

## **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 18, 2026**



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

# capital campaign

## grow our legacy in faith

### **Divine Mercy Chapel Update | St. Teresa of Calcutta**

One of the beautiful statues present in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel is that of St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Today, we joyfully reflect on the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta, foundress of the Missionaries of Charity and one of the most beloved witnesses of Christ's love in modern history. Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910 in Skopje, she felt a call to religious life at a young age and joined the Sisters of Loreto. Sent to teach in India, she later experienced a profound "call within a call" while traveling by train to Darjeeling in 1946. Jesus revealed to her His infinite longing for souls and His cry from the Cross: "I thirst."

St. Teresa dedicated the rest of her life to quenching this Eucharistic thirst of Jesus. She stepped out into the streets of Calcutta to serve the "poorest of the poor"—the destitute, the sick, and the abandoned. She understood that her mission was not merely humanitarian work, but an act of deep contemplation, recognizing the face of Christ hidden beneath the distressing disguise of the poor.

Her spiritual life was centered on Divine Mercy and Eucharistic Adoration. She taught her sisters that to serve the poor with true love, they must first spend time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

During her beatification on October 19, 2003, Pope John Paul II highlighted her unwavering dedication, saying:

*"The cry of Jesus on the Cross, 'I thirst' (Jn 19:28), expressing the depth of God's longing for man, penetrated Mother Teresa's soul and found fertile soil in her heart. Satiating Jesus' thirst for love and for souls... had become the sole aim of Mother Teresa's existence..."*

Mother Teresa returned to the Lord on September 5, 1997—a date now celebrated as her feast day—and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016. Her presence in our Adoration Chapel serves as a powerful reminder that our prayer before the Eucharistic Lord must always overflow into active, compassionate love for others.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us



# from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Nothing much to report here: just a long week at St. Mary's as we bid adieu to Elaine Stanislawski who has worked here for 32+ years! And I do have to get you results for America the Beautiful photo contest!

So today I will thank the parishioner who invited me to join him for a day of off-road Jeeping! It was great to take a day away from the office, and I only spent some of the day, typing notes for a meeting on my phone! We went in with a group of Jeep enthusiasts up into the mountains near Harrisonburg and took a trail with some rock obstacles too big for 'regular' cars. Often picking the most 'spicy' lines to drive over rock obstacles!

It had me dreaming of buying a Jeep, until I recalled that it is way, way better to just ride with the parishioners who already have the cars and knowledge! I greatly enjoyed the glorious fall Virginia day! I think we really appreciate perfect weather here, because we don't often get it!

So I will share with you a few pix, just for fun, and hope that you too can spend time with family and friends.

Pax et Bonum,



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



## Welcoming Maryanne

Maryanne Harring is a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary's. She is one of six children and is blessed to have three of her siblings and their families, as well as her mother, as fellow parishioners at St. Mary's. Maryanne and her husband, David, have been happily married for thirteen years and are blessed with three sons who attend Holy Cross Academy, two of whom serve as altar servers.

Maryanne brings twenty years of experience in human resources and administrative support, primarily in government contracting and the nonprofit sector. She is excited to bring her experience and dedication to her new roles as Executive Assistant to the Pastor and Outreach Director. Maryanne is grateful for the opportunity to serve the parish she has called home throughout her life and looks forward to seeing what God has in store for this new chapter.

## announcements

### St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses  
Come and enjoy some fellowship!

## 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](http://stmaryfred.org/adoration-schedule)

## contact us

[stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org)

### 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](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org)  
[stmaryfred.org](http://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  
Deacon Leo Flynn

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

### MUSIC

Joseph Ciskanik  
Director of Music, [musicdirector@stmaryfred.org](mailto: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](mailto:sfry@holycrossweb.com)

### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

Director, Allison Gardner  
540-286-1600

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans  
Administrative Assistant, Sonia Spencer  
Administrative Assistant, Melissa Joseph

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans  
[kevans@stmaryfred.org](mailto:kevans@stmaryfred.org)

### OUTREACH

Director, Maryanne Harring

### 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](mailto:margaret@stmaryfred.org)

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.  
Send articles to [bulletin@stmaryfred.org](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

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

# holy cross academy

## St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Picnic a Tremendous Success

The St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church Parish Picnic, held at Holy Cross Academy, was a wonderful day filled with faith, fellowship, food, and fun for all ages. Despite the rainy weather, the decision to move the event indoors proved to be the right one, allowing everyone to enjoy the festivities comfortably and safely.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal featuring freshly grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans, snacks, and an impressive assortment of desserts. Popcorn and cotton candy were especially popular and added to the festive atmosphere.

One of the greatest joys of the day was the opportunity for parishioners to gather, mingle, and enjoy meaningful conversations with one another. The parish priests spent time throughout the event visiting with parishioners, sharing fellowship, and strengthening the sense of community that makes St. Mary such a special parish family.

Children and families also enjoyed face painting and a variety of activities that kept smiles on faces all afternoon.

A highlight of the picnic was an exciting Taekwondo demonstration presented by MBA Majest of Fredericksburg. The performance captivated the audience and left the entire crowd in awe. Master Ha showcased incredible skill and precision, including impressive board-breaking demonstrations that energized and entertained guests of all ages.

A special thank you goes to the Knights of Columbus, Anthony DeMaio, and the countless volunteers whose hard work, dedication, and generosity made this event possible. Their efforts

behind the scenes helped create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone in attendance.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to making this year's parish picnic such a memorable celebration of faith, friendship, and community. The day truly reflected the spirit of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, and we look forward to gathering together again next year.



## 2026 HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PTO RAFFLE

Every ticket purchased will help the PTO support HCA all year long!

\$10 PER TICKET

DRAWING - OCTOBER 23, 7PM

(Do not have to be present to win)

For more details visit

[tinyurl.com/hca-raffle](https://tinyurl.com/hca-raffle) or scan



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# education

# religious education

## CHILDREN'S CHARITY FOR OCTOBER: SAFE HARBOR

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.



## IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP

**OCIT PARENT MEETING TOMORROW** | Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:30pm in the church. OCIT parents are asked to attend this meeting to learn more about the OCIT program, student expectations, and reception of sacraments.

**SAINTS PARADE** | Friday, October 30, 2026, at 5pm at Holy Cross Academy. This is a mandatory event for all RE and home-taught students (optional only for STARE and OCIT). Come dressed as your favorite saint and ready to play all sorts of holy games!

**PARENTS OF RE STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT YET BAPTIZED** | Monday, November 2, 2026, at 6:30pm in the church. NOTE: This is a change from the original date!



**OCTOBER R.E. BIBLE VERSE:** *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us.*  
– Hebrews 12:1

# OCTOBER 2026

| SUN | MON                                         | TUE                            | WED           | THU                                 | FRI                              | SAT                                 |
|-----|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 27  | 28                                          | 29                             | 30            | 1                                   | 2                                | 3                                   |
| 4   | 5<br>RE 4:45, 6:30                          | 6<br>RE 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30    | 7<br>RE 6:30  | 8                                   | 9                                | 10<br>SPRED 10-12                   |
| 11  | 12<br>Columbus Day<br>NO RE                 | 13<br>TEACHING MASS 4:45, 6:30 | 14<br>NO RE   | 15<br>Yr 1 Conf Formation Night 7-8 | 16                               | 17<br>SPRED 10-12                   |
| 18  | 19<br>RE 4:45, 6:30<br>OCIT Parent Mtg 6:30 | 20<br>RE 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30   | 21<br>RE 6:30 | 22                                  | 23                               | 24                                  |
| 25  | 26<br>RE 4:45, 6:30                         | 27<br>RE 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30   | 28<br>RE 6:30 | 29                                  | 30<br>SAINTS PARADE @ HCA 5-8:15 | 31<br>OCIT Confirmation Retreat 9-3 |

# our parish youth ministry



**RALLY**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026**

**All high school students are invited!**

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

ST. MARY  
**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
CALENDAR  
**OCTOBER 2026**

| SUN                           | MON | TUE | WED                                     | THU                   | FRI                             | SAT              |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 27<br>HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP | 28  | 29  | 30<br>YOUCAT                            | 1                     | 2<br>MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP  | 3<br>FIGHT CLUB  |
| 4<br>HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP  | 5   | 6   | 7<br>YOUCAT                             | 8<br>FEMININE GENIUS  | 9                               | 10<br>FIGHT CLUB |
| 11<br>HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP | 12  | 13  | 14<br>WORKCAMP INTEREST MEETING 7:00 PM | 15                    | 16<br>MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP | 17<br>FIGHT CLUB |
| 18<br>HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP | 19  | 20  | 21<br>YOUCAT                            | 22<br>FEMININE GENIUS | 23                              | 24<br>FIGHT CLUB |
| 25<br>HIGH SCHOOL RALLY       | 26  | 27  | 28<br>YOUCAT                            | 29                    | 30                              | 31<br>FIGHT CLUB |

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Sundays 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Meeting  
 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Fridays 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
 YOUCAT: Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
 FEMININE GENIUS: Thursdays 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
 FIGHT CLUB: Saturdays 6:30 AM  
 WORKCAMP INTEREST MEETING: Wednesday, October 14 7:00 PM

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

## The Summit Academy

Catholic Classical Liberal Arts

An Invitation to Rising 9th Graders & Their Families

### OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, October 24 | 10:00 AM**

Discover The Summit Difference

An education that forms students who are  
rooted in faith, equipped to serve, and prepared to lead.

**Your high school journey starts here.**

Join us for our open house for rising 9th graders.

[thesummitva.org](https://thesummitva.org) | 540-684-3989



SCAN TO INQUIRE

*Gloria Dei est homo vivens*

# our parish happenings



## HAPPY VETERANS DAY

Honoring All Who Served

### St. Mary's Senior Luncheon

**Wednesday, November 11th at Noon**

ALL VETERANS, SENIORS, AND THEIR GUESTS ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND A MASS OF THANKSGIVING  
*followed by a luncheon in the Parish Life Center*

RSVP for the luncheon by Tuesday, November 3rd  
by calling the parish office at 540-373-6491 or  
email: [askinner@stmaryfred.org](mailto:askinner@stmaryfred.org)

*Let Ann know if you can help with door prizes, provide garlic bread or a patriotic dessert!*

Seeking the **oldest living veteran** in our parish! Please contact  
the office by 10/30/26 if you or a loved one fit this description!



## NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Mosimann and members of our Welcoming Committee are looking forward to meeting you and introducing you to the many fantastic ministries at St. Mary so that you (and your family) can share your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot on Sunday, November 8 from 9:30am-1pm for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Committee Team and with your pastor.

Meetings will take place  
in the Parish Library.

If you have any questions, please email  
Maryanne Harrington - [mharrington@stmaryfred.org](mailto:mharrington@stmaryfred.org)

Sign up at [bit.ly/4iXFa3C](https://bit.ly/4iXFa3C)

## ARLINGTON DIOCESE WEEK OF SERVICE

NOV. 9-15  
2026



**DONATE TODAY!**

## THURMAN BRISBEN CENTER BICYCLE DRIVE

SEEKING NEW OR GENTLY USED ADULT BICYCLES  
FOR RESIDENTS WHO NEED RELIABLE  
TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM WORK

*Want to donate a bike? Contact Alice at  
Thurman Brisben Center at (540) 295-0001 before  
dropping off your donation at the TBC*

PLEASE DO NOT DELIVER BIKE DONATIONS TO ST. MARY'S

<https://brisbencentre.org>



## ST. MARY'S COAT DRIVE

**ACCEPTING COATS**  
Monday, October 5 - 23

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



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

Families and individuals in need of coats are welcome  
to pick them up on Friday, October 23 in the Parish Life  
Center from 10am-7pm

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

**Volunteers are needed for our Coat Distribution Day!**  
**Friday, October 23 | sign-up at [bit.ly/4zwy9M2](https://bit.ly/4zwy9M2)**

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## PRAY. FAST. VOTE NO.

**Bishop Michael F. Burbidge** calls all the faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington throughout October to pray and fast, asking God to convert minds and hearts, transform lives, and inspire all Catholics to **vote "No"** on Virginia's Ballot **Questions #1 and #2**. Voting is now underway.

### PRAY.



Pray the **Rosary** on Sundays



Pray the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays

### FAST.



**Fast from social media** on Sundays



Commit to **one daily meal** and **no meat** on Fridays

### VOTE.



**Vote early in-person** until October 31



Make a plan to **vote with family and friends**

Election day is November 3. Scan for Virginia election resources and more information about all that is at stake.



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## ORA. AYUNA. VOTA NO.

**Mons. Michael F. Burbidge** invita a todos los fieles de la Diócesis Católica de Arlington a orar y ayunar durante todo el mes de octubre, pidiendo a Dios que convierta las mentes y los corazones, transforme vidas e inspire a todos los católicos a **votar «No»** en las preguntas **n. 1 y n. 2** de la boleta electoral de Virginia. La votación ya está en marcha.

### ORA.



Reza el **Rosario** los domingos.



Reza el **Vía Crucis** los viernes.

### AYUNA.



Ayuna de las redes sociales durante unas horas los domingos.



Comprométete a hacer una sola comida al día y no comer carne los viernes.

### VOTA.



Vota anticipadamente en persona hasta el **31 de octubre**.



Haz un plan para votar **con familiares y amigos**

El día de las elecciones es el 3 de noviembre. Escanea para consultar recursos electorales de Virginia y obtener más información sobre todo lo que está en juego.



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## HOW TO REGISTER

To be Eligible to Register to Vote in Virginia a Person must:

- Be a resident of Virginia (a person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes).
- Be a U. S. Citizen.
- Be 18 years old (any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and also vote in any intervening primary or special election).
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.
- Not currently deemed to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting by a court of law.
- Not currently incarcerated for any felony conviction.
- Not convicted of a disqualifying felony (unless your voting rights have been restored). The list of disqualifying felonies can be found under the "Felony Convictions and Voter Eligibility" tab.

**REGISTER TODAY ONLINE!**  
[elections.virginia.gov/registration](https://elections.virginia.gov/registration)

*God is calling each of us to be a saint. What does that look like for you and me?*



Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do  
your will.

Psalm 40

## FIAT Day

With the Sisters of Charity of  
Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Saturday November 7, 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.  
Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria, VA  
Day includes Mass, talks, adoration, crafts and fun.

Cost is \$20 (financial aid is available)  
For more info and to register, visit  
[www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT) or  
email [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org)

**Deadline to register: October 26**



FIAT events are for high school girls interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocation. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations.

## Join St. Cecilia Choir!

Open to singers  
in grades 2 - 8.

- Rehearsals: Wednesdays in the Parish Life Center, (next to St. Mary's) 4:45-6:15pm, October - May.
- We sing every other Sunday at the 8:30am Mass, October - May.
- To join, please contact Music Director Joseph Ciskanik:

[musicdirector@stmaryfred.org](mailto:musicdirector@stmaryfred.org)



# our parish happenings

## St Mary's Singles Group October - Month of the Holy Rosary

By Apostolic Brief at the Eucharistic Congress of Bologna, in September 1927, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who recite the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for veneration or reserved in the Tabernacle.

## All Souls Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your deceased loved ones. Our All Souls Novena will begin on Monday, November 2, All Souls Day. An intention envelope is included with your bimonthly envelope packet; additional envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church. *There is no collection on All Souls Day. Envelopes should be turned in early and will be placed near the Tabernacle during the Novena.*

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](mailto:emw5348@gmail.com) to get on the email newsletter list. There is a gathering each month at the Wegmans upstairs meeting space at 10am to plan activities. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 7.

## CCW to Host Our Pastor

Plan to attend the October meeting of the St. Mary Council of Catholic Women at 10am on Tuesday the 20th, in the Parish Life Center main hall. Our guest speaker will be the Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, V.F. We'll enjoy refreshments, have a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, make "big raffle" tickets available, and hold a brief but informative business meeting after Father's talk. Are you receiving our Newsletter? If not, please email [StMaryCCWNews@aol.com](mailto:StMaryCCWNews@aol.com). Find out all about us at [stmaryccw.org](http://stmaryccw.org), and follow us on Facebook at [fb.com/StMaryCCW](https://fb.com/StMaryCCW). We are here for you, and you are welcome!

## Candlelit Mass of Remembrance

Our parish family of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception will be remembering all of our brothers and sisters who passed away this year.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 7pm

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Reception to follow in the Parish Life Center  
Please RSVP by calling 540-373-6491 or via email at [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org)

*"Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

**Thank you to our Volunteers of the Year who enjoyed a special night out with Fr. Mosimann!  
May God reward you for your goodness!**



Pictured left to right

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



# our parish happenings

## New Altar Server Training

### New Altar Server Training

Interested in becoming an altar server? Training for new altar servers is open to any children of the parish who are in 4th grade or higher.

The training schedule is below. All of these meetings take place in the church.

**Session 1** – Monday, Nov 9, from 4:30–7pm

**Session 2** – Monday, Nov 16, from 4:30–7pm

**Session 3** (Optional) – Thanksgiving week, choose one of these dates; smaller groups this week:

- Monday, Nov 23, from 4:30–7pm
- Tuesday, Nov 24, from 4:30–7pm

**Session 4** – Monday, Nov 30, from 4:30–7pm

**Session 5** – Monday, Dec 7, from 4:30–7pm

All sessions are necessary to attend and will be held in the Church.

RSVP to Lori Mattson at [stmaryfxbg@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryfxbg@gmail.com).

Please let us know your name and email, the name of your child and what grade they are currently in school.

## Installation Mass

Sunday, December 13th, 8:30 am Mass – arrive by 7:45 for vesting.

(IF TOO MANY FOR ONE MASS, there may be a 2nd option for installation Mass that same day).

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul September

Did you know that the Poor Box located in the back of our church helps to fund the good work of our local Society of 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. Over the course of the month of September, 79 families (totaling 223 people) were interviewed, and the Society provided \$24,500 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 at [ramrap94@hotmail.com](mailto:ramrap94@hotmail.com) or Maureen at [mjones@mckcompany.com](mailto:mjones@mckcompany.com). On top of English-speaking volunteers, we need bilingual, Spanish speaking volunteers to assist our Hispanic neighbors. To provide financial assistance, please continue to use the Poor Box.



Recibe la **VIRGEN**  
*Peregrina* en tu hogar

Nuestra Madre Santísima quiere  
visitar tu casa, bendecir a tu  
familia y llenar tu hogar  
de paz, caridad y esperanza.

¡Anota a tu familia  
en la lista de visitas!

"Quien confía en María  
no se sentirá nunca defraudado."  
San Juan Bosco

Para coordinar la visita, comunicarse con  
Katherine Guzmán al (540) 229-6655.



**ADORACIÓN**  
*Eucarística*

Este es el pan que el Señor les ha dado  
como alimento. Éxodo 16:15

📅 **Martes,**  
**20 de Octubre**

🕒 **7:00pm**  
*Habrá confesiones*

📍 **St. Mary of the  
Immaculate Conception**

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## ST. MARY'S SNACK BAG PROGRAM

### Snack Bags for Kids - November

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, NOVEMBER 9**

Please drop off food donations directly to the Parish Office.

Thank you!  
Sign Up at [bit.ly/4rUxr8B](https://bit.ly/4rUxr8B)

## THE SUMMIT ACADEMY FALL FORUM

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### *Pope Leo XIV and the Catholic Church in America with George Weigel*



Pope Leo's pontificate began in May 2025 and has, in a short time, been consequential for the Church and the world. What challenges and opportunities lie ahead, as well as how this papacy may effect the American church, are worthy of deeper reflection. Few are better positioned for this role than George Weigel, biographer of Pope St. John Paul II.

**George Weigel** is a Distinguished Senior Fellow in the Ethics and Public Policy Center's Catholic Studies Program. A Catholic theologian and New York Times bestselling author, he is widely recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on the Catholic Church and one of America's leading public intellectuals.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 27, 2026

**Time:** 7:00-8:00pm

**Location:** UMW Catholic Campus Ministry,  
1614 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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## THEOLOGY ON TAP

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### Men, Women, & Marriage

In a culture that attempts to supplant Genesis with a distorted view of male and female, modern ideologies have traded God's vision of complementary union for division and conflict. We welcome back wife and mother Dr. Carrie Gress who has a doctorate in philosophy from The Catholic University of America, has authored eleven books, and is a frequent media contributor featured on Pints with Aquinas, Fox News, EWTN, National Catholic Register, and the Wall Street Journal. Join us as she unpacks how we can heal our homes, our relationships, and our culture.

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*Presenter*

**Carrie Gress, Ph. D.**



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# our parish happenings

## SPIRITUAL COMBAT The Battle of Prayer



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Deep and powerful prayer is much more than a matter of kneeling, folding your hands, and asking for things. In the Gospels we have the exhortations and example of Jesus as He prayerfully engaged "the World, the Flesh, and the devil." and the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes prayer as a "Battle" (#2725). Retreat with a Band of Brothers to consider how to seek and find Christ in prayer by diving into the Gospels, with a little help from St. Paul, and by employing military strategies devised by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier Saint."



A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Father John Riley has been a priest of the Arlington Diocese for over 35 years. Fr. Riley currently serves as Spiritual Director for the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center



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| Sunday Offertory               | \$116,330.66 |
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| Little Sisters of the Poor     | \$922.01     |
| Religious Education Collection | \$2,526.55   |
| Debt Reduction                 | \$6,405.35   |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### *Masses were offered in September for the following*

*unscheduled intentions: Pat Buckley, + Terry Cassell, +Charlotte Doherty, Dave Medosch, +Thomas Vavrick, Ian and Emma Drew, +Clive Raven, Andrew Bodoh, +Barb Burns, +William and Theresa Tucker, +Samuel Reyes, +Christoph Kenny, Remy Family, +Bob Cox, Pat Mosser and William Mosser.*

## World Mission Sunday

*"One in Christ, United in Mission"*

On October 18th, the Church will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV is "One in Christ, united in Mission" This is a fitting theme for the Church is truly united in Christ, literally in Communion with one another. As we are called to be missionaries through our baptismal promises, World Mission Sunday allows us to be united in prayer, sacrifice and giving. These prayers and donations have a tremendous impact on the mission churches. The World Mission Sunday collection supports 1,124 mission territories, places where the Church is young, growing, poor, persecuted, and in need of support. This collection funds the formation of seminarians, catechists, and religious sisters, builds churches, and schools, and sustains healthcare and social outreach programs. It also provides some diocese with the funds to run their daily activities. In the end the mission diocese needs are not much different than our own, it's just the parishioners do not have the means to support them. Continuing to lift the mission churches in prayer and material support let us do so as One in Christ, United in Mission. All checks should be made payable to the parish.

## Pro Life Reflection

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." (Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

*We pray for women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find forgiveness and peace through Christ's endless mercy.*

## Help After Abortion (Project Rachel)

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

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## Children's Charity for October

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.



# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - October

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Anna Graninger, Allyson Reilly, Bruce Bornschein, Charles Boyer, David Carr, Drew LoRusso, Jacob Moser, Jason Stoker, Jennifer Payne, Ted Payne, Helen Borges, Kevin & Barry Hagans, Kevin Sweeney, Loretta Dice, Mandy James, Margaret Murphy, Michael Fedowitz III, Michele & Jack Smith, Mike Seidlinger, Reena Rizvi, Robin Assouad, Shirley Bozicevic, Sue Moorefield, Teresa Lopez, Teri Hocter, Paola Aleman, Helen Hayden Don Anderson, Margie Renner, Veronica Bonde, Bruce Smith, Carlos Enrique, Andy Gaeta, Justina McGuire

**Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services, especially:** Joseph Gardner, Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellmann, 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 Jobs, 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, Kenneth Linstrom, Lt. Gregory Odland, Andrew Doyle, Olav Brooks, Gabriel Sanger, Josh Lawson, David Brown, Annah Brown, Joshua Brown, Brian Inguanti, John Paul Frasher, 1LT Justin Addis, Liam Crowley, Josh Martin, Benjamin Matarese, Matthew P. Sampson, Benjamin Whatley, Devlin Buszta, A1C Jordan Metz, AMN Logan Metz, Michael Luciani, SRA Ryan Metz, Zachary Butts, Devlin Buszta, Lt Jacob Rideout, 1LT Justin Addis, Aidan Lane, 2LT John William Watson Baroody

**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](mailto: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?

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

### October

#### 19 MONDAY

6:30am Sam & Samantha D'Isidoro

9:00am Jason Mooney+

Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21

#### 20 TUESDAY

6:30am Carol Kohler+

9:00am Richard Grimes+

Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38

#### 21 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Patricia Gibley

8:15am\* Sue Silvers

9:00am Alfredo Sr. & Corazon Catolico+

Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48

#### 22 THURSDAY

6:30am Maria Cabrera+

9:00am William Gwyn & Lois Thomas+

Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53

#### 23 FRIDAY

6:30am Estella Stofko+

9:00am Baroody Family

Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

#### 24 SATURDAY

9:00am Levi Clagett

5:00pm Maryla Stefan Wolanski+

7:00pm Todd Finnegan+

Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

#### 25 SUNDAY

7:00am Barbara Ann Sweet+

8:30am Lee & Frank Mikalcius+

8:30am\* Patricia Donlan+

10:30am Luke Engbert

10:30am\* Our Military Living & Deceased

12:30pm For Our Parish

2:30pm Esteban Carrera+

5:00pm Alejandra Elena Garcia+

7:00pm Mark Niederkofler+

Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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