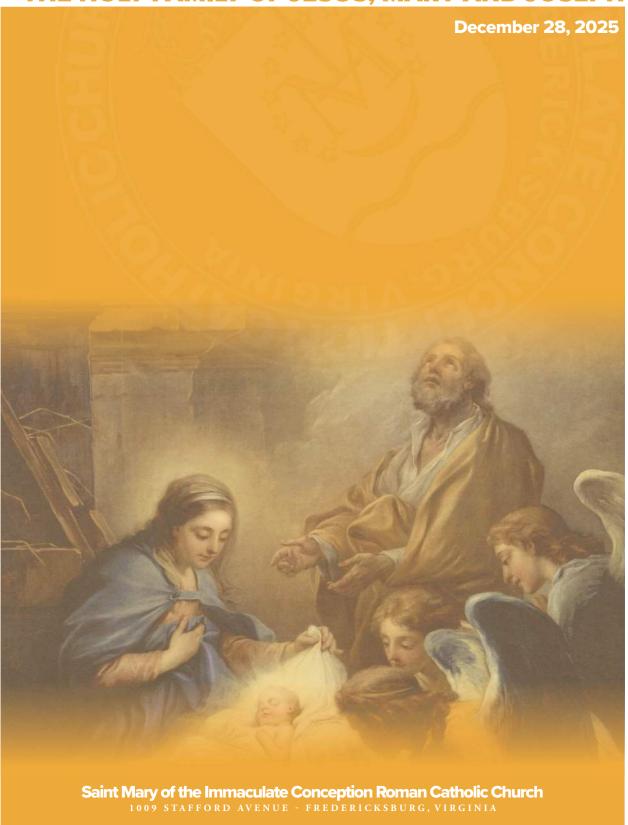
# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



# capital campaign ow our legacy in faith

# **Financial Update**

Number of Pledges to date: 1,199, with 453 (38%) paid in full!

Amount Pledged to date: \$7,354,843.51 Total Amount Paid: \$4,828,589.15

Percentage of pledged dollars received to date: 66% Thank you for your goodness!

# **Memorial Opportunities**

Divine Mercy Chapel: \$435,000.00 Pledged \$335,000 Paid \$248,200.00 **Percentage paid 74%** 

St. Helena Chapel: \$193,000.00 Pledged \$130,500 Paid \$126,500.00 **Percentage paid 97%** 

**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 IRA's.

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. Please do not hesitate to give us a call at (540) 373-6491 if you would like to learn more.

# Have you prayerfully considered a Memorialization Opportunity?

Nothing is Impossible for God! As we continue to work together to make the Divine Mercy Chapel a sacred space for our Lord and bring the parish improvements across the finish line, please support our efforts and those of the Building Committee with your prayers. This Advent, we continue to place our hope in the Lord! Please consider an enduring act of memorialization, offering a lasting tribute to your family and loved ones while leveraging end-of-year charitable contribution tax benefits, for the good of our community. If you have any questions, please call Donna Harring at (540) 373-6491.

"It is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an Advent; a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ." St. John Paul II

# from our pastor

Dear Folks,

The Feast of the Holy Family falls right smack in the middle of Christmas week. It is a week where many folks slow down and enjoy some family time, as I hope you are doing.

One year, for this feast, I started my homily with, "I have a gift for the parish this weekend." And I preached a 3 minute homily closing with "Merry Christmas, your gift is this three minute homily!" And the church spontaneously applauded!

Some folks apologized after Mass for applauding, to which I said, "haha.... I get it! It was truly a surprise and gift!" A few other folks complained that now they would be early for their dinner reservation, so we hung out, chatted and laughed until the 'normal' departure time. But the gift was received with smiles.

I don't promise you a short homily this weekend, and I can't even promise that I will be on time for more Masses in the new year. But I do promise that I thank God for you, my parish family, with all of our joys, sorrows, quirks and gifts. We read these words recently at Mass, and I have been thinking of them in prayer since:

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6)

Pax et bonum (peace and all goodness),

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, V.F.

Pastor

# christmas flowers

A. Robert Kerr Abonogoh Genevevie Agnes Aldridge Alan Cascio Amaro Rodrigues Amelia Rodgrigues Ana Victoria Cabanlit Andrew Dominguez Andrew Mesterhazy Angelina Semeia Angela Perdomo Anne Azaltovic Anne Doodan Ann Ban Nguyen Ann Magness

Anthony & Angie D'Ostilio

Anthony Mojeda Anthony Thanh Nguyen Antonio Coelho

Antonio Duque Ashley Magness Assunta Procopio Aurora Gutierrez Awes Duque

Balbina Quinto & Emiliano Rios

Barb Pompeii Beatrice Antangndoa

Beatriz Pita Bernadette Nichols Bernadette Young Betus Amin Bev Keddie Bill Adams, Sr. Bill Bony Bill Driskill Bill Fitzpatric Bill & Pauline Karn Billy Warrick Bob & Clare Scanlon Bob & Lucy Scanlon Bob & Louise Packman

**Bobby Nesbitt** Brad Weiss Brian CrochetIere Brian Finn **Brittany Durst** Bruce Kautz Callisto Semeia Cara Wolfe Carl Haub

Carl Vorder Bruegge Carmela Casado

Carmen Arevalo Carmen Chavez Carol Smith Cassidy Lynch

Catherine Doris Donovan

Cavidad Ochoa Cecelia Lee

Charles & Cecelia Lee Charles & Nola Kelsey Charles Peguese Charles Reedy Charles Tengowski Chester Organist Chevy Triana Chris Yednock Christine MacLeod Christopher Grey Cindy ĈropSen

Clara Egan Clementia Celaya Cliff & Colleen Kilpatrick

Connie Konczyk Cosimo & Mary Pata Cory T. Kwiecinski Cristal Gerrero Agaton

Dan Walker Dave Forville

David Andrew Frasher David Spellman Darlene Kreger Donald Spencer Donna Montalbanu Doris Maier

Doris May

Dorothy & Fred Callaghan Dorothy & Joseph La Bianca

Douglas MacLeod Dwayne Albert

Earl & Geraldine Duncanson Earle & Margaret MacLeod

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Edwin & Catherine Bruce Elizabeth Henkel

Elizabeth Hennessy Elizabeth J. McGillicuddy

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Fabian Estrada & Francisca Jaimes

Fanny Baggett Fed Linthicum Felix Galendez Fernando Ruz Fernando Vazquez Fidel Robles

Flora & Nino Bisconti Florian & Maryellen Buszta Florencio Martinez & Lusina

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Frank & Anna Litchkowski Frank & Frances Maciejczyk

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Herman, Bernice & Anthony Green

Helene Staniszeweki Helmi Sanders Hellmuth Freund Helen Marie Butler Helen & John Brown Helen Startzel Hugh B. Graninger, Sr.

Jack Delaney

# christmas flowers

# in memory of

Jack Grey
Jack Kockler
Jack Mackenn
Jania Towne
Janne Ward Galzka
Jay Bigenwald
Jay Young
Jean Egan Weeks

Jeanne & Steve Dewhurst Jeffrey Feine

Jerian & Barbara Wille Jerry Jones Jesus Boyen

Jesus Maria Mercado Joan M. Cleary Joann Oldland

Joanne & John Levandowski

Joannie Delaney
John Deacon
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John F. Finnegan
John J. Cleary
John L. Wharton
John & Edith Maier
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John & Janet MacDougall
John & Juli Genau

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John & Kristjan Reilly
John & Mary Kennedy
John & Maxine Davis
John & Nancy Buckland
John & Rose Pascarella
John & Susan Turchik
John & Virginia Morfey
John Humenick
John Lawlor
John Pascarella, Jr.
Joseph Meade
Joseph Trung Trinh
Joseph Trinh Trung

Joseph Trung Vu
Joseph & Anna Levandowski
Joseph & Florence Miller
Joseph & Frances Cascio
Joseph & Helen Roney
Joseph & Margaret Conley
Josephine Robinson
Julia Rose Marin
Julianne M. Kelsey
Kathryn Bryce

Kevin Andrew Garrett

Kay Willson

Larry Delaney
Laura Elizabeth Prybys
Lee & Maxine Davis
Leon Vorst
Linda Stoudt
Lloyd & Rose Matilda
Lloyce West

Louella Kaskey
Lucy & Louis Cascio
Lucy Senta & Domin

Lucy, Santa & Dominic Donofrio Lucio Alejandro Quiroz Rodriguez

Luke O'Donnell Mama Awawu Egejuru Mama Cecilia Chukinu Mama Igwerichi Egejuru

Marcell Family Margaret Organist Margaret Stiegler Margaret & Earl Jackson Marcia & John Andersson Maria & Jo Louwers

Maria De Jesus Villanueva Maria Hgat Vu Maria Nu Pham

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Marie Rigor Fernandes
Mario & Antonio Maraldo
Mario & Mary Toigo
Martha Patricia Garcia
Martines Family
Mary Ann Kwiecinski
Mary Beth Cameron
Mary Coleman

Mary Kaye Stein Mary Lee Rogers Mary Ngat Vu Mary Rozzi Mary Shelio Mary Tenney Maureen Kennedy Maureen Weeks

Maxine Forville

Maxine Peguese

Mary Humenick

Mary Jones

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Mr. & Mrs. James Smiley
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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Einecker
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael P. Fedowitz
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond V. Hart
Mr. & Mrs. Stan Klezek
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Boyle
Mr. & Mrs. V.J. Chavanec
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sowa
Mr. Agriculo A. Gabison, Jr.

Mr. Bruce S. Rosky Mr. Christopher Okoebor Mr. Edwared T. Rosky Mr. Larry Cushman, Va Mr. Leroy S. Bonney Mr. Valentine Osuji Egejuru Mrs. Barbara Ward Mrs. Felicidad Escobar

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Nicolena & Gaetano Recupero

Nirvia Marin

Nuestra Madro Maria Santisima

Osting Family Owen Lea Pat O'Flinn Patricia Every Patricia K. Smith Patricia Zelanis Patrick & Mary Hogan Patrick J. Coleman, Jr. Patrick J. Coleman, Sr.

Paul & Eleanor Kutzner

Paul Feroldi

Paul Duhamel

# christmas flowers In memory of

Paul Mesterhazy
Peter & Esther Fernandes
Peter & Frances Finnegan
Peter & Giovana D'Ostilio
Phillip Payne Atkins
Pierre Brichant
Propero & Lena Pavia

Rafaela Montoya Rafael T. Fineza Ramona Cabrera

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Ruben Mantilla & Margarita Azruz

Ruby Hawkins

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Sara & Cyrus Pettis Sara Ochoa & Evangesto

Scott Kautz Segunda Ortega Shane Howe Sophie Kerr Sophia Klein Souls in Purgatory

Stan Kloda

Stanley & Joanna Beger Stanley & Mildred Faleskie Stefan & Maryla Wolanski

Stella & Ted Babol

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Teresa Brown

The Bisignano Family

The Dick Family

The Guarino Family The Hamilton Family The Kenyon Family

The King Family

The Pecher Family

The Sakovich & Wilkinson Families
The Sambat & Guillermo Families

The Setlik Family

The Snow & Mascetta Families

The Trippi Family
Therese Herron
Thomas & Leona Regan

Thomas & Patricia Finnegan

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Thomas Novotnak
Thomas Rozzi
Teddy Kincaid
Tina Decarbo
Timothy Campbell
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Toba Leverett Todd Finnegan Tom Faleskie Toni Vega

Tillman Wiggins Virginia Osting Vorst Family Wallace Mayer Walter May Warren Kwiecinski

Wilma Richburg

William & Grace Buckland William & Julia Page William & Mary Eaton William & Sally Sarber William Lynch

# christmas flowers in honor of

Agaton's Family

All Living & Deceased Family

& Friends of Joseph & Elaine

Stanislawski Alvaro Portillo

Angel Finch

Animas del Purgatorio

Anjeline Portillo Antonia Duque

Autumn Burns Betsy Adams

Caiafa Family Carmona Prohaska

Catherine Wood McKann

Christina Freund

Doni Green Eddie & Carmen Sanchez

Eileen Walts Elizabeth Larus Eugenio Bonilla

Felipe Reyes & Maria Quiroz

Frances Locklair George Shupp

Greg & Kerry Feroldi Hector & Carmen Camacho

Hogan Family Israel Jones

Jack & Agnes Forsyth

Jean Stofko Jesus Portillo

John & Linda Prohaska John & Susan Harvin Jose David Bonilla Jose Sabino Ochoa Juan Vicente Ochoa Kathy Bernstein Kristi Durst Krystal Finch Kyle Harring Lil Cruz

Marco & Magda Zepda-Aguirre

Maria Isavei Rivera Marilyn Delash Mary Ann Gragan Mary Jones

Mama Mary

Matthew & Janett Prohaska

Michael Harring

Michael J. Fedowitz Family Moms & Staff, St. Mary's Shelter

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Paul & Joni Arcuri
Priests of St. Mary Church
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Rosa Maria Villanueva Mercado Robert & Katherine Poole Sarah Vorder Bruegge

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Mr. Robert Allen
Mr. Robert Ochman
Mr. Roger Schneider
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Ms. Sydney May Ms. Victoria E. Baldwin

Ms. Wendi Anderson Mrs. Adele Scott-Gregory

Mrs. Anna Wrobel Mrs. Elaine McBennett Mrs. Kaup-Schiller

Mrs. Mary Alice Adams Mrs. Suzanne Nelsen

# announcements



# contact us

## **SUNDAY MASS**

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

# **DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday 6:30am, 9am, & 12pm Saturday 9am Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

# DEVOTIONS

Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass, Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am Divine Mercy, Wednesday, 3pm First Friday 7pm Novus Ordo (Latin Mass) First Saturday 8:00am — Fatima Prayers & Rosary followed by 9am Mass

# CONFESSION

Wednesday 11:30am-12pm, 6:30 - 8:30pm; Saturday, 8-8:30am & 3:30 - 4:30pm

# **PARISH OFFICE**

540-373-6491 fax: 540-371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org stmaryfred.org Monday - Friday 8:30am - 9pm; Students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays (Closed)

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

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

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

# ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans kevans@stmaryfred.org

# **OUTREACH**

Director, Elena Doyle

# **BAPTISMS**

Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.

# MARRIAGE

Parish registration required; contact the parish six months in advance to begin preparation or Margaret Bereit margaret@stmaryfred.org

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication. Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception 1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

# education

# holy cross academy

# Forming Hearts and Minds from Preschool to Eighth Grade

Since 1998, Holy Cross Academy has proudly served families in the Fredericksburg area, offering a vibrant Catholic education for children from Preschool (age 3) through eighth grade. Rooted in faith and academic excellence, our mission is to form young men and women to be saints, scholars, and leaders in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother.

At Holy Cross Academy, we believe in forming the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. Our students are empowered to be their authentic selves in an environment where faith is the foundation of everything we do. Through a rigorous Catholic academic curriculum, we prepare them not only to succeed in high school and beyond, but also to live lives of integrity, service, and leadership.

Beyond academics, Holy Cross Academy is a place where friendships flourish and last a lifetime. The bonds formed here—rooted in shared values, community, and faith—become a source of strength and joy for years to come.

We are thrilled to announce the completion of a major campus expansion, designed to enrich our students' learning experience with:

- A beautiful new chapel for prayer and reflection
- A spacious cafeteria for community and nourishment
- Expanded Preschool classrooms to welcome our youngest learners
- A state-of-the-art STEM lab to spark innovation and discovery
- A brand-new middle school wing to support growth and leadership

We warmly invite you to experience the spirit and excellence of Holy Cross Academy. Schedule a tour today by calling 540-286-1600 or visiting **holycrossweb.com**.

Come see how we are building a foundation of faith, knowledge, character, and lifelong friendship—one child at a time

Call 540-286-1600 to RSVP 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, VA 22406





# **OPEN HOUSE**

SUNDAY JANUARY 25 1-3PM



# religious education

# CHILDREN'S CHARITY KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

All students in grades K–8 are invited to participate in this year's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas while sharing their creativity through art. Students are encouraged to design an original poster that highlights the spiritual message of the season. Entries will be judged on creativity, clarity of theme, and overall presentation.

For full details and submission information, visit **bit. ly/kofcpostercontest** or scan below.

- Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas.
- Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.
- Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.
- Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form.
- The name and grade of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.



# Religious Education classes will resume again the week of January 5



# our parish youth ministry

# **Happy New Year!**

We invite all middle and high schoolers to try something new in 2026 to help build their faith life - and we have so many different groups to get involved in! Our challenge to you is to attend an event at least three times to see if you like it... and if you do, bring a friend!

# 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 JPII 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 JPII 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! Contact us to learn more!

ST. MARY YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR  JANUARY 2026							
SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT							
28 NO HSYG	29	30	31 NO YOUCAT	1	2 NO MSYG	3 NO FIGHT CLUB	
4	5	6	7 YOUCAT	8 FEMININE GENIUS	SENIOR MINISTRY	10 FIGHT CLUB	
11 HSYG	12	13	14 YOUCAT	15	16 MSYG	17 FIGHT CLUB	
18 NO HSYG 3DAY WKND	19	20	21 YOUCAT	22 FEMININE GENIUS	23	24 FIGHT CLUB	
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"I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME; YOU ARE MINE." ISAIAH 43:1

# happenings

# the Christmas Season at Saint Mary



# December 31: Mary, Mother of God Vigil

Mass in English at 5pm, 7pm, and 11:30pm at St. Mary (No 12pm Daily Mass)

# January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass in English at 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, and 2:30pm (Spanish/Español)

Mass in English at 8:30am and 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

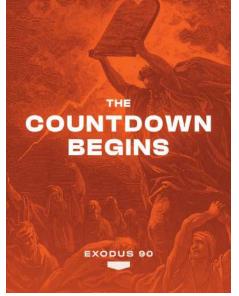
# **EXODUS 90 | SAVE THE DATE | JANUARY 5**

# What is Exodus 90?

Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual exercise for Catholic men that begins on the 5th of January 2026, ending on Easter Sunday. Rooted in the Church's tradition of prayer, asceticism, and fraternity, Exodus 90 invites men to grow in interior freedom, virtue, and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

# Men who participate commit to:

- Daily prayer, including Sacred Scripture
- · Ascetical disciplines that foster self-mastery and freedom
- · Daily Check-in with an accountability partner
- Weekly fraternity meetings with a small group of men for mutual support and accountability
- Exodus 90 is not a study or discussion group. It is a shared spiritual journey that draws from the wisdom of the Church and prepares men to live their vocations more faithfully as husbands, fathers, sons, and leaders.



Men of all ages and stages of faith are welcome.

Informational meeting Saturday, January 3rd 8:00am in the PLC.

# our parish happenings

# Consecration of the Holy Family | How to Prepare



In preparation for a Consecration to the Holy Family, your family should not only decide to dedicate itself to the Holy Family's intercession but also acknowledge that the family is sacred.

The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family, and that through your domestic church, you are called to live their example.

# Four suggested steps before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

- 1. Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
- 2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the sacrament of reconciliation.
- 3. As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- 4. Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.



# Family Consecration to the Holy Family will take place on Sunday, December 28 after the 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church



# Are you looking to strengthen and enrich your marriage?

Consider a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience!

February 13-15, 2026 in Waynesboro, Virginia

March 6-8, 2026 In Hampton, Virginia

# Here is what husbands and wives will learn:

- A powerful method to communicate from the heart and grow intimacy and connection
- 5 Tools for keeping your relationship a priority
- Discernment for what your marriage needs most
- How to value the precious gift that is your beloved, your spouse

After your experience, you have access to the ongoing support of a local marriage encounter community!

# The Experience is for Priests & Religious Too!

Are you seeking ways to reconnect and grow with your parish family or religious community? Our tools can help! Rediscover the JOY in your priesthood or religious life!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is here for you!



To apply online go to: www.wwme.org or call 757-690-1369





# ~ 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 JANUARY**

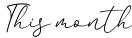
Sign-up to drop off food items by visiting: https://bit. ly/3L03LGd

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



# THEOLOGY ON TAP Fredericksburg This month



# Peace of Heart - The Ultimate New Year's Resolution

Wife, mother, counselor, and St. Patrick's parishioner Karen Cruess is back! As we round out the Christmas season and enter 2026, come hear about one New Year's Resolution we all need - finding and maintaining peace of heart in the midst of challenges, disappointments, failures, suffering, and loss. Join us for good friends, good beer, and great conversation.





# **MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

**Strangeways Brewing** 

350 Landsdowne Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Doors open at 5pm Presentation at 6:30pm





Connect with us! fredericksburgtot@gmail.com



# happenings

# The Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach Needs Volunteers

The Clinic is a 100% free medical clinic opened in 2005 by Fr. Jerome Magat and serves the indigent and medically uninsured population of Colonial Beach, King George and Westmoreland Counties. The Clinic is the first Free Clinic established in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Guided by Catholic principles for health care, the Clinic seeks to assist in the total healing of all patients. The Clinic is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm, and every other Monday from 4pm to 8pm. The Clinic is looking for volunteers to join our Ministry. The Clinic needs medical and non-medical volunteers but is in dire need of Spanish Interpreters. Almost 90% of the Clinic's patients speak Spanish. For more information, please visit our website at guadalupefreeclinic. org, or contact us via email lcarrington@ guadalupefreeclinic.org, or by phone at (804)-224-0571.

# 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 January 10.

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The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit your home! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite the Blessed Mother's presence into your family's daily life, offering a special time for prayer, reflection, and devotion.



A Home Enthronement is a beautiful and solemn ceremony wherein a family consecrates their dwelling to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, inviting divine grace to reign over their home.

We encourage you to consider these beautiful spiritual experiences for your household.

If your family would like to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, please contact Mary Lou Felts at (571) 723-3333 or <a href="maryloufelts@gmail.com">maryloufelts@gmail.com</a>.

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# **Donations Received December8 - 15**

Sunday Offertory	\$33,984.00
Parish Debt Reduction Fund	\$310.00
Catholic Charities	\$9,670.00
Parish Christmas Charities	\$400.00
Immaculate Conception	\$8,673.00
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$1,864.00

The next Financial Report will be published in the January 11, 2026 Bulletin. We are very grateful for all your support in 2025 and wish you many blessings in 2026. Thank you for your generosity!

# **Children's Charity - January**

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

# **Pro Life Reflection**

God gives us the gift of life, in units of years and months and days, and we likewise give it back to Him, in days and months and years of faithful service. In the New Year, let us put the defense of the unborn at the top of our priority list. Lord, enable me to devote more time, energy, and resources to the greatest human rights movement of our day, the pro-life movement.

# MARCH FOR LIFE Friday, January 23, 2026 Life: Why We March!

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

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, DC and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the US Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on Friday, January 23rd to commemorate the 53rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Although Roe v. Wade has been overturned, there is still work to be done, and the March for Life will continue to take place every January until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

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

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



# **Saint Mary Prayer List - December**

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Audrey Boron, Bruce Bornschein, Chris Breth, Drew LoRusso, Eric Weber, Eric Williams, Gregory Ruth, Jack Smith, Jacob Moser, JoAnne O'Brien, Joe Sullivan, Jose Rene Benavides, Joseph Krieg, Keith & Theresa Kovalefsky, Keith Richardson, Laverne Ruth, Linda Yednock, Mary Ann Gragan, Mary Ann Seidlinger, Mary Quinn, Maryann Carroll, Michael Fedowitz III, Shirley Bozicevic, Sue Moorefield, Susan Harvin, Tamlin Leaf, Christopher Rissetto, Bonita Boyer, Chuck Boyer

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

Joseph Gardner, Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, 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

# **29 MONDAY**

6:30am Rosalinda Canizares 9:00am Anna Ban T. Nguyen+ 12:00pm Ryan Epp+

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

# **30 TUESDAY**

6:30am Lori Barlow

9:00am Wayne & Wanda Cushing

12:00pm Randy James 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

# **31 WEDNESDAY**

6:30am Sister Gloria Christi

9:00am Peruvemba Ramnathan Sundaresa+

5:00pm Freddy Arevalo+

7:00pm Raymondo & Thelma Odilia Rivera+

11:30pm Phillip Atkins+ 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

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# 1 THURSDAY

7:00am Anthony Carrozza+ 8:30am Elanora Storma+ 8:30am\* Robert Stiegler+ 10:30am For Our Parish 10:30am\* Michael Sambat 12:30pm Nancy Fishenden+ 2:30pm Marta Patricia+ Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

# 2 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation 9:00am In Reparation 12:00pm In Reparation 7:00pm In Reparation 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

# **3 SATURDAY**

9:00am Joseph Vu+ 5:00pm Eleanor Diastole+ 7:00pm All Souls in Purgatory 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

# **4 SUNDAY**

7:00am For Our Parish 8:30am Leta Family 8:30am\* Luke Dutchman

All Those Who Died in December 10:30am

10:30am\* William Sampson+

Olivia Tan 12:30pm 2:30pm Emma Atkinson 5:00pm Fr. Carlos Cancelado 7:00pm Victor Angelo+

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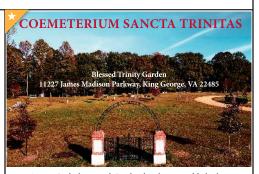
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A new Catholic Burial Garden has been established in the Diocese of Arlington 30 minutes East of downtown Fredericksburg on Route 301 in Historyland Memorial Park and Arboretum in King George County.

The Garden is a cooperative arrangement with Historyland and the Parish of St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Colonial Beach & St. Anthony of Padua in King George.

Every grave is required to have a headstone which will face East, the traditional direction of Christian burial, awaiting the Coming of the Lord on the Day of Resurrection.

This Catholic burial place is bounded on two sides by a lovely forest and is laid out in a traditional pattern with walkways, benches and plantings.

At the entrance there is a newly erected brick and wrought iron gate with an arch bearing the name of the Garden in Latin: Coemeterium Sancta Trinitas.

Preplanning for that difficult time is a gift to you and your family. Purchase your burial plot now in the Catholic Garden, Coemeterium Sancta Trinitas.

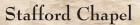
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