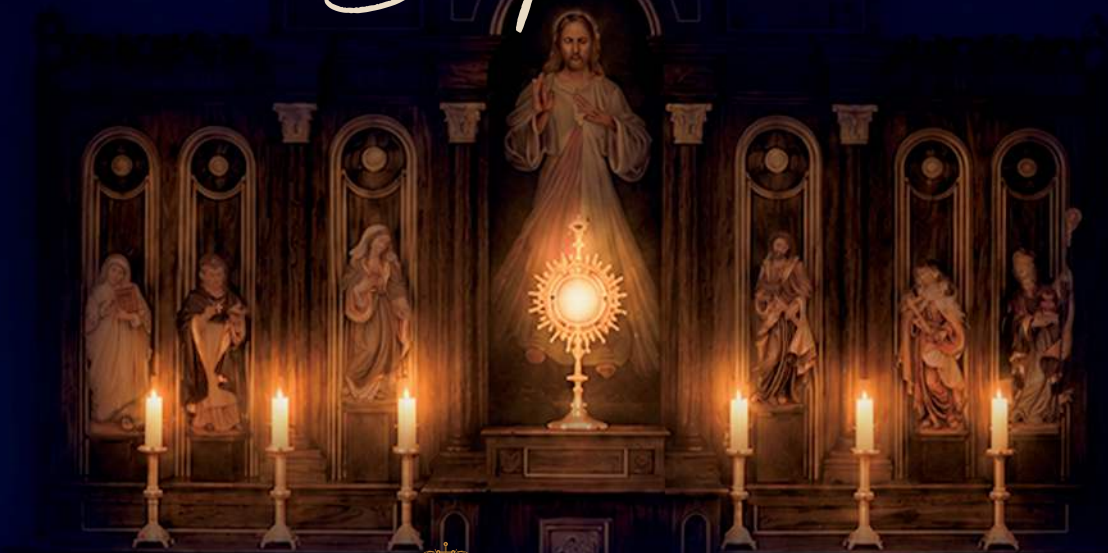




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capital campaign

grow our legacy in faith

Capital Campaign Update & Big Thanks!

May the peace and joyful, tender mercy of Jesus fill your hearts! We want to send a huge thank you to everyone who has been faithfully sending in their campaign pledge payments. Your steady support and trust in God's goodness are doing amazing things for our parish family!

Where We Stand Right Now

Total Pledged: \$7,386,838.63 (1,199 pledges)

Total Collected So Far: \$5,765,951.49

Percentage Collected: 78% of all pledged funds fulfilled

Pledges Fully Paid: 563 families (47%)

Remaining Balance: \$1,620,887.14

We are so grateful for each and every payment that comes in, and a big shout out to the 563 families who have officially finished their pledges!

What's New in the Adoration Chapel?

To enrich your time in prayer, we invite you to visit the Adoration Chapel and browse the new custom bookshelf, thoughtfully crafted by parishioner Joe Wilkinson.

Pamphlets, Rosaries & Miraculous Medals (Available to Take Home)

The upper shelves feature pamphlets on praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, praying the Rosary, and making a Holy Hour, alongside blessed Rosaries and Miraculous Medals to enrich your prayer life. Please feel free to take these resources home or share them with loved ones. As St. Maximilian Kolbe famously declared, the Miraculous Medal is our "bullet against the enemy"—a powerful weapon of grace and protection to draw souls closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through Mary.

Reading Library (For Chapel Use Only)

The bottom shelf holds a collection of devotional and spiritual books available for reading during your time in prayer. Please note that these books are designated for use within the chapel only and are clearly marked. We kindly ask that you do not remove them or take them home so that all adorers may continue to enjoy them.

Jesus, we trust in You!



from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Last weekend, we announced our Volunteer of the Year awards, and treated the volunteers to dinner at Renato's! It was a lovely evening to be able to spend time with so many folks who serve in many varied ministries! It is not just longevity of service, but awardees are involved in and sometimes leading multiple ministries! Reminds me of the advice someone gave me: "If you want a task done well, give it to a busy person!" Thank you to all who generously and tirelessly serve the Lord!

Please enjoy on my page, a few pictures of the award winners!

Adoration: with this past weekend's Parish Life sign-ups, we are getting very close to being able offer adoration Monday morning through Friday evening! A special shout of gratitude goes to those who take the overnight hours. While they are the hardest to fill, I believe them to be the most spiritually rewarding because of sacrifice that interrupted sleep entails!

Yes, there are still overnight and daytime hours that need another adorer to cover. Might the Lord be inviting you to make the commitment to spend an hour with Him each week?

How would you know that Jesus is inviting you: if the thought has passed your mind of wanting a deeper prayer life, but also mixed with anxiety of "oh no, too much, I can't commit!" An anxious response or excuse, might well be the very human response to Jesus. "Be not afraid!"

You can email the adoration coordinator, (Serena~ adoration@stmaryfred.org) and ask which hours need coverage. Hopefully we will have coverage soon and be able to greatly expand the hours of solemn adoration!

Have a lovely weekend, and get ready for the Parish Picnic next Saturday, October 3rd! Good times at St. Mary's!

Pax et Bonum,



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

Thank you to our Volunteers of the Year who enjoyed a special night out with Fr. Mosimann this past Sunday!

May God reward you for your goodness!



Pictured from left to right

(Top Row) Mario Alas, Ryan Feather, Mary Briganti, Rob Pata, Amy Pata, Bob Jankovits, Kathy Salidizo, Domingo Bautista, Samuel Meza, (Bottom Row) Cecilia Alas, Lisa Sarber, Michael Craig, Fr. Mosimann, Mary F, Elaine Stanislawski, Lizette Meza

announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses
Come and enjoy some fellowship!

So our priests can join us at the
Parish Picnic, the 3:30pm Confessions
on October 3 are canceled.

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, and 12 noon
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
Reverend Stan Lee, Parochial Vicar

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

ADORATION

at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Church Adoration

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 7AM-9AM

Chapel Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 9AM-9PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY | 8AM-8PM

Chapel Adoration

WEDNESDAY | 9AM-12AM

THURSDAY | 12AM - 6:30AM & 9AM-12AM

FRIDAY | 12AM-6:30AM

stmaryfred.org/adoration-schedule

stmaryfred.org

MUSIC

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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

Director, Allison Gardner
540-286-1600

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Director, Dr. Katherine Evans
Administrative Assistant, Sonia Spencer

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran

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

Holy Cross Feast Day!

Holy Cross Academy joyfully celebrated Holy Cross Feast Day, a cherished tradition that brings our school community together in faith and fellowship. The day began with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Very Reverend Father Mosimann, who shared a sacred relic containing the remains of the True Cross. Students, faculty, and staff were deeply moved as they venerated the relic and reflected on Christ's profound love for us.

Throughout the day, students participated in meaningful activities that highlighted the significance of the Cross in our lives. Children created special cross-themed crafts, listened to Bible stories, enjoyed bonus recess, and celebrated with a refreshing treat from Kona Ice. Students spent precious time in the St. Helena Chapel for quiet moments of adoration, offering prayers of gratitude and hope. Our Seniors made the day even sweeter by sharing Kona Ice with their Kindergarten Little Buddies, laughing, talking, and strengthening the bonds that make our community so special.

As tradition holds, the day concluded with the much-anticipated 8th Grade vs. Faculty Volleyball Game. The students came out strong with a roar of energy, but the teachers rallied back and claimed the victory. Cheers, smiles, and school spirit filled the gym — a joyful ending to a faith-filled day.

Holy Cross Feast Day reminded us once again of the blessing it is to learn, pray, and grow together as one family in Christ.



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CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

Each month, children in our Religious Education program are introduced to a different children's charity. We ask that our students pray for the children served by each of these programs, and we encourage them to consider giving small financial gifts to support them. Even if a child gives only a few coins from their piggy bank or weekly allowance, giving to others in need is a wonderful way to nurture the virtue of generosity.



To donate, families can use the Children's Offertory Envelopes (marked "Patron Saints") from the R.E. Office. Donations submitted in these envelopes will go towards the Children's Charity of the month.

Children's contributions for the month of September will be donated to Stafford Junction. In 2002, the Stafford County Sheriff's Department assessed the Olde Forge community, which was known for its high crime rate. The evaluation identified several challenges such as poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, unsupervised children, and the arrival of non-English speaking and refugee families. In response, the Sheriff's Department launched a call for action that led to the establishment of Stafford Junction, a non-profit organization with a faith-based approach focused on enhancing the well-being of children and families in low-income regions of Stafford County. Stafford Junction's programs prioritize education, nutrition, and healthy living. Its goal is to improve the lives of those living in low-resource areas by providing them with a path to a better future.

For more information, visit their website at staffordjunction.org.

MONTHLY BIBLE VERSE:
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Ps. 119:105

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			New Volunteer training 5:30-8:30pm	STARE/SPRED Cat Training 6-6:30 STARE/SPRED Parent Mtg 6:30-7		
		1	2	3	4	5
		ALL Volunteer training 5:30-8:30pm		RE Registration Closed		SPRED 10-12
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Catechist Oath of Fidelity Weekend	RE KICK-OFF: 4:45, 6:30	RE/STARE KICK-OFF: 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30	RE KICK-OFF: 6:30		Home-Taught Parents Meeting 6:30	SPRED 10-12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
PARISH LIFE WEEKEND	RE: 4:45, 6:30	RE/STARE: 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30	RE: 6:30		Saints Parade Planning Meeting 6:30	PARISH LIFE WEEKEND
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	RE Registration Reopens	RE/STARE: 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30	RE: 6:30			
27	28	29	30			
	RE: 4:45, 6:30					

our parish

youth ministry



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GOD'S WORD.

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LEARN
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TOGETHER

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SMALL GROUPS

A DEEPER FAITH

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WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16TH

WEDNESDAYS
6:30PM - 8PM

JOHN PAUL II
HOUSE

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS INVITED!

SCRIPTURE | COMMUNITY | A LIFE ROOTED IN CHRIST



RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

All high school students are invited!

For a permission slip, please contact
Tatiana.tbeltan@stmaryfred.org

a day filled with faith and fun:

- Mass with Bishop Burbidge
- Keynote Speaker Chris Bray
- Breakout Sessions
- Confessions & Adoration
- Inflatable games, pizza, ice cream, and more!

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OCTOBER 3**

10A | 200 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY

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INFLATABLES

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PONY RIDES

...AND BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...THE ANIMAL TRAIN!

DONATIONS WELCOME LAST NAME A-M - CHIPS N-Z DESSERTS



our parish happenings

AN INVITATION TO ADORE OUR LORD

Seeking Adorers

PLEASE CONTACT SERENA NGUYEN AT
ADORATION@STMARYFRED.ORG

stmaryfred.org/adoration-schedule

Blessing of Animals

The traditional blessing of animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on Saturday, October 3rd at 10am at the Blessed Mother Prayer Garden in front of the Church. Please park away from the area to allow space for our "rambunctious" pets. Please also come prepared to clean up after your pet in case of "accidents". All animals should be contained or leashed.

Respect Life Sunday National Life Chain

Sunday, October 4 | Annual Life Chain 2-3:30pm

What is a Life Chain?

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

St. Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 4 and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in front of the Parish Life Center at 1:45pm to pick up our signs and walk up to Emancipation Highway (Route 1), where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Stafford Avenue to College Avenue. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

St. Mary of the
Immaculate Conception

Adult BIBLE Studies

Fall 2026

When You Pray:

A clear path to a deeper relationship with God

Dr. Edward Sri, Ascension Press

Offered Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Various times and locations

from October 19 - December 14, 2026

Cost is \$30; register in the parish office

Limited space available



Isaiah

Ignatius Catholic Study Bible Workbook

Offered Tuesdays from 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm

at the St. Nicholas House

from October 20 until completion

No cost, but please register in the parish office

For more information,
contact: Bryan Richardson
br22406@cox.net

our parish happenings

St Mary's Singles Group

St. Mary's Singles Group extends an open invitation to everyone single and 40 years of age or older for monthly group social gatherings such as dinners, movies, plays, works of charity, prayers, Mass, and other church and social events. Contact Eileen at emw5348@gmail.com to get on the email newsletter list.

There is a gathering each month at the Wegmans upstairs meeting space at 10 am to plan activities. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, October 3.

The Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach | Join our Ministry

Founded in 2005 by Fr. Jerome Magat, the Guadalupe Free Clinic provides 100% free medical care to uninsured residents across Colonial Beach, King George, and Westmoreland Counties. As the first free clinic established in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, we are guided by Catholic healthcare principles and dedicated to supporting the complete healing of every patient. The Clinic is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm. Volunteer Opportunities: We are actively seeking both medical and non-medical volunteers to join our ministry. We currently have a critical need for Eligibility Coordinators and Spanish Interpreters. To learn more or get involved, please visit guadalupefreeclinic.org, call us at (804) 224-0571, or email lcarrington@guadalupefreeclinic.org.



OCTOBER
is the month of the **HOLY ROSARY**

The Legion of Mary invites you to pray a bilingual Holy Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
At St. Mary's Church: 1009 Stafford Ave,
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Ready for an awesome night?

Join Fr. Joseph & the Team
for DC United Faith Night!



10/24/26 ⚽ 7:30 pm

Audi Field

Doors open at 6:00 pm



**Includes a post-game faith testimonial/
Q&A with players, led by the team chaplain**

Come for the soccer - stay for the inspiration!

**Reserve your \$35 ticket today!
October 1st deadline**

Transportation not provided

Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Drop off a check payable to St. Mary with DC United
in the memo or cash in a marked envelope

Questions: email tbeltran@stmaryfred.org,
call (540) 373-6491 or stop by the Parish office

our parish happenings

Volunteers Needed for the Brisben Center Kids Club

We are thrilled to be working with the Brisben Center once more in support of the children! The Kids Club takes place EVERY Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 thru December 16. 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 - 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.

Any questions, please reach out to Sydney McDonald sydjim92@msn.com or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491 SIGN-UP AT: bit.ly/4hVJX53

St. Monica Prayer Club

All are welcome to join the St. Monica Prayer Group on Saturday, October 10th, following the 9am Mass (9:45-11am) in the Parish Office Library. The mission of the St. Monica's Prayer Group is to provide a community for Catholics to pray for loved ones (children, parents, spouses, extended family) who have strayed from the faith, to provide encouragement, and to assist each other in our growth in holiness.

We will pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary, then discuss a chapter from the book, The Saint Monica Club, by Maggie Green, which is available on Amazon. For more information, please contact Megan Kimbrell at st.monica.club@gmail.com.



OCTUBRE
mes del **SANTO ROSARIO**

La Legión de María,
te invita a rezar el Santo Rosario
bilingüe en honor a nuestra
Santísima Madre María.

Miercoles 7 de Octubre del 2026
a las 6:00 p.m. en la iglesia St. Mary's: 1009
Stafford Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22401



Retiro Católico Carismático
¿DÓNDE ESTA TU TESORO ahí estará
También TU CORAZÓN
— Mateo 6:21 —

10 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026
8:00am-5:00pm

VEN Y VIVE UN ENCUENTRO CON EL SEÑOR QUE RENUEVE TU FÉ.

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Alabanza.

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 **Holy Cross Academy**
250 Stafford Lakes Pkwy
Fredericksburg, VA 22406

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our parish happenings

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians



Married in 1976 or 2001?

All golden and silver jubilarians
are welcome!

Contact your parish office
today to register!

**Sunday
October 18, 2026**

**Cathedral of St. Thomas More
2:30 pm**

3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

**The Most Reverend
Michael F. Burbidge**

Bishop of Arlington
Principal Celebrant & Homilist



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Office of
Marriage, Family and Respect Life

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Misa para Jubileos Matrimoniales



**¿Casados en los años
1976 o 2001?**

¡Todas las parejas celebrando bodas
de oro y plata están invitadas!

¡Contáctense con sus oficinas
parroquiales para registrarse!

**Domingo 18 de
octubre, 2026**

**Catedral de Santo Tomas Moro
2:30 pm**

3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

Monseñor Michael F. Burbidge

Obispo de Arlington
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our parish happenings

Snack Bags for Kids - October

Providing snack bags for the children of Hugh Mercer Elementary who suffer food insecurity on the weekends. St. Mary's to provide snacks on the 2nd THURSDAY of every month.

For OCTOBER we ask that all donations be dropped off NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Please drop off food donations directly to the Parish Office.

Thank you!

Sign Up at bit.ly/4h7VHPB



MON. OCTOBER 5



Strangeways Brewing

350 Lansdowne Rd. Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Doors open at 5pm
Presentation at 6:30pm



This Month

What Francis of Assisi Offers You 800 Years Later

October 3, 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, leading Pope Leo XIV to proclaim this the Year of St. Francis. Come hear about the real St. Francis and what his radical conformity to the crucified Christ has to offer us today. Fr. Kevin Smith is a Franciscan friar with the Third Order Regular of St. Francis (TOR) ordained in 2024 and is a parochial vicar at St. Joseph's Church in Herndon, VA.



Fr. Kevin Smith, TOR



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

our parish happenings

CELEBRATED BY
**Most Rev.
Michael F. Burbidge**



Annual Mass **FOR RESPECT LIFE MONTH & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Cathedral of St. Thomas More

3901 Cathedral Ln, Arlington, VA 22203

11 October | 11:00 a.m.

Light reception & fellowship to follow



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our parish happenings

Art Workshop for Loss of a Grandparent

Elementary-aged children – no art experience necessary.

The goal of Mary Washington Grief Support Services is to nurture individuals and families along their grief journey. All our services are **FREE** thanks to generous grants and donations from the local community. Registration is required.



Kids and their parent/guardian will:

- Explore their feelings about the loss through art-based activities.
- Have an opportunity to connect with others who have experienced grandparent loss.
- Find ways to remember and connect to their grandparent.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Tompkins-Martin Medical Plaza
1101 Sam Perry Blvd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Registration required. Space is limited.

A parent/guardian must accompany the child(ren) to the event.

For more information or to register contact Mary Beaven, LCSW at 540-205-0502 or mary.beaven@mwhc.com.



“Art speaks where words are unable to explain.”

~Pam Holland



Mary Washington
Grief Support Services



operations given in love

In Pew & Mail Donations Received

September 9-14

Sunday Offertory	\$33,298.00
Religious Education Collection	\$7,591.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$963.00
Poor Box St. Vincent de Paul	\$367.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Porto Charities Annual Collection for God's Special Children

October 3 & 4

The month of October has been designated as Disabilities Awareness Month, and Bishop Burbidge has enthusiastically endorsed Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. 100% of ALL donations become grants awarded to Catholic schools right here in our Diocese so that they may start new programs to welcome students with disabilities, or expand their current services for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our parish has also been blessed to have received a grant from Porto Charities for our SPRED Program for the past three years. On October 3 and October 4 there will be a second collection to assist these special need programs. The Bishop has sanctioned this collection as a blessing for God's Special Children, their families and this entire diocese. Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church. For more information, visit portocharities.org.

Pro Life Reflection

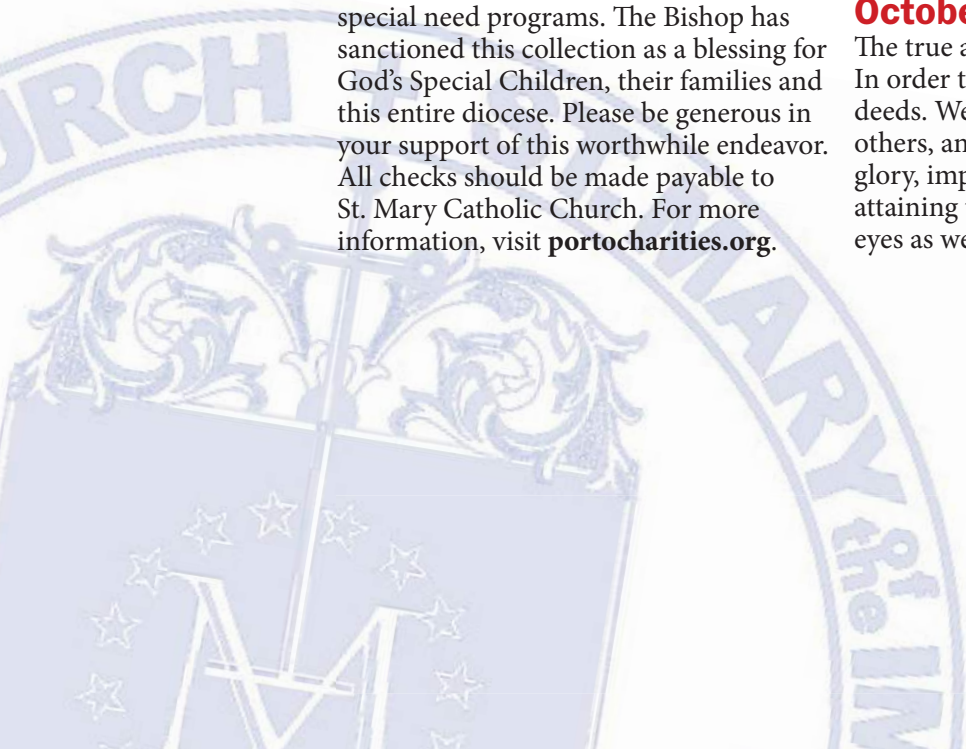
"God's infinite love for each one of us helps us to grasp our identity and our worth. The recognition of this dignity leads us to respect and protect each person's life..." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities) *We pray for the world that all people may recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God's creation.*

Children's Charity for September

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

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, October 1

The true and only glory is the glory that will last forever. In order to attain it, we do not need to do spectacular deeds. We need merely hide ourselves from the eyes of others, and even from ourselves. – St. Therese. God of glory, impress on me the value of humility as a means of attaining true glory. Help me to humble myself in my own eyes as well as in the eyes of all.



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - September

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Aidan Lane, Allyson Reilly, Bruce Bornschein, Christopher Risetto, Drew LoRusso, Jack Smith, Jacob Moser, Jason Stoker, Joanne Doyle, Logan Leslie, Loretta Dice, Margaret Hein, Margaret Murphy, Maria Mangini, Maryanne Logan, Michael Fedowitz III, Robert Hein, Robin Assouad, Shirley Bozicevic, Sue Moorefield, Veronica Bonder, Wayne Winters, Charles Boyer, Steve DeWitt, Joseph Krieg, Theresa & Kieth Kovalefsky, Mandy James+, David Carr+, Michele & Jack Smith

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support

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

St. Mary Prayer List

As a reminder, we will update our prayer list in the bulletin as a monthly listing. If you would like to include a person on the prayer list, please email Ann Skinner at askinner@stmaryfred.org

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?

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Mass Intentions

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

Daily Mass Intentions

September

28 MONDAY

6:30am Mary Lou Felts
9:00am Robert & Alice Bartolomucci
Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

29 TUESDAY

6:30am Margaret Ann Bamberg+
9:00am Mary Ngat Vu+
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51

30 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Joan Marie Johnson+
8:15am* Mr. & Mrs. Marlow+
9:00am Jose' Sarbelio Galdamez+
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62

October

1 THURSDAY

6:30am Emily D 'Isidoro
9:00am Charles Trainum+
Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12

2 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation
9:00am In Reparation
12:00pm In Reparation
7:00pm In Reparation
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Mt 18:1-5, 10

3 SATURDAY

9:00am Joan Doherty+
5:00pm Maria Ngat Vu+
7:00pm Nancy Ronckovitz+
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

4 SUNDAY

7:00am Larry Delaney+
8:30am Sharon Ludwig+
8:30am* For Our Parish
10:30am Timothy Hanlon+
10:30am* Those Who Died in September
12:30pm Blaise Radel
2:30pm Miguel Correa, Jr.+
5:00pm Greg Protiva+
7:00pm Susan Fuller+
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