Siena
St. Pier Giorgio Frassati
St. Martin de Porres

Scan here to
visit us online:



www.LFSD513.org

Email: 513LFSD@gmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Fredericksburg

This month

Theosis: The Call to Become Like God

Fr. Tim Courtney is a parochial vicar at St. Mary's, our new Theology on Tap chaplain, and he's back for his second talk! 2 Peter 1 reads that God has granted to us all things which pertain to life and godliness that we may become partakers of the divine nature. What a claim! Fr. Tim will show us that the call to become like God is not only the ancient and venerable teaching of the Church, but is the very aim of our Christian lives, namely, to reveal His presence to the world through the deification of our nature.

Connect with us! fredericksburgtot@gmail.com

Presenter

Fr. Tim Courtney



MONDAY, NOV. 3

Strangeways Brewing

350 Landsdowne Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Doors open at 5pm
Presentation at 6:30pm



our parish
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St. Mary's
Senior Luncheon to
Honor our Veterans!

**ALL VETERANS, SENIORS, AND THEIR
GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
A MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

Tuesday, November 11th at Noon
followed by a luncheon in the Parish Life Center



**RSVP for the luncheon by Tuesday, November 4th
by calling the parish office at 540-373-6491 or
emailing: askinner@stmaryfred.org**

*Let Ann know if you can provide a patriotic dessert!
Seeking patriotic-themed baskets for door prizes*



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
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.**

Join Us - Holy Rosary

Please join other parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary at St. Mary at noon Saturday, November 15.

Please RSVP to michaelgkasey@verizon.net or (540)760-3885

this is the perfect ministry for you! Looking for volunteers 18 years or older.

7th-8th graders students preparing for confirmation are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers Needed for Kids Club at the Brisben Center

We are thrilled to be expanding our Kids Club at the Brisben Center! We visit EVERY Wednesday from 4:30-5:30pm. Join us in crafting, playing games and having some outdoor fun as well as reading and giving some homework help to the children at the center.

If you can encourage kids and like to have fun -

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/4f8ld64>

*****IMPORTANT*** If signing up family members to help - please sign-up each person individually who is coming. Space is limited for each session. Thank you!**

Any questions, please reach out to Sydney McDonald sydjim92@msn.com or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491.

CANDIDATE COMPARISON: RACE FOR GOVERNOR



Compiled by the Virginia Catholic Conference
for the 2025 Virginia Elections

In keeping with its mission, the Virginia Catholic Conference aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information compiled here has been gathered from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites, and other resources, as of August 14th, to help voters form their consciences before voting in November. The issues that appear here do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The VCC neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.

"Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible, and a right to access those things required for human decency – food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing, freedom of religion and family life."

– Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 49, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003



WINSOME EARLE-SEARS



ABIGAIL SPANBERGER

ABORTION

In March 2025, as Lieutenant Governor, Sears made the following written notation to a proposed constitutional amendment that would enshrine a "right" to abortion in Virginia's constitution: "I am morally opposed to this bill: no protection for the child." In her keynote address at the April 2025 Virginia March for Life, Sears stated, "We stand for life and how can it ever be wrong to stand for life?" In 2002, as a Virginia House of Delegates member, Sears co-sponsored and voted for a bill to require a physician to obtain parental consent prior to performing an abortion on a minor.

In January 2025, Spanberger issued a statement in support of the House of Delegates' passage of a proposed constitutional amendment that would enshrine a "right" to abortion in Virginia's constitution. As a member of Congress, Spanberger co-sponsored the Women's Health Protection Act, which sought to prohibit "governmental restrictions on the provision of, and access to, abortion services." Spanberger also co-sponsored the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act, which would have prohibited "anyone acting under state law from interfering with a person's ability to access out-of-state abortion services." Spanberger is endorsed by Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

In a May 2024 radio interview, Sears stated her opposition to assisted suicide legislation. She said, "No, we don't want to be in the business of death. Is that what we're about?"

In response to a question about assisted suicide at a 2023 event, Spanberger said she supported "legislation that legalizes the right to die," including "allowing for medical providers to provide...life-ending prescriptions."

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

In 2002, as a Virginia House of Delegates member, Sears co-sponsored and voted for a bill to ensure that no healthcare professional who objects to abortion "on personal, ethical, moral or religious grounds" would be required to dispense any medication "for the purpose of performing an abortion." In a May 2025 interview, Sears said, "I don't want a person who has religious faith to feel they are forced against their will. It's freedom of religion." She made the comment to explain her opposition to removing the one-man/one-woman marriage definition from Virginia's constitution.

In response to a question about Catholic and other religious healthcare institutions at a 2023 event, Spanberger said, "I oppose the ability of religious institutions to put their religious-based ideas on individuals and their healthcare choices and options.... I do not believe that people should have the option to allow their own personal beliefs to dictate the type of medical care that they are providing their patients." As a member of Congress, Spanberger co-sponsored and voted for the Equality Act, which would have added the new terms "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the definition of "sex" in federal civil rights laws, and would have exempted itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

ECONOMY

Sears' campaign website states she "wants to make sure Virginia is a place where all families can afford to live, raise their families, work, and build a future. She will fight for common-sense tax cuts that help all Virginians." In a December 2024 op-ed Sears wrote, "We must strengthen public-private partnerships that drive innovation. We must continue...to attract and retain new world-class companies. And we must invest in workforce development to prepare our Virginians for the jobs of the future."

In a November 2021 interview, Spanberger noted her work in Congress to lower the cost of prescription drugs and extend the child tax credit. In April 2025, Spanberger announced her support for raising Virginia's minimum wage to \$15 an hour. At a rally in April 2025, Spanberger said she will ensure "more Virginians can negotiate for the benefits and fair treatment that they've earned."



CANDIDATE COMPARISON: RACE FOR GOVERNOR



2025 Virginia Statewide Election



WINSOME EARLE-SEARS



ABIGAIL SPANBERGER

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

In a 2025 interview, Sears stated, "My vision for Virginia is whatever you, the parent, want: public, private, parochial, home school, whatever it is, a hybrid — you make the choice."

Spanberger's "Strengthening Virginia Schools Plan" includes "rejecting efforts to divert funding from public education to pay for voucher programs."

ENVIRONMENT

In a May 2025 speech, Sears expressed support for a variety of energy sources: "That's why we are going to have all of it: clean coal. Oil. Yes, renewables. Nuclear. Natural gas; all of that." On X (formerly Twitter) in July 2024, she posted, "Virginia will continue to lead the nation as we innovate and expand our All-the-Above energy approach. We will drive and maintain economic growth as we expand our capability to support the energy needs of a growing Commonwealth."

Spanberger called climate change "one of the greatest and most imminent threats to our economy, our national security, and our way of life." In 2019, Spanberger co-sponsored the Climate Action Now Act, which would require "the President to develop and update annually a plan for the United States to meet its nationally determined contribution under the Paris Agreement on climate change." In a 2019 Congressional hearing, she stated, "As Congress looks to strengthen our engagement on issues of international diplomacy, security, and development, climate change must be viewed as a pressing national security concern."

HEALTHCARE

In a 2022 interview, Sears expressed support for increased funding for mental health initiatives, including behavioral health facilities and school support staff. "We've got to find the money; we've got to prioritize," Sears said. "There are things if we don't address them, they are only going to get worse and mental health is absolutely one of them."

According to Spanberger's website, "Abigail believes that all Virginians deserve access to quality, affordable healthcare — and believes in protecting Virginia's Medicaid expansion and defending against efforts to dismantle the *Affordable Care Act*, which protects more than 1.3 million Virginians with pre-existing conditions."

PARENTS' RIGHTS

In a 2022 interview, Sears stated, "Parents want to know that their child is learning. If that is not happening, something needs to be done." She highlighted a bill that Gov. Youngkin signed that requires parental notification before sexually explicit content is presented, permits parental review of the materials, and requires the provision of non-explicit alternatives to any student upon parental request. In reaction to a June 2025 U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding Tennessee's ban on puberty blockers and other so-called gender transition procedures on minors, Sears stated: "The Court got it right: parents have the final say."

In 2023, as a member of Congress, Spanberger voted against the Parents Bill of Rights Act. This bill sought to require schools to notify parents of their right to know what their children are being taught, to address the school board, to see the school budget and spending, and to receive information about violent activity. The bill also specified the right of parents to "know if their child's school operates, sponsors, or facilitates athletic programs or activities that permit an individual whose biological sex is male to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designed for individuals whose biological sex is female" and to "know if their child's school allows an individual whose biological sex is male to use restrooms or changing rooms designated for individuals whose biological sex is female."

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Parish Debt Reduction	\$675.00
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Special Collection: Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA November 8 & 9

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Your support of the National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own diocese. Your generosity is most appreciated. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church.

Children's Charity - November

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Fredericksburg. This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Pro Life Reflection

Addressing the tragedy of abortion is the "pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone" (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Introductory Letter). Through conscience formation, prayer, and fasting, prepare your minds and hearts to engage in this year's critical voting decisions. United in the Eucharist, let us pray for one another, as Americans, Virginians, and faithful citizens – Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout. *We pray for all public officials, especially those newly elected that they may strive to govern with the wisdom of God, and protect life from conception to natural death.*

Resources provided by the Virginia Catholic Conference explain the principles, the positions of candidates, and practical tips for voter registration. Visit vacatholic.org to view these materials

Help After Abortion (Project Rachel)

Project Rachel is a diocesan post-abortion ministry that offers an integrated approach to healing for anyone affected by abortion with the compassionate support of trained staff, priests and licensed mental health professionals who understand this experience of unresolved sorrow, trauma and grief with the utmost care, compassion and sensitivity. For confidential help, please contact us:

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Other Resources: helpafterabortion.org | facebook.com/HelpAfterAbortion

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Saint Mary Prayer List - November

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Carolyn Dammers, Chris Breth, Christopher Lambert, Dennis Staszak, Drew LoRusso, Jack Smith, Jason Stoker, JoAnne O'Brien, Joseph Krieg, Keith and Theresa Kovalefsky, Logan Leslie, Margaret Murphy, Maria Mangini, Maryann Carroll, Maureen Guilfoyle, Michael Bare, Michael Fedowitz III, Richard Smith, Rosemary Perez, Shirley Bozicevic, Sue Moorefield, Susan Harvin, 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 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, David Brown, Annah Brown, Joshua Brown, Diego Esparza, Brian Inguanti

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

November

3 MONDAY

6:30am All in Our All Souls Novena
9:00am All in Our All Souls Novena
12:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

4 TUESDAY

6:30am All in Our All Souls Novena
9:00am All in Our All Souls Novena
12:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

5 WEDNESDAY

6:30am All in Our All Souls Novena
8:15am* All in Our All Souls Novena
9:00am All in Our All Souls Novena
12:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

6 THURSDAY

6:30am All in Our All Souls Novena
9:00am All in Our All Souls Novena
12:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

7 FRIDAY

6:30am All in Our All Souls Novena
9:00am All in Our All Souls Novena
12:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
7:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

8 SATURDAY

9:00am All in Our All Souls Novena
5:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
7:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

9 SUNDAY

7:00am All in Our All Souls Novena
8:30am All in Our All Souls Novena
8:30am* All in Our All Souls Novena
10:30am All in Our All Souls Novena
10:30am* All in Our All Souls Novena
12:30pm All in Our All Souls Novena
2:30pm All in Our All Souls Novena
5:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
7:00pm All in Our All Souls Novena
Ez 47:1-12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

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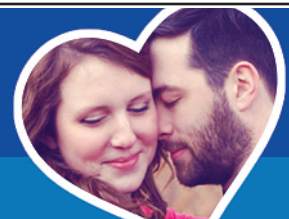
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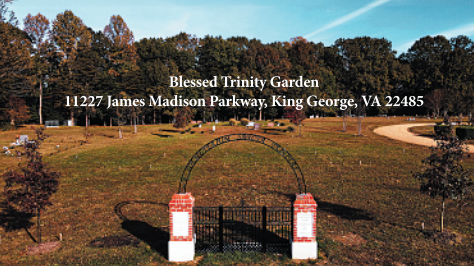
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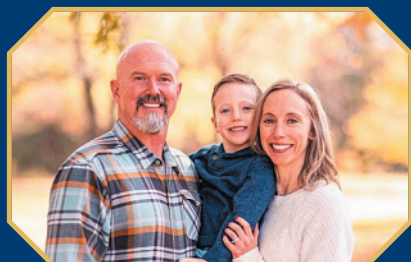
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