

**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

17 January 2016



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



*The Wedding Feast
at Cana, Chartres
Cathedral, c. 1180*

what's coming



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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17 SUNDAY, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today and continues until the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on January 25th. Please offer your prayers for Jesus' intention "that all might be one" (Jn. 17).

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (American Heritage Girls)

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

3:30pm, Health Ministry Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

18 Monday, Weekday

Martin Luther King Day; Parish Offices closed.

No Religious Education classes this week.

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.

19 Tuesday, Weekday

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

6-9pm, Catechist Training, Parish Life Center.

7:30pm, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity prayer service with Bishop Loverde, St. Peter Episcopal, Arlington.

20 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr)

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

7:30pm, Class 3 of 6: "The Meaning of God" Series with Fr. Rooney, Church.

*Because of the class, we will **not** have Adoration, though confessions will be held as usual.*

21 Thursday, Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

22 Friday, Weekday

March for Life, Washington, D.C.

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.

23 Saturday, Weekday (Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin)

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

24 SUNDAY, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Troop 1410)

11:30am, **New Family Welcome Meeting**, Church.

SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

25 Monday, The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church.

26 Tuesday, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

27 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint Angela Merici, Virgin)

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

28 Thursday, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

29 Friday, Weekday

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.

30 Saturday, Weekday

8am, Spanish community Mañana de Reflexión, Parish Life Center.

6pm **Parish Educators' Thank You Reception**, Parish Life Center.

nota bene (note well, please):

☞ All are invited to attend our annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** prayer service with Bishop Loverde at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Arlington, **Tuesday, January 19 at 7pm**. Please join us!

☞ **March For Life:** This year's March will be held on Friday, **January 22**, to commemorate the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please **see page 13 for transportation details**. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

☞ It's time for **each and every** registered family to consider how they plan to support the work of the Catholic Church in the annual **Bishop's Lenten Appeal**: If we reflect on the mission that Jesus has given us, and the words of Pope Francis, the Church is uniquely placed by God to be his agent of mercy and change, to heal our world. Prayerfully think of how **you** will respond to this call. **Commitment Sunday will be February 6-7 at all Masses**. Your generosity is what makes our Church's response possible. *"Go forth as heralds of God's mercy!"*

Coming Soon:

☞ Mark your calendars for February 17 and join Saint Mary if you can in Richmond for **Catholics in the Capitol** as we meet with our legislators and attend the Bishops' Vespers service at Sacred Heart Cathedral (see p. 9). We need to know if you plan to come by **January 25**. Thanks.

☞ We're doing something special for the Year of Mercy: Parish **Mercy Penance Service, Wednesday, February 24**. Please plan to come, details to follow soon.

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm
10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY MASS Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am
First Friday 8pm
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm
Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm
All Night Adoration, First Friday
Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass
Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSION Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

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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 parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

JOIN US New Family Registration meetings held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

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

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

This bulletin is packed with information this week, I hope you have a chance to take it all in. So many great things are coming up soon: please consider joining Saint Mary as we go to Richmond to speak with our legislators on February 17 as well as reserving your chairs right now at the Parish Night Out dinner and orchestra April 29. Last year tickets sold out, it is one of the best nights of the year.

Mostly what I would like to share with you is the results of our annual Family Week in Religious Education. For the past four years we have had special classes/activities the first week back from Christmas vacation, inviting parents to come and participate and focus on a particular theme. Our parish theme this year, "People of Thankfulness, Sowing Seeds of Mercy," helped us spend the week reflecting on what we are thankful for. Students gathered with parents and talked about what is really important, what we are most thankful for in our life. More on page 5.

But what we celebrate this week and in this short season of Ordinary Time before Lent begins is the results of those classes. We took the totals of the children's answers and arranged them on banners on either side of the sanctuary in church. The answers which had the highest totals are represented in large type, the smaller totals, smaller type.

They are going to serve as a reminder why we come to church. Sometimes, maybe, people think they come to church because they have to, or because they will get some special feeling or strength for the coming week. Of course, these things are true, but not the primary reason. We gather because God has given us all these things that now appear before us as we celebrate Mass together. God has given us so much that we can't *not* celebrate the liturgy of thanksgiving, the Eucharist. Sometimes we can start thinking of too many other things on our minds. These banners will help us focus, I believe.

The old idea that the priest did everything was an error that grew over the years and Vatican II reminded us that all of us have equally important roles in the Mass. It isn't just the priest who does all the work. You gather, pray, sing, remember the promise of God and his saving action in Jesus whose prayer we pray, that is, the Mass. And you bring all of your gifts and yourself to offer all of it to God with bread and wine so that he can consecrate the bread, the wine, all of you, all of the world through you. The Mass is yours! And how glad we are that we have a place in it! God doesn't do all these things by himself! He relies on you to be present to him, just as you believe he is present to you. Let us spend the year celebrating the mercy of God, and our thankfulness. God bless you.

Fr. Don



holy cross academy

Students conquer the Geography Bee

Questions were flying in Father Brisson Hall as students in grades 5 to 8 stepped up to compete in National Geographic's annual geography bee. Students ably answered queries about the United States and our neighboring countries in North and South America. They were tested on rivers, lakes, mountain ranges and major cities. Both map skills and general knowledge were needed to be successful in this challenging contest.

Students were stretched to test their geography skills as more difficult questions about places in Europe, Africa and Asia came out to decide on the students in the final round and our school champion. **In the end, it was his knowledge about Yellowstone National Park that allowed Sam Rotsch to be named our school Geography Bee champion.** Hannah Spiegelger, runner-up, did not cede the contest early and the competition lasted for quite a while.

All the contestants did very well and demonstrated their dedication to learning all about our world. Congratulations to each one.

Come visit Holy Cross Academy to learn about our parish school and all we have to offer. We will be holding an **Open House at the preschool and at HCA on Sunday, February 7.** We invite you to visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. If you would like to see what we can do for your child, please call our HCA office at 540-286-1600 or St. Mary Preschool at 540-373-7553.

Congratulations to Sam Rotsch, our school Geography Bee champion.



A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, 2012



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First Penance is the Week of January 25-28 during classes in the church.

Family Week 2016

Family Week was a great success. Thank you to the many parents who accompanied their children to class. The context for the lesson stated: "As a Church, we have begun the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. As a parish, we are committed to sow seeds of mercy because we are thankful for God's mercy to us and for the gifts he has given to us."

Catechists guided the families

through a lesson specially prepared for this week by Holy Cross Academy Principal, Sr. Susan Louise. The challenge was for families to discover within themselves their thankfulness for the great gifts God has bestowed on us as families and as a parish.

Families had two projects. One was to make a paper torch with the gifts they are grateful for. The torch was taken home. The other was to write a note and attach it to the pair of new

scissors that they used. These gifts are for school children at Oblate Missions in Africa.

Preparing for First Penance: Pray Together

Aside from all the talking, reading, and practicing we do to prepare for First Penance, the most essential step for your child—and yourself—is prayer. Through prayer, we join in an intimate conversation with God. We ask him to open our hearts to him, show him our weaknesses, and ask for his infinitely merciful forgiveness. Pray with and for your child, asking God to prepare him or her for this great Sacrament. Together, you can pray the Act of Contrition with your child and also the Prayer to Your Guardian Angel to help them make good choices and be ready to receive God's mercy.

For more information and practice visit the parish website at: stmaryfred.org/sacramental-preparation/.

youth ministry



Life is VERY Good

On **January 22**, Saint Mary Youth Ministry is heading to the Patriot Center and Washington, D.C. for a morning of prayer and praise at the Diocesan **Life is Very Good Rally**. We will have Mass with Bishop Loverde, hear musical performances by Jackie Francois Angel and Josh Blakesley Band. We will then head to the **March for Life** in Washington, D.C. in prayerful protest and March to the Supreme Court for an end to Roe vs. Wade. Permission slips

are available on our website.

Space is limited so sign up early!

High School retreat

Our annual High School retreat is **February 26-28**. Permission slips are available online. Check out the promo video on our high school page!

Steubenville Youth Conference 2016

The **Steubenville High School Youth Conference, July 8-10**, is a three-day experience consisting of music,

keynote speakers, small group time, breakout sessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, and fun! The Conferences will challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ who is their guide, friend, and Savior, and to show that faith to the world. **If you are interested you must contact the office of Youth Ministry and commit by January 20.** Tickets will be purchased on January 25 at 8am and literally sell out in 15 minutes! Don't delay!



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CCW guest speakers

A special and informative CCW meeting is planned for **January 19 at 10am in the Courthouse Meeting Room**. Nurses Gail Russell and Lois Sullivan will speak about Saint Mary's **Health Ministry** and its services. Kathy Saladino and Loli Ibera will speak about the creation of the **Circle of Love** and who it serves and the transportation needs. As a person interviewed said "I knew I needed help but didn't know where to find it." This meeting will provide answers to questions you may have. All are welcome; please join us.

Talleres de Oracion y Vida: comenzando febrero 2016

Desarrollar una relación con el Señor mientras aprenden métodos de oración hermosas cada semana. **Talleres de Oración y Vida** es un servicio aprobado por la Santa Sede e inspirado por el Padre Ignacio Larrañaga donde los participantes aprenden y profundizar su fe con el arte de la oración. Este **taller de 16 semanas** serán ofrecido aquí en Saint Mary los **sábados, de 9:45-11:45am comenzando el 6 de febrero, 2016**. Para inscribirse, póngase en contacto con Nannie Espinoza, en ngespinoza@aol.com o 571-236-6904, or llame a Leticia Gonzalez al 703-473-7218. El último día para la inscripción es el sábado, 20 de febrero. Para más información, visite www.tovpil.org.

February Conversation and Coffee

Join us **February 7 for Conversation and Coffee**. Representatives from **Holy Cross Academy** and our **PreSchool**,

the **Saint Mary Book Club**, and **St. Vincent de Paul** will be available in the Parish Life Center after the 10:30am Mass offering information about their good works and how they serve or parish and community. Join us and learn more about these ministries.

Science Fair judges needed

Holy Cross Academy will conduct its annual Science fair for 7th and 8th graders on **Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 8am-11:30am** at the school located behind Geico on Route 17. Anyone interested can email Mrs. Lanzarone at eileen.lanzarone@gmail.com. or call the school at **540-286-1600**.

Pray with Scripture: Lectio Divina

Fr. Don Rooney will offer this class on a second occasion this year on the great tradition in the Church of how to pray with Sacred Scripture. Did you know that the Bible is, first and foremost for Catholics, not a textbook but a prayerbook? We need to practice our skills of listening! Come and learn a way of prayer that might change your life. **We will meet in the church 7-9pm Thursday, February 11.**

Lenten Small Groups Faith Sharing

Watch for more news about, *The Face of Mercy*, a five week small group faith sharing program that **will begin the week of February 29** and continue throughout Lent and the Easter season. Developed by St. Matthew Parish in Charlotte, NC, and similar to last year's

successful *BeTransformed* Bible Study, it will be an opportunity for people to gather as "affinity" groups—friends, colleagues, anyone you may already interact with on a regular basis, active ministries or existing small groups communities in the parish. Witness how God's Mercy is present in our lives.

Upcoming visits: Our Lady of Guadalupe

The miraculous image of Our Lady will visit Saint Mary on two occasions in the upcoming months: **Thursday, February 25** from 3-8pm and **Thursday, March 10** from 3-8pm in the church.

This is one of the missionary images which began to circulate at St. John Paul II's request in June, 1991 at the International Rosary Congress and the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Image Guardian Vivian Mestey, from our parish, reports many miracles are common to those who venerate her image.



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2016 Bishop's Lenten Appeal begins!

This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the **2016 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)**. The theme for the 2016 BLA is **"Go forth as heralds of God's mercy."** After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. **Every pledge is an expression of God's love and mercy!**

¡Comienza la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2016!

Este mes, Bishop Loverde enviará correspondencia sobre la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2016. El tema de esta la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo es **Vayan adelante como heraldos de la misericordia de Dios**. Después de reflexionar sobre las muchas bendiciones recibidas de Dios, les ruego que en espíritu de oración y sacrificio consideren la posibilidad de hacer a promesa de contribución para apoyar este importante llamamiento que permite financiar muchos programas y ministerios al servicio de miles de personas de nuestra Diócesis. Cuando nos unimos como un cuerpo en Cristo, ¡podemos hacer tanto para ayudar a tantas personas!

CCW Winter Workshop

Do you have questions about our parish **SHARE program** or our **Health Ministry**? Come learn how both of these programs are for everyone in our parish.

You are invited to join us at our **CCW-sponsored Winter Workshop on Saturday, February 6 at 11am** in the Parish Life Center.

SHARE program—Rick Caporali will be a presenter as well as a cook. Rick and others will demonstrate how to use the SHARE food box whether you are a single person or have many in your family. Tasting will be part of the workshop! Handouts of the recipes presented will be available. Internet resources will be recommended for other recipes pertaining to the food in the SHARE food boxes. Sometimes it's the preparation of the food that makes all the difference! If you hate Brussel Sprouts because your family served them boiled, a recipe for roasting them will change your mind! Come with an open mind to watch our presentations and enjoy.

Health Ministry—Our Parish Health Committee is having a dietician speak about *Mindful Eating about What's on Your Plate* as well as an interpretation of the nutritional value of what is being cooked at the workshop. There will be a presentation by a social worker on spirituality and well-being, and a questions and answer session will follow.

This should be an enjoyable afternoon and we'd love to have you join us!!!

Free online class: Everyday Spirituality

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of DeSales University, the **Salesian Center For Faith & Culture** is offering a free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the **Everyday Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales**.

During Lent—**February 10 through March 13, 2016**—join people from all over the world to explore the wisdom of this sacred tradition. We'll consider:

- The life and legacy of a saint
- Salesian pedagogy for a devout life
- Living out the will of god
- Everyday spirituality every day
- How little virtues go a long way
- Salesian thought for the new evangelization
- Keeping the salesian charism alive today

Discover the keys to happiness from this Doctor of the Church at your own pace and with the ease of online learning. **All the materials for this enriching experience are provided to you for free!**

For more information, visit www.desales.edu/salesianMOOC. Questions? Contact Lore McFadden lore.mcfadden@desales.edu.



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FOR FAITH AND CULTURE

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You can advocate for life, school choice, common good at upcoming events

Advocates will have numerous chances to speak up for life, justice, school choice and the common good this winter, beginning January 13, when the Virginia General Assembly's 2016 session begins.

- **Virginia Stands for Life Rally — 11am, Wednesday, January 13**, join the Virginia Catholic Conference and its partners on Capitol Square to demonstrate to state lawmakers our commitment to the protecting the unborn. The rally will feature prominent pro-life speakers including former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson.
- **Church in State 2016: A Catholic Look at Issues Facing the Virginia General Assembly — 10:30–noon, Saturday, January 16**, Holy Family Catholic Church, Dale City. Join Father Gerry Creedon, chair, Catholic Diocese of Arlington Peace and Justice Commission, and Jeff Caruso, Conference executive director, to learn the theological and ethical principles that guide the Church's public policy initiatives, as well as the public policy priorities of Virginia's Catholic bishops during the upcoming session.
- **Annual March for Life — Friday, January 22**, Washington DC. (please see p. 11).
- **Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth — 5pm, Wednesday, February 17**. At the midpoint of the General Assembly session, join our bishops, lawmakers, public officials, Catholic leaders and parishioners, educators and social service practitioners and others of goodwill for this special evening prayer liturgy for the needs of Virginia at Richmond's historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.
- **Catholics in the Capital — Tuesday, January 26; Thursday, February 4; or Wednesday, February 17**.
- **Join Saint Mary Parish on February 17** with Fr. Don and Sister Susan Louise as we go to Richmond and make appointments with our legislators to speak about all the issues which need to be informed by the Gospel and the mind of Christ. **Contact Fr. Don as soon as possible if you plan to join us** so we can make the appropriate appointments. If you can, plan to stay for the evening vespers and reception with the legislators at the beautiful Sacred Heart Cathedral to top off the day. Your presence is very important! We will provide an opportunity for you to sign up for February 17 after Masses next weekend. Questions? please contact Fr. Don.

You are welcome to attend any of these advocacy and prayer events. Your voice is needed in Richmond as critical decisions are made about the direction of the Commonwealth!

We need to know if you are coming with us to Richmond so we can plan accordingly. Please call the office by Monday, January 25.

For more information visit www.votervoice.net/VACC/Home to join the advocacy network, and to follow VACC on Facebook and Twitter.

In prayer and in public, your voices are urgently needed to bring Gospel values to bear on vital decisions being made by those who represent you.

The Virginia Catholic Conference is the public policy agency representing Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses.

PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE!

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., with reception to follow

Virginia Vespers:
Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth

with the **Most Rev. Francis X. DiLorenzo**,
Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Richmond

and the **Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde**,
Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Arlington

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
800 S Cathedral Place
Richmond, VA 23220

At the mid-point of the 2016 General Assembly session, plan to join lawmakers and public officials of all faiths, clergy, educators, social service practitioners, parishioners, and other people of goodwill in prayer for the needs of Virginia. Vespers, or Evening Prayer, draws on an ancient Christian liturgy. Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception follows.

parish life

don't miss



2016

Tickets now on sale for Parish Night Out Friday, April 29, 2016

Last year our popular Parish Night Out was **sold out**—don't miss your chance! Join us for a great night of fun and catching up with parish family and friends. Includes **dinner and dancing to the music of The Andrew Thielen Big Band, at the Jepson Alumni Center** at UMW.

Take advantage of our "**early bird**" **special**: you can buy tickets for a table of ten for the price of nine before the deadline of February 10 and be eligible for the special door prize.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Cash bar 6-11pm, Dinner 7-8pm, dancing until 11:30pm. Not only a great value for the money with

the great food and orchestra—the night includes drawings for great doorprizes throughout the evening—wine and champagne packages, movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates, Theater passes, and more...please join us.

For info or tickets, please call Marty at [540-373-0259](tel:540-373-0259) or the parish office and claim your table!

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2016

God, the Father of Extravagant Mercy

FEATURING:



Kathleen Beckman
Co-Founder & President of the Foundation of Prayer for Priests, Author, radio host, retreat director, & Ignation trained spiritual director



Sister Clare Hunter
Respect Life Director for the Diocese of Arlington

March 12
9 A.M. - 2:15 P.M.
Confession at 7 A.M.
Mass at 11 A.M.

Saint Joseph
750 Peachtree Street
Herndon, VA 20170

Cost: \$45 before February 4 and \$55 after
Register at: arlingtondiocese.org/women

Questions? Contact the Office For Family Life at familylife@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2550
Sponsored by The Catholic Diocese of Arlington Office for Family Life & The Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women ■

happening there

March for Life Friday, January 22

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, D.C. and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the U.S. 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 22** to commemorate the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

Saint Mary will have two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation, however, participants are asked to bring a box of diapers and/or baby items for the Baby Closet sponsored by Catholic Charities.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am Mass at Saint Mary and will return to Saint Mary at approximately 6pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. **Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church.** Please consider taking a visible stand to stop the slaughter of the innocent, and **sign up by Monday, January 18** to reserve your seat on the bus.

Women's Silent Retreat


Join women of the diocese for a silent retreat given by Fr. Anthony Giampietro, CSB, **March 3-6 in Priestfield, WV.** The theme is "The God of Extravagant Mercy." To register or to learn more, visit arlingtondiocese.org/retreatforwomen, or call the Office of Family Life **703-841-2550**

2016 Men's Conference

GOD, THE FATHER OF EXTRAVAGANT MERCY


MARCH 5

8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m




ALL SAINTS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110


Dr. Michael Horne



Fr. David Pignato



Damon Owens



FEATURING:

COST: \$45 before February 4 and \$55 after
REGISTER: www.arlingtondiocese.org/men

Sponsored by The Office for Family Life (703) 841-2550

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Weekly Offertory

10 January Offertory	\$39,618.
Parish Building Fund	8,994.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul	345.
First Offering (envelopes)	4,954.

January Faith Direct Deposit

Offertory	\$48,038.
Building Fund	3,603.
Solemnity of Mary	1,543.
Church/Latin America	1,491.

Please remember to use your Offertory Envelopes to ensure the accuracy of your end-of-year statement. The "Children's Envelope" proceeds will not be recorded on family statements.

First Offering contributions help offset the cost of envelopes

Each year in January the envelope packet always includes an envelope marked "First Offering" with a suggested donation of \$15.00. This is not a regular collection, but merely a request for a free-will offering to help offset the cost of the printing and bimonthly mailing of collection envelopes to over 5,000 parish families. From July 2014 to June 2015, the parish's cost for the offering envelopes was \$32,104.51. First Offering donations received for the same period totaled \$6,340.00. First Offering Contributions received this year total \$4,954.00 to date. Your generosity and support in helping to offset the cost of the envelopes is greatly appreciated.

Pro-Life reflection for January 17

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for the equal dignity of every human life. "If we are to have peace on earth," he wrote, "we must be concerned about . . . the sacredness of all human life. Man is a child of God, made in His image, and must be respected as such." "When we truly believe this," he continued, "we won't kill anybody." *Lord, thank You for the privilege of defending human life through the pro-life movement.* (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day)

Children's Offertory envelopes for January

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in January is **the local Hospice Camp Rainbow**. Camp Rainbow is an overnight, weekend bereavement camp for children ages 5 to 12 who have experienced a loss or are currently living with a loved one with a terminal illness. The Camp is organized by Hospice Support Care, a non-profit, non-medical volunteer hospice support organization providing spiritual, practical, and emotional support to patients

Church in Latin America— Share your Faith La Colecta para la Iglesia en Latinoamérica— Comparte tu Fe January 23-24

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. In Peru, the 14 villages of Chazuta, in Moyobamba, do not have access to catechetical formation, separated from the life of the universal Church. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the religious congregation of the Missionaries of Jesus was able to provide for the needs of nearly 250 people. Upon completion, participants were better equipped to help others deepen their faith and answer questions. The program also renewed their sense of commitment to their parishes and created stronger bonds within their own families. **Please give generously in next week's collection. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.**

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. En Perú, los 14 pueblos de Chazuta, en Moyobamba, no tienen acceso a una formación catequética, separados de la vida de la Iglesia universal. Mediante una donación de la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina, a la congregación religiosa de los Misioneros de Jesús cubrió las necesidades para casi 250 personas. Al completar el programa, los participantes estaban mejor capacitados para ayudar a otros en la fe y responder a sus preguntas. El programa también sirvió para renovar su sentido de compromiso con sus parroquias y crear vínculos más sólidos dentro de sus propias familias. **Por favor, dé su apoyo generosamente en la colecta de la próxima semana. Para más información, por favor, visite www.usccb.org/latin-america.**

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and their families. The primary goal of Camp Rainbow is to teach children how to grieve in a healthy manner, while building fond remembrances. Like Kids Helping Kids, Camp Rainbow also strives to normalize grief, understand death and dying, and improve social skills. For more information go to www.hospicesupportcare.org.

Cold Weather Shelter

The Cold Weather Shelter will remain open each evening until mid-March. **Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings** by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (white socks, small toiletries, etc.). **We are collecting donations of men's boxer underwear sizes medium and large.** Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit **Micah Ecumenical Ministries**, www.dolovewalk.net or **Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter**, www.thurmanbrisbencenterv.org.

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Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Thomas Novotnak, Peter Stafford, Suzi Eggleston, Melvyn Schreckinger, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Marianne Ford, the Carlos Ortiz Family, John Haas, Karen Jones, Jennifer Carlson, Adelyn Wood, Elizabeth Ryan, Dave Kelly, Kevin Murray, Robin Humphries, Jimmy Zollman, Charleen Arnold, Joshua Burgh, Brian Keller, Linda Kaila, Cynthia McCready, Jesse Madison, Kelly Ann Carpenter, Martha Ferrara, Tom and Prov Moeller, Debbie Lloyd, Shana Callirgos, Cameron Richard North, Maureen Flanagan, Gretchen Maia, D.J. Smetek, Jim Evans, Megan Ramsey, Robert and Tenya Mosier, Cesar Corretjer, Josh Oltman, Donelda Wellwood, Keith Kovalefski, Bruce Bates, Joseph Bozicevic, Dyke Stabler, Meredith Dean, Bernice Douglas, Paul Johnson, Alana Cross, Joseph O'Byrne, Veronica Johnson, Hal Ehrhart, Lillian Held, Prudy Tarpey, Mike and Mary Lou Gray, Martha Clemens, Holly Smith, Byers Family, Hunsley Family, Mike Harwich, Charles Dillman, Janie Sherry, Nancy Stewart, Randy Knebal, Larry Hudson, Tracey Hansen, Connie Whatcott, John Whatcott, Patrick Clarke, Jacqui Herr, Valconi Family, Joan Carroll, Larry Dillman, Jessica Ryan, Matt Marshall, John Stehle, Jerome Murphy, Christy Charlebois, Callie Freed, Atkins Family, Paul Johnson, Sandy Martin, Ryan Mott, Tim Murray Family, Felipe and Mildred Sanchez, Dale Meyn, Raymond and Barbara Stauble, Gloria Fontenot, Paul Bartman, David Duke, Betsey Ellis, Don Markol, Nancy Borrero, Gina Wood, David Arnold, Josephine Kreider, Ephiny Chewning, Mary Merrill, Richard Grunwald, Joseph Castro, Patrick Eggleston, Luz Dolores Butron, Susan Datta, Zachary Payne, Mary Jean & Don Williams, Sandra Infante

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, Dominick Joseph Petro, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Sean Plunkett, Roy Selvidge, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Geoff Mann, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew Marshall Smith

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

Next Masses

23 January— SATURDAY

5pm Fr. Lino
7pm Fr. Cummings

Deacon Alberto will preach at the 10:30am and 2pm Sunday Masses.

24 January— SUNDAY

7am Fr. Holmes
8:30am Fr. Don
10:30am Fr. Cummings
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12:30pm Fr. Cummings
2pm Fr. Don
5pm Fr. Lino
7:01pm Fr. Don

Daily Mass intentions and readings

January

18 MONDAY

6:30 Sarah Sturtevant
9am +Helen Leschiniski
1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

19 TUESDAY

6:30 Rev. John Rooney
9am +Peter Kang
1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

20 WEDNESDAY

6:30 John Sturtevant
9am +Gina Marie Lenox
1 Sm 17:32-33,37-51; Mk 3:1-6

21 THURSDAY

6:30 +Bon Van Than
8:15* +Natalia Barrios
9am +Holy Souls in Purgatory
1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

22 FRIDAY

6:30 Aristides Lucas
9am Respect for all Human Life and an End to Abortion
1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

23 SATURDAY

9am Karen Sturtevant
5pm +Chris Givens
7pm Tom Bowen
2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19-27; Mk 3:20-21

24 SUNDAY

7am Michael Harwich
8:30 +Joseph and Ngou Vu
10:30 The Rienzo and Tarantino Families
10:30*For the Parish
12:30 For our Military Living and Deceased
2pm In Thanksgiving to St Jude
5pm Phyllis Stibitz
7:01 +Peter and Maria Ugincius
Neh 8:2-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Please remember that Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If dates are no longer available for the date you desire, 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.

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy