

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025



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

capital campaign

grow our legacy in faith

Pledge Statements:

We will send pledge statements during the first week of December. Please review the statement to ensure accuracy and that our records align with yours.

Please note: Paying your pledge with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) or with Stock can help reduce your taxes.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA (Individual Retirement Account) custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCD's can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMD's) for the year as long as certain rules are met. If you are over age 72 years, your IRA administrator should advise you that you are required to take minimum distributions from your IRAs.

For payment with stock, you will need to acquire the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Stock Donation Form from the St. Mary Parish office. Clearly state on the form that you wish the transaction to benefit St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Growing Our Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign.

Divine Mercy In Thanksgiving

O Jesus, eternal God, I thank You for Your countless graces and blessings. Let every beat of my heart be a new hymn of thanksgiving to You, O God. Let every drop of my blood circulate for You, Lord. My soul is one hymn in adoration of Your mercy. I love You, God, for Yourself alone (1794).

Have you prayerfully considered a Memorialization Opportunity?

May the spirit of Advent inspire your generosity. As the year draws to a close, please consider an enduring act of memorialization, offering a lasting tribute to your loved ones while leveraging end-of-year charitable contribution tax benefits for the good of our community. Please don't hesitate to give us a call at (540)373-6491 should you have any questions.

"Share" opportunities available

In response to requests from parishioners who want to support purchasing larger items, such as the altar and stained-glass windows, we have created manageable "shares" on some items so that several families can co-sponsor a memorial opportunity.

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

St. Mary's Church

Stained Glass Windows* (7) \$25k each

New Opportunity: Stained Glass Windows (8 shares) \$5K/share

More items may be identified as we finalize the design of the Adoration Chapel.

*Subject to final design approval by the Bishop.

Contact Us - Availability is limited

Memorials are supplemental to your generous pledge. Thank you!

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

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

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



from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Happy Thanksgiving Weekend! As I have done every year, here is this year's list of 10 things I am thankful for:

1. Bialetti Moka Coffe Pot — so good.... and the Cuban in my office is trying to claim it is Cuban, don't let the Italians know!
2. Being Dean — because I get a fancy 'Very Reverend' title!
3. Crosses — see above, because you know, by now, that I really don't care about titles, and I'm really just thanking Jesus for more work!
4. Pope Leo — I always said we'd never have an American Pope — good thing I don't gamble!
5. Rugged Rosaries made with paracord — I have expanded my rosary making, thanks to Luke who helped inspire me!
6. Orange — someone joked today that I'd paint the church orange if I could. Hmmm... nice idea!
7. Coats, Thanksgiving food bags & snack bags for kids — yowza, that's a lot of coats & food you all donated this Week of Service!
8. 42+ servers in training — most parishes don't have that many total, and that's how many NEW servers asked to be trained!
9. Scotland — so rugged and beautiful, with kind folks everywhere I went! Gotta go back!
10. Topsail Island, NC — standing at the water's edge for hours and enjoying the calm... a definite highlight this year.

Pax,

Father Mosimann

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

Holy Land Olivewood Carvings

This weekend, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships Especially Now because of the volatile situation in their home country.

Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit BethlehemCarvings.org.



announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some
fellowship!

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

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MUSIC

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Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans
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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

Growing in Faith and Joy at Holy Cross Academy

Our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students are thriving as they grow in both learning and faith! Recently, while practicing their letter sounds, our youngest learners joined their older classmates in the Immaculate Conception Hall for Mass. With the kind guidance of our 5th graders, they learned how to sit reverently and participate in the liturgy—a beautiful reminder that at Holy Cross Academy, children grow not only in knowledge, but also in love for Christ and His Church.

A Visit from Our Local Heroes

Holy Cross Academy's preschool and pre-K classes were delighted to welcome members of the Hartwood and Brea Fire & Rescue Squad to campus last week. Students climbed inside a real ambulance, explored the fascinating gear on a fire truck, and met the brave men and women who serve our community. Their faces lit up with wonder as they discovered all the “super cool” tools of the trade. We are grateful for these everyday heroes who inspire our children with lessons of courage, service, and care.



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School of
Excellence*



We lovingly
remember a
joyful student
who has gone
as an angel to
heaven, now
embraced in
Christ's eternal
love and light.

Jesus, we trust
in You

our parish religious education

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK FOR RE BAPTISM CLASSES AND PAPERWORK

Baptism Information forms and birth certificates are due to the parish office by December 8 for all Religious Education students who are not yet baptized. Also, parents and godparents must attend a baptism class prior to the January baptisms. Classes are available:

Monday, December 1, at 6:30pm (bilingual)
Saturday, December 6, at 10:30am (English)
Saturday, December 6, at 12:00pm (Spanish)

All classes are held in the JP2 House, and you do not need to sign up to attend.

YOUNG FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Young families gathered at the beautiful new HCA chapel for adoration on November 15. Parents and children prayed a decade of the Rosary, listened to a story from scripture, spent a few minutes in complete silence, and ended with benediction (special thanks to Fr. Dansereau!) After adoration, families enjoyed a picnic and time at the playground.

The next Young Family Ministry event is an Epiphany Party scheduled for January 3rd at 9:30am in the Parish Life Center.



For more info or to join the Young Family email list, contact Katherine Resendez at Katherine.m.resendez@gmail.com.



our parish youth ministry



Join us for Praise and Worship!

Once a month, high school youth ministry hosts an XLT night - an evening of Adoration, worship music, and prayer! We invite all high schoolers to join us this Sunday, November 23 as a great way to prepare our hearts for the start of advent! Come to the PLC from 6-8:30pm for:

- Free dinner!
- Games
- Small group time
- Adoration
- Confession
- Live music

All 9th-12th graders are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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 JP II 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 JP II House

A boys'-only group to grow in brotherhood and virtue for grades 7-12

Feminine Genius

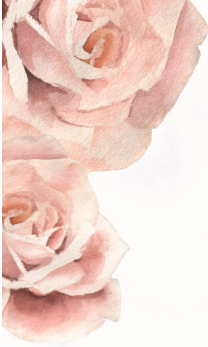
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the St. Joseph House

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!



join us for

Daughters of the King

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS' RETREAT



PRAYER
SISTERHOOD
CONFESSION
TALKS
DINNER
GIRLS' NIGHT

all high school girls welcome

Saturday, December 20
JOHN PAUL II HOUSE
1:00PM - 8:00PM
CONTACT YOUTH MINISTRY FOR A PERMISSION SLIP



our parish happenings



ST. MARY'S ONE-TIME SCREENING

TRIUMPH of the HEART

THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Friday, December 5 at 7pm
Holy Cross Academy

A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED IN ORDER
TO ASSIST WITH SCREENING FEES

RSVP number of attending guests to stmary@stmaryfred.org

Seating is metal chairs — Feel free to bring your own though!

You are welcome to bring (peanut-free) snacks

THE FILM IS NOT RATED BUT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT
DUE TO SOME DIFFICULT SCENES (STARVATION AND
INTENSE SUFFERING) IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIGH
SCHOOL AGED AND OLDER. MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
ARE WELCOME WITH THEIR PARENTS PRESENT.

Background

I lost my faith and wanted to die.

My name is Anthony D'Ambrosio, and I'm the writer and director of *Triumph of the Heart*.

I was a good Catholic. I did the right things. I even went to seminary, but I left when I fell in love.

But just before I got engaged, everything fell apart.

I got sick. An undiagnosed medical condition destroyed my life. I couldn't sleep. My relationship ended. I could barely hold down my job. And worst of all, there was no cure—no end in sight.

The darkness closed in, and I lost my faith. I didn't want to live anymore.

But then I remembered Kolbe.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a priest, a writer, and a Catholic friar. During World War II, he was arrested and sent to Auschwitz for his vocal opposition to the ideologies of the day.

He watched as 10 men were condemned to die in the starvation bunker—a brutal death sentence. When one man cried out, "My wife, my children!" Kolbe stepped forward and offered his own life in exchange.

I kept coming back to that starvation bunker—the place where Kolbe chose to love in the face of unimaginable suffering. I thought about how he forged a brotherhood in that darkness, how he transformed despair into hope. Slowly, a light began to break through.

Kolbe's story gave me a way forward, and this film is my way of sharing that light with the world.

In an age that runs from pain and avoids the cost of love, Kolbe shows us another way. He is a saint for our time—and his story is one we all need to hear.

-Anthony D'Ambrosio

our parish happenings



 **Knights of Columbus**

Christmas TREE SALES

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 23

BEHIND THE CHURCH

These are Virginia grown (Mt. Rogers), freshly cut premium Fraser Firs with beautiful long-lasting soft needles and that great memorable evergreen smell.

The best selection and freshest trees of course are when the trees arrive. The trees will be sold on weekends from 9am-6:30pm and weekdays (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) from 3-8pm through December 21 or until we sell out.

Interested in volunteering or have questions? Please email Joe Cralle at jacralle@gmail.com

Daily Advent Prayer

O Jesus, little child, come into my heart on Christmas morn, to wash away my sins and remain there in eternity. O Mary, Mother of my Savior, prepare for Jesus a cradle in my heart. Amen.

Christmas Flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office.

Full-Time Asst. Director of Youth Ministry

As was announced a few weeks ago, our beloved Catie Espiritu is expecting her second child in early 2026. She has decided to be a full-time mom and thankfully will volunteer at St. Mary's! Please keep Catie and her baby in your prayers.

We are seeking a full-time Assistant Director of Youth Ministry. The position requires close collaboration with the Director of Youth Ministry in guiding teens 6th-12th grade, including the coordination of weekly and bi-weekly activities, retreats for middle and high school students, Diocesan WorkCamp and other annual events, and assistance with the youth Confirmation program. The position includes administrative tasks, event planning, and coordination of schedules. Most importantly this position requires a love of Jesus Christ and a strong desire to joyfully lead teens towards a relationship with Him.

For a full description and information on how to apply, please visit the St. Mary website at stmaryfred.org.



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.

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Have a Scrip kind of Christmas

Christmas is coming! Have you placed your Scrip order yet?? The last day to order Scrip cards is December 15 to ensure Christmas delivery. The last weekend for Scrip sales after masses will be December 20/21. Scrip is a great way to shop for all your holiday needs. Start pre-ordering your cards now so you can be ready bright and early for the Holidays. We have many great retailers like Walmart, Target, Macy's, Kohl's, Lowes, Home Depot, Bass Pro Shops, and many more in inventory now. We can order other cards from over 750 retailers. There are no activation fees on Scrip gift cards, and they don't expire. Check out the retailer list at **raiserright.com**. Scrip can help you budget your holiday shopping expenses and help HCA at the same time. Stop by the Scrip table today and find out how to use Scrip for all your shopping needs! Shop early and support HCA! Scrip sales will resume on January 6/7.

To set up an account at **raiserright.com**, use our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP or would like the school code, or to place an order, please email the Scrip Coordinator at **scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com**. Thanks for using Scrip and supporting Holy Cross Academy.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul- November

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 Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 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. September's Poor Box contributions were \$1,394 and 87 families (totaling 261 people) were interviewed, and the Society provided \$26,382 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 Amy Pata at **ramrap94@hotmail.com** or Maureen at **mjones@mckcompany.com**. To provide financial assistance, please continue to use the Poor Box.

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 10 am to plan activities. Our next meeting will be December 6.

For Unto Us a Child Is Born, Christ the Savior! Give a Gift for Life

This Advent, include a Gift for Life on your Christmas List, by supporting Project Rachel or the Gabriel Project. It is easy to make a small, tax-deductible contribution as a gift in the name or memory of a family member or friend, and it will make a big difference in a woman's life. You have the opportunity to assist a frightened young woman who has just learned she is pregnant, or a woman who opted to abort her child and is now experiencing the after effects of her choice. Your gift directly supports the cost of an expectant mother's prenatal vitamins, or counseling for a woman who is experiencing the emotional distress of an abortion. Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the Church and follow the directions, or go to the following link to donate online at **arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife**.



our parish
happenings



Breakfast
with **Santa**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8AM - 12NOON

PARISH LIFE CENTER

**JOIN US FOR A FREE BREAKFAST
AND A VISIT FROM ST. NICK!**

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4034



our parish week of service

Week of Service at St. Mary

Thank you for your generous donations of coats,

Thanksgiving food, and snack-pack meals for the children of Fredericksburg. Your kindness was a true witness to God's love in action and made our Week of Service at St. Mary's a blessing for so many in need. May the Lord reward your compassion and continue to guide you in grace.

With heartfelt gratitude!



our parish happenings



ADOPT-A-SENIOR: Advent Outreach Opportunity

As we journey through the blessed season of Advent, we are called not only to wait with hope but to share the love and joy that Christ has so freely given to us.

How to Participate:

1. Sign Up: Click the link below to "adopt-a-senior" <https://bit.ly/47PVQTr>

2. Receive Assignment: You will be contacted with the name and address of the senior parishioner you will visit (for privacy).

3. Pick Up Kit: Visit the Parish Office to pick up your gift basket.

- The basket contains a Crucifix, a Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary plaque, command hooks and an Enthronement prayer.
- **\$35 Donation:** A suggested donation is requested to cover the cost of the sacred items.

Adopt a Senior

Volunteers are busy creating the 110 baskets that our "Adopt-A-Senior" volunteers will be taking to our friends in local nursing homes. We need lots of help! Please considering sharing your precious gift of time and self with one of our beloved elderly parishioners.

We are hopeful baskets will be ready beginning Tuesday.

4. Visit & Enthronement:

- Visit your senior.
- Offer companionship (listen, pray, sit with them).
- Hang up the Crucifix and plaque in their room, where they can see these sacred items from their bed.
- Lead them through the **Enthronement** using the provided prayers.

Notes:

- The Legion of Mary noticed that many seniors lacked crucifixes and sacred pictures in their room and worked individually with each one to confirm they would welcome this gift.
- **Know a Homebound Senior?** If you know a homebound parishioner who would welcome a visit, please reach out.
- Questions? Contact Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org.

And in the end-it is we who are the recipients of this greatest gift – the gift of human connection and the deep peace that comes from sharing God's love.



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St. Mary's Giving Trees are now in place in the narthex and at Holy Cross Academy.

Please consider supporting one of the many ministries in need of help this Christmas Season by taking a tag and purchasing the item requested and returning it where indicated on the tag.

This year we are supporting: several area nursing homes, Catholic Charities Migration Refugee Services, Birthright, Mary's Shelter, Hope House, Micah, UMW Catholic Campus Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, Spotsylvania Social Services/Foster Care Teens, and parish outreach to families in need.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Mosimann, and a few members of our Welcoming Committee, are looking forward to spending some time with you, (and your family) to introduce you to the many ways in which you might share your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Team and with your new pastor Sunday, December 14. See link below.

Meetings will take place in the Parish Office (located directly behind the church).

<https://bit.ly/4ij7v20>

If you have any questions, please email Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org or call 540-373-6491

our parish happenings

Presented by St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Fredericksburg

MON. DEC 1



Strangeways Brewing

350 Lansdowne Rd. Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Doors open at 5pm
Presentation at 6:30pm



This Month

The Martyrdom of Fredericksburg's Jean Donovan

The Catholic chaplain at UMW and our guest speaker with the highest attendance record (180!) returns - not for a sequel to his epic talk on aliens - but on someone we know is real! Fr. Rich Miserendino will speak to us about the UMW graduate and 27-year old missionary Jean Donovan who, 45 years ago this month, was beaten and murdered by members of the military of El Salvador shortly following the assassination of St. Oscar Romero. Join us for a night inspired by this local martyr!



Fr. Rich Miserendino



Connect With Us

fredericksburgtot@gmail.com

**Open to all!
Young families welcome!**

operations given in love

Donations Received November 4 - 10

Sunday Offertory	\$29,710.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$5,501.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$1,861.00
Christmas Flowers	\$2,385.00
All Saints	\$286.00
All Souls Novena	\$391.00
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$666.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Christmas Collection for Special Charities - December 6 & 7

As many of you know, every year at Christmas we take up a special collection for charity. None of the money collected stays at St. Mary, but is distributed as a gift from our Parish to different charities. The collection this year will be taken up on December 6 and December 7 and has been designated for the following charities:

The Holy Land Christians Society for the support of the presence of the Christian communities in the Holy Land and for the benefit of the Creche Orphanage in Bethlehem. The orphanage, managed by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, has a long history in Bethlehem and has welcomed abandoned children since its foundation in 1884. The Crèche provides services of high quality for Palestinian children and people in the West Bank area and continues to function thanks to the support of its benefactors. In times of crisis and violence, a Christ-like response is paramount. Christians in the Holy Land are the hands and feet of Christ, promoting peace, courage, and love. They are the "living stones" who embody Christ's work in the Holy Land and continued support for their presence is important.

We will also be supporting the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. This beloved church located in NW Washington, DC has been a beacon of hope for immigrants arriving to the United States of America for over 100 years. It has welcomed Polish, Italian, German, South American, and those from Asia and African nations. It is located in a poor neighborhood that is struggling with the recent crackdown on illegal immigrants and its feeding programs have suffered as well as its

weekly offertory. Any financial assistance will be gratefully received.

We know you will be generous, as you have always been, and we thank you for sharing the joy of this holy season with those who are less fortunate. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary.

Children's Charity - December

Children's Offertory Contributions in December will be used for the Brisben Center Shelter for homeless families with children. A significant focus by the shelter is placed on children, ensuring a safe and supportive environment while their families work toward stability, and all donations will help support the needs of the homeless children at the Shelter. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office, and all proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month. These envelopes are a way of teaching children the importance of almsgiving and helping those in need, and we encourage you to please consider having your children participate in this very important outreach.

Pro Life Reflection

The season of Advent is a time of anticipation that directs our hearts and minds to preparing for the celebration of the Lord's birth on Christmas and for Christ's second coming at the end of time. During this time of preparation and expectant waiting, we also remember expectant mothers who are preparing for the birth of their children. For women who are unexpectedly pregnant, may they be filled with trust in God's providence and lovingly welcome the gift of their child.

2025 Annual Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities is Coming Up!

Your Generosity is Deeply Appreciated!

As you think about the many blessings you and your family have received, please consider making a special sacrificial gift to support those in dire need in our diocese by making a gift to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington the weekend of December 13/14. Please put a check, payable to the parish, in the collection basket and note Christmas Collection Catholic Charities on the memo line or make a gift online at ccda.net/donate.

liturgy daily bread

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, Keith Richardson, Joe Sullivan, Laverne Ruth, Gregory Ruth, Eric Williams, Mary Ann Gragan

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, LCDR Jason King,

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

December

1 MONDAY

6:30am
9:00am
12:00pm
Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

2 TUESDAY

6:30am
9:00am
12:00pm
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

3 WEDNESDAY

6:30am
9:00am
12:00pm
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

4 THURSDAY

6:30am
9:00am
12:00pm
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

5 FRIDAY

6:30am
9:00am
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

6 SATURDAY

9:00am
5:00pm
7:00pm
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

7 SUNDAY

7:00am
8:30am
8:30am*
10:30am
10:30am*
12:30pm
2:30pm
5:00pm
7:00pm
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy.