

# Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

29 January 12

Since the Gothic Age, the mandorla, a lozenge-shaped symbol which often appears surrounding Christ, is formed by the intersection of two circles. This was an early catechetical representation of the two natures of Christ, human and divine, here surrounded by the symbols of the four Evangelists who proclaim him.



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"Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works."

*-from the opening  
prayer of today's Mass.*

Dear Good People of St. Mary,

During the week following this Vocations Sunday, rather than just praying for vocations in a general sense, I'd like to suggest a series of more focused intentions for which we all might pray:

- That we might seek quiet in our noisy lives and come to know ourselves;
- That we might find stillness in our busy lives and come to know God;
- That we might inspire one another not to live lives of selfishness, through the example of our own lives of unselfish kindness and generosity;
- That we might learn the true value of sacrifice in our lives, and know the joy that comes from giving without expecting return;
- That parents may raise their children with these values;
- That we might recognize and not follow the many false voices of this world which, though seemingly attractive, seek only to degrade, alienate and destroy;
- That we might give our service to others in our lives a priority, in the confidence of knowing that this is God's face that we reveal to them;
- That all of us might have a willingness to accept the unexpected in our lives, not seeking only what we want;
- That God will raise up great and strong saints, powerful in holiness and virtue, whose inspiration will bring on the conversion of the world;
- That our Diocese of Arlington and our Oblate Sisters of Saint Francis de Sales will be inundated with men and women who seek real happiness and fulfillment in the life of the Church, serving God and his people with joy and a deep sense of completeness;
- That God will call me to change the world with my life.

There it is. Let's get praying.

God bless you.

*Fr. Don Rooney*

# looking forward

## january - february

### 29 Sunday, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Venture Crew)  
SCRIP Sales after Masses.  
12noon-2pm, English as a Second Language classes, 2nd floor, Parish Life Center.  
2pm, Korean Prayer Group, Upstairs, John Paul II House.  
6pm, Youth Ministry Dinner, Parish Life Center.  
7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

### 30 Monday, Weekday

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.  
7:30pm, RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church.  
(Topic: The Last Seven Commandments; The Two Great Commandments)

### 31 Tuesday, Saint John Bosco, priest

7pm, Lector Meeting, church.

### 1 Wednesday, Weekday

6:30-8pm, YOUCAT Night, John Paul II House.  
8pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.  
8pm, Adult Confirmation Class, Rm. 202, Parish Life Center.

### 2 Thursday, The Presentation of the Lord

9:30am, Craft Group, Rm. 100, Parish Life Center.  
6pm, Academic Fair and Dinner, Holy Cross Academy.  
6:30pm, Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry, Parish Life Center.  
7pm, Baptism Class, Room 204, Parish Life Center.  
Pre-registration required, 540-373-6491.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

### 3 Friday, Weekday (Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr; Saint Ansgar, bishop)

9:45am, Mom's Group, John Paul II House.  
6:30-9pm, Parish Leadership Retreat, Parish Life Center.  
8pm, First Friday Mass, church. All night adoration immediately following.

### 4 Saturday, Weekday

9am-3pm, Parish Leadership Retreat, Parish Life Center.  
2:30pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Room 204, Parish Life Center.  
6-8:15pm, Monthly Family Dinner, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Parish Life Center.

### 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Preschool)  
SCRIP Sales after Masses.  
9am-12noon, St. Mary Preschool Open House, Parish Life Center.  
1pm-3pm, Holy Cross Academy Open House.  
12noon-2pm, English as a Second Language classes, 2nd floor, Parish Life Center.  
3:30-4:30pm, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group, Parish Life Center.  
6pm, Youth Ministry Dinner, Parish Life Center.  
7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

### 6 Monday, St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.  
7:30pm, RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church.  
(Topic: Baptism, Confirmation)

### 7 Tuesday, Weekday

6:30pm, Parent Gathering Speaker Series, Parish Life Center.

### 8 Wednesday, Weekday (St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin)

6:30-8pm, YOUCAT Night, John Paul II House.  
8pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.  
8pm, Adult Confirmation Class, Rm. 202, Parish Life Center.

### 9 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

## parish information and staff

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

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**SUNDAY MASS** Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm  
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm  
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

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

**PARISH OFFICE** 540-373-6491, fax 371-0251  
stmary@stmaryfred.org  
Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm;  
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Fr. Bjorn Lundberg  
Fr. Ed Bresnahan  
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Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali  
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** 373-6491  
Director, Aristides Lucas  
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

**YOUTH MINISTRY** 373-6491  
Director, Leo Chavarria

**BAPTISMS** Parish registration (90 days) and class required.  
Please notify the rectory to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.

**MARRIAGE** Parish registration required; contact parish at least six months in advance to begin preparation.

**JOIN US** New Family Registration meetings are usually held in the church on the fourth Sunday of each month, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify the parish office of any telephone/address changes.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Offertory Collection 1/22/12	\$35,374.
Church in Latin America	6,358.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul	169.

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**2012 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!**

*In mid-January, many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2012 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2012 BLA is Love One Another with the Heart of Christ! After reflecting upon the importance of the vital initiatives funded by the BLA, please prayerfully consider Bishop Loverde's request for support and give generously to assist the many programs and ministries that serve the people in need in our diocese*

**CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR FEBRUARY**

*The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in February is Hazelwild Farm's Therapeutic Riding Program. The program offers specialized horseback riding lessons for all ages of riders with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The lessons increase stability, flexibility, strength, motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence for the riders, along with providing many other physical and emotional benefits. For more information go to [www.hazelwildfarm.com](http://www.hazelwildfarm.com).*

## Vocations • "Come Follow Me" Mark 1:17

There is an insert in today's bulletin regarding vocations. God created each one of us for a specific vocation. The Office of Vocations at the diocese offers several discussion groups, retreats and activities to help one to discover the vocation for which God created them. Read on to learn about a St. Mary parishioner who is currently on his vocation discovery journey.

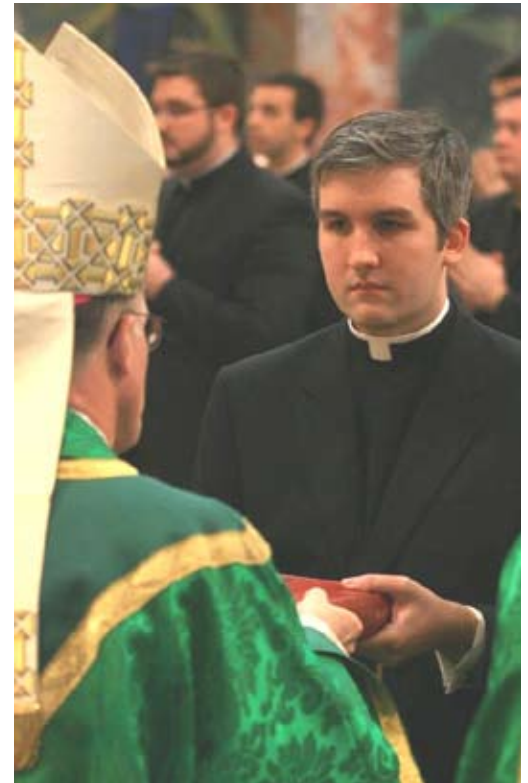
Our Seminarian, Joseph Farrell, son of Louis and Carolyn Farrell, was one of sixty-six seminarians of the Pontifical North American College in Rome instituted to the Ministry of Lector during the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist on January 15, 2012.

The Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop of the Military Services, USA, celebrated the Mass and instituted the new lectors. Handing the book of Sacred Scriptures to each seminarian, he said, "Take this book of Holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the Word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of His People." Hearing the Gospel of John recount John the Baptist pointing to Jesus as the Lamb of God, Archbishop Broglio preached, "The Christian vocation is always one of pointing to the Word of God and guiding others to follow Him... It is an invitation to intimacy with the Lord."

The institution as lector is one of the ministries seminarians receive as they proceed towards diaconal and priestly ordination. As the rite indicates, a lector is charged

with proclaiming the Word of God in the liturgical assembly, instructing children and adults in the faith, and preparing them to receive the Sacraments worthily.

Congratulations to Joseph, and to all those recently installed to the Ministry of Lector. Please continue to keep our seminarian in all your prayers as he continues his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.



# Holy Cross Academy • It's About the Children

Catholic Schools Week this year celebrates our three-fold mission to excellence in imparting our faith, superior academic standards and a spirit of service to our global and local community. You will find some grateful Holy Cross Academy students outside the Church as you leave Mass today with a card expressing our thanks to each of you. We are blessed with a loving, supportive parish and we want you to know what a difference you make to our school and our children.

Our week is full of interesting activities that celebrate our commitment to our Catholic faith and our drive for academic excellence. We begin by saluting our parish today and our parish council is saluting all our parish educators, in our school and in Religious Education, with a lovely reception in their honor. On Monday we will open our school activities with a prayer service. On Tuesday our students will participate in a Jump-a-thon fundraiser to assist the American Heart Association. Service is one of the foundation stones of Catholic education and we always include it in our Catholic Schools Week celebrations. On Wednesday we are participating in the National Digital Learning Day as we



showcase our twenty-first century learning skills throughout our curriculum. These projects and activities will be on display at our Open House on Sunday as well.

Our families will join us Thursday evening for our Family Dinner and our Academic Fair. Students' work will be displayed throughout the school in celebration of our commitment to maintaining the high academic standards that are one of the hallmarks of Catholic Schools. On Friday, Fr. Don will end our Catholic Schools Week celebration with our weekly school Mass where we will pray in a very particular way for our school and parish community. We will give thanks to God for his many blessings and will ask him to continue to guide us in all we do.

Along with our sincere thanks to our parish community, we want to express our gratitude to our school parents at Holy Cross and Saint Mary Preschool for entrusting their children to our care and for the support and strong volunteer spirit they bring to us. We acknowledge our students for their wonderful school spirit and enthusiasm and the joy they bring to us each day. We are blessed with incredibly talented teachers who bring learning alive in our classrooms and model our Catholic faith, and an enthusiastic support staff who pave the way for so many wonderful things to happen within our school.

We want to express our particular thanks to Fr. Don for his support of our school, his loving care of our faculty, staff, parents and students and the time and energy that he gives to many of our projects. Father is present for each of our major events and whenever he can find a few minutes to spare. We appreciate the time and care that Fr. Lundberg and Fr. Bresnahan give to our students, celebrating Mass with us and teaching our Religion classes. We are blessed and we are grateful.

Please join us for our Open House on Sunday, February 5 from 9:30am to 12noon at the Preschool and from 1 to 3pm at Holy Cross. You can also learn about the wonderful things happening at Holy Cross Academy, by calling us at 540-286-1600 or visiting our website, [www.holycrossweb.com](http://www.holycrossweb.com). For St. Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. We would love to hear from you!

Faith. Academics. Service.  
**Catholic Schools**

## JOHN PAUL THE GREAT HS

Considering Catholic high school? Pope John Paul the Great invites rising 9th, 10th, and 11th graders to spend a day on campus to see what life is like as a JP Wolf! Current available dates include: February 2, 9, and 16. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. For more information, please visit: [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org) or call: 703-445-0218.



**Baseball Camp**  
Baseball players in grades 6 – 11 are invited to participate in the Third Annual Spring Training Baseball Camp at JP the Great HS. Coaches work with players on the fundamentals of hitting, throwing, and fielding. February 18-19 and 25-26. For more information, and to register, please visit [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org) or contact baseball coach, Brian Dunleavy: 703-445-0331 or [brian.dunleavy@jpthegreat.org](mailto:brian.dunleavy@jpthegreat.org).

## SCRIP NEWS

Valentine's Day is on the way! Don't forget to use SCRIP when purchasing that special gift for your sweetheart. We have many great retailers that can be ordered for a weekend get away as well as many great restaurants. Enjoy an evening out with SCRIP!

To set up an account at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), use our school code, 7B876EBB188L2, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP please email Torie Baldwin at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) or 571-330-3448. Thanks for using SCRIP!

## COLLECTING BOX TOPS AND SOUP LABELS

Please help support Holy Cross Academy by collecting Box Tops 4 Education and Campbell Soup Labels. Our school earns money for every box top or soup label collected which we in turn use to fund our special class needs. It only takes a moment to clip, and those moments add up for our school. There is a collection box located in the Parish Information Center cabinet across from the ladies room in the church. Thank you for your support!

## DE COLORES! CURSILLO

Our next Ultreya will be held on Saturday, February 11, from 7:00-9:00 pm for all Fredericksburg area Cursillistas. If you have already made a men's or women's Cursillo weekend or are interested in knowing more about Cursillo, please join us for an evening of small grouping, fellowship and food. Spouses are welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Corrigan at 540-479-3683 or [corriganm@hotmail.com](mailto:corriganm@hotmail.com).

## BOOK CLUB - FEB 14

The book club's February selection is *Scripture Matters: Essays on Reading the Bible from the Heart of the Church* (c. 2003) by Scott Hahn. Join us on Tuesday, Valentine's Day, in the John Paul II House at 10am. For more information, contact Kathleen Mahoney at 540-371-2073 or [bmah761569@aol.com](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com)

## BLOOD DRIVE - FEB 01

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4034, will be kicking off their 2012 Blood Drive season on Wednesday, February 01, from 1pm-7pm. It will be on the Blood Mobile Bus located in the parking lot. Let's start this seasons' drive with a bigger bang than last season! Remember, the life you save may be your own, so come on out and give! For more information, please call Scott Bergeron, 540-898-2627.

## FEB 01 - "LEFT TO TELL" AUTHOR IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA

Immaculée Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor, and author of the book, *Left to Tell*, will give a presentation on the power of faith and forgiveness on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7 pm in the Bishop O'Connell High School auditorium. The public is invited to this event which is sponsored by the O'Connell PTO. Admission is free. Read more about the inspiring story of this remarkable young woman at [www.bishopoconnell.org/lefttotell](http://www.bishopoconnell.org/lefttotell). Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington. For more information, call 703-237-1400.

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# News from the Diocese ●

## Women's Vocation Discernment Retreat

Are you listening for God's call? Consider attending this weekend retreat for women (ages 17-40) at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, February 10-12. Sisters from at least five orders will be present to offer guidance. Registration is \$40. Space is limited, so please sign up by Monday, February 6. Contact the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse

In 2004, Bishop Loverde began a series of diocesan-sponsored Masses to pray for healing of victims/survivors of sexual abuse. The Masses are followed by a reception. The next Mass will be on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30pm at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA 22101. Bishop Paul S. Loverde will preside.

## School Choice Rally

The Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children. Virginia's two bishops, Bishops Loverde and DiLorenzo, and the Virginia Catholic Conference, which represents them, believe that parents should have the right to decide what school is best for their children, free of economic barriers. Show your support of school choice at a Feb. 7 rally on the lawn of the State Capitol in Richmond. Gov. McDonnell will be the keynote speaker at the 11am – noon event. The Conference is advocating in this year's General Assembly for legislation allowing parental choice in education and giving low income parents the same flexibility to pick the best school for their children as other parents. It would provide tax credits to businesses that donate scholarship funds for low income students to attend parochial or private schools. Learn more about school choice and the rally, which is also sponsored by the Family Foundation, the Mid-Atlantic Catholic Schools Consortium and others, at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org).

## National Day of Prayer for the African American & African Family

Join Fr. James Goode, O.F.M., and Sister Eva Regina Martin for a powerful and inspiring way for Black Catholics to start Black History Month. Solid Ground Ministry, Blessed Sacrament Sisters, the USCCB Secretariat For Cultural Diversity in the Church and many others will celebrate and pray; join them on February 5.

## Black History Month Celebrations

On Saturday, February 18, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church is planning a Black History Month program at 6:30pm. The

theme will be, "Black Women in American Culture and History." Dr. Kathy Glass, Assoc. Prof. of African American Literature and Women's Studies at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh will be the guest speaker. There will also be exhibits on display, and light refreshments at a reception following the program.

On Saturday, February 25, at 5 pm, Holy Family Catholic Church will host a Black History Month Mass and Reception in Dale City.

## Men's Conference

The third annual diocesan Men's Conference will be March 3 at St. Joseph, Herndon, and this year's theme is Evangelization & Apologetics. How can you share Christ with people who don't want to know Him? How do you defend your faith against common attacks and misconceptions? Come find out from this year's speakers: Dr. Paul Thigpen, a former Evangelical pastor and one-time atheist, now on the USCCB's Advisory Council; Msgr. Stuart Swetland, convert to the faith and now Flynn Chair of Christian Ethics at Mount St. Mary's Univ.; and our own Fr. William Saunders, pastor of Our Lady of Hope and professor of Theology. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Loverde. For more details, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men).

## 2012 Women's Conference

Ladies, steal some time away with the Lord this Lent at the Annual Diocesan Women's Conference on Saturday, March 10. Dr. Ralph Martin, President of Renewal Ministry, who was recently appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to the Pontifical Council on Evangelization, will lead each of the talks centering on "Holiness and Interior Healing." The conference will be held at St. Raymond of Peñafort in Springfield. For more details on how to register go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women).

## Healing for those Hurting after Abortion

A Day of Prayer and Healing retreat will take place on Saturday, February 11 for those seeking healing after abortion. This day of prayer offers a beautiful opportunity for women who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion to experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where you can begin the process of healing. More information is online at [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org) or call: 888-456-HOPE / 888-456-4673.

## Religious Education • Parent Gathering Series

### Catechist Training

Four times a year, the Religious Education department offers training classes towards Diocesan Catechist Certification. To become a certified catechist, a teacher must take 50 hours of training. In the past month, we had three more catechists achieve certification.

On Tuesday, January 17, forty-one catechists gathered for a training session on the Creed led by Fr. Bresnahan. His sprightly presentation really deepened our appreciation of the Creed. At the end the catechists praised him for his three excellent presentations. They also enjoyed the delicious dinner sponsored by the parish and prepared by Mrs. Karen Sturtevant. The next training session will be held on Tuesday March 20.

### Parent Gathering Series

In February we continue our parent gathering series. On Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center our second Parent Gathering Speaker Series continues. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Vaughn Treco. The topic: Praying as a Family: How Do We Do It?

Mr. Treco is a Director of Youth Ministry, Spiritual Director, Theological researcher and public speaker. He is married and

has three children. His dedication to family prayer is inspiring. The parents who heard him last year were impressed.

Be sure to come, listen, learn and be motivated to make family prayer an integral part of your family life.

### Sacraments Discussion in Spanish

On Monday, February 13 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center our second gathering for our Spanish speaking parents will be hosted by Deacon Alberto Bernaola. He will continue discussing the sacraments, especially the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). Parents attending these discussions are benefitting tremendously and are motivated to improve their relationship with God and the Church. Since the discussions are in Spanish, it very easy for the participants to ask questions and develop a deeper appreciation our faith. Be sure to join this growing group of Spanish parents.

### Parent Meeting for Year 2 RCIC

A required meeting for parents of Year 2 RCIC catechumenates will be on Thursday, February 23, at 7:30pm in the church. This is a very important meeting for the parents of those who will participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children Liturgy this year on Saturday, April 14.

## Trumpet / Organ Concert • February 17

Trumpeter Matthew Misener, a member of the U.S. Air Force Band and Ceremonial Brass, and our own organist David Mathers, present a concert: Friday, February 17 at 8pm. The performance will feature the lyric, melodic beauty of the trumpet, including both familiar selections and masterworks that deserve to be heard more frequently. The concert is free and a voluntary donation for the support of concerts at Saint Mary will be accepted. For more information, contact David Mathers at the parish office or [dmathers@stmaryfred.org](mailto:dmathers@stmaryfred.org).



## Annual Scout Mass • St. Thomas More Cathedral, Feb. 11

Come and celebrate Catholic Scouting with the Most Reverend Paul Loverde, Bishop of Arlington at the Annual Scout Mass at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 11. Assemble and check in at Burke Hall at 9:30am, Mass at 10:30am. Recep-

tion and photo opportunities following Mass. For more information: [www.arlingtondiocesescouting.org](http://www.arlingtondiocesescouting.org) Recognizing Catholic Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, and American Heritage Girls.

## CCW - VIRTUAL BABY SHOWER

All parishioners are invited to a virtual Baby Shower, sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women, for our local pro-life groups: Catholic Charities, Paul Stefan Homes, Birthright and Mary's Shelter.

The Baby Shower is another opportunity to show tangible support for those who chose life for their babies. We will continue to collect items through the end of January in the Parish Life Center.

All types of items are needed: blankets, layettes, formula (Enfamil or Similac), wipes, diapers (all sizes, especially size 1 and 4-6), clothing (new only, please) up to 2 years, and maternity clothes - new or slightly used. SCRIP cards, cash or checks (made payable to St. Mary CCW with Baby Shower in the memo line) are also accepted.

## FEBRUARY FAMILY DINNER

The February Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sat., Feb 4 from 6 to 8:30pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes homemade pork bbq sandwiches, french fries, baked beans, cole slaw, and bread pudding. The profit will be donated to the Guadalupe Free Clinic in Colonial Beach. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults:\$7, Seniors (60&up):\$6, Teens:\$6, Children (7-12):\$5, Children (under 7): Free. The maximum cost per family is \$24.

## FEBRUARY 2 - THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

*"Beloved Christian, you esteem Simeon happy in having been permitted to take the Infant Jesus in his arms; and were you to receive a grace like him, no doubt you would exclaim: "Now dost Thou dismiss Thy servant in peace: because my eyes have seen Thy salvation." (The Holy Eucharist, Jose Guadalupe Trevino)*

## FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - ALL NIGHT ADORATION

Our First Friday evening Mass at 8pm will be followed by All Night Adoration. At least two people must be present with Our Lord at all times during Adoration. Please sign up today and enrich your soul with the gift of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

daily readings  
& Mass intentions  
january-february

- 30 MON:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
6:30 +John Martin  
9am Robert Speier
- 31 TUES:** 2 Sm 18:9-10; 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
6:30 +Ally Lee Hunter  
9am Special Intention
- 1 WED:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
6:30 +Cecilio Albo  
9am Sue Bain
- 2 THU:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
6:30 Kirklyn Humphreys  
9am Maureen Lesley
- 3 FRI:** Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29  
6:30 +Frances Cascio  
8:30\* Holy Cross Academy  
9am +Desi Hebron  
8pm Tiem Vu Family
- 4 SAT:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34  
9am +Barbara Mertens  
5pm +John Arvai  
7pm +Fred Calascione
- 5 SUN:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39  
7am Rev. Christopher Buckner  
8:30 Tiem Vu Family  
10:30 All those Who Died in January  
10:30\* +Bill Sampson  
12:30pm For the Parish  
2pm +Miguel Angel Cruz  
5pm Special Intention

\*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

**PRO LIFE REFLECTION**

*God does not make mistakes. When a human being is alive, it is because God wants him or her to be alive. People do not have to measure up to our standards or expectations in order to have dignity and deserve protection. "Lord, I pray for all those who are disabled, frail, and ill. Give them Your strength and peace, and give us the eyes to see their dignity and value." (Pro Life Reflections for Every Day)*

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Parish Surnames a Legacy in New Parish Courtyard •

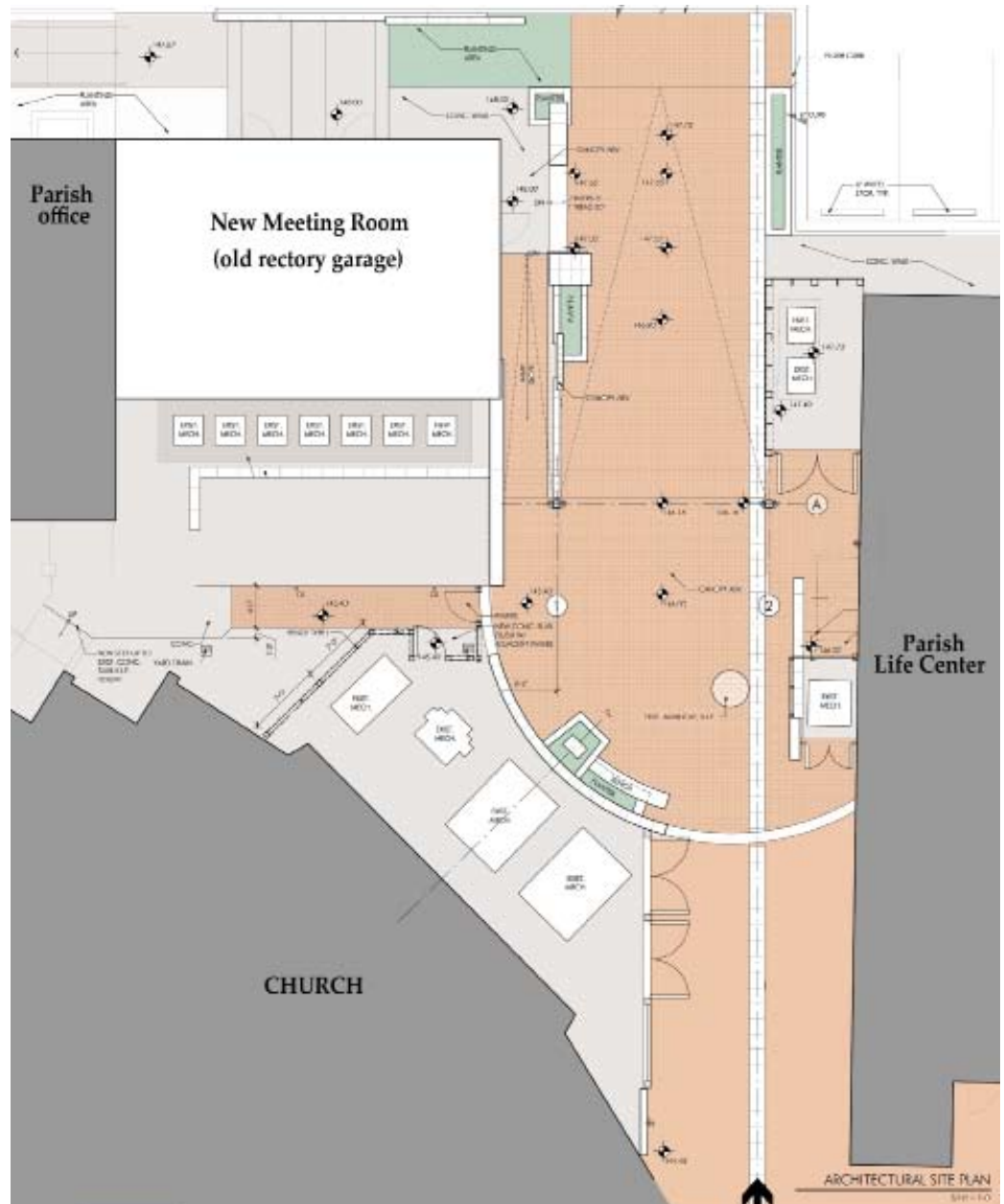
Last Project of Final Phase of Parish Construction Nears

Construction is well-underway on the conversion of our old rectory garage into a large, more formal meeting room and the landscaping of the area between the buildings as a beautiful paved courtyard.

On the site plan below, you can see the various buildings, and the courtyard area shown in light orange. Running up the center of the courtyard from the front parking lot to the back will be a "backbone" of "Living Stones," 18" x 18" granite paving stones, each featuring the last name of the family sponsoring it.

It will be an interesting, historic record of the families whose generosity helped finish the parish renovations of 2008-2012.

The stones will cost us \$160 each, and we would like to ask \$500 per stone to help cover the costs of this final landscaping project, the paving of the entire, large courtyard. Please contact Fr. Rooney directly at the parish office soon if you are interested. We need at least 100 stones for one complete row, front to back, and we are almost halfway there.



Legend:  New paved courtyard area       Row of 18" x 18" granite named stones

ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN  
SPR-10

## Arlington Herald Collection • February 4/5

As registered members of St. Mary Parish, everyone receives a copy of our Diocesan Newspaper, the Arlington Catholic Herald. The Parish pays an assessment to the Diocese on 40% of its registered families for subscriptions to the Arlington Catholic Herald, and this year our assessment is \$39,622.00. All subscriptions paid by you to St. Mary during the year and contributions made in the Annual Diocesan Newspaper Collection stay with the parish to help offset this assessment. Last year we received a total of \$9,180.68 from the annual newspaper collection and quarterly subscription envelopes to help offset a \$36,454.00 assessment.

If you have not paid for or renewed your subscription to the Arlington Catholic Herald, we ask that you consider doing so now. The subscription rate of \$22.00 a year is one of the lowest of any Catholic newspaper with a circulation of more than 50,000, and the wealth of Catholic articles and information about your Diocese is invaluable. Green subscription envelopes are included with the January, April, July and October envelope packets for your convenience, and the Annual Diocesan Newspaper Collection is on February 4 and 5. Your generosity is truly appreciated, and we are very grateful for your constant support. God bless you.

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### prayer list

**Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Peggy McGuire, James Samuel, Tony Maululicci, Margaret Donald, Anna Castagna, Daniel Dobson, Christopher G. Fleming, Josephine Hahn, David Arnold, Javier Gibert, Priscilla Savchuk, Daniel Bustamonta, Cathy Thompson, Pam Hickman, Inge April, Sylvia Marks, Karren Stefano, Diane McFall, Molly Dalton, Carol Babineau, Bill Driskill, Javier Gibert, Mary Gibbons, Joseph Blanford, Gavin Menteer, Maria Marche, Barbara Wallace, Ervin Wible III, Helen Kozyra, Marjorie Schutt, Amelia McDevitt, Cathy Baldwin, Robert Busch, Bob DeMeyer, Christine Evans, Allyson D'Ostilio, Emma D'Ostilio, Josephine DiVita, Pat and Carol Eggleston, Diane Gallagher, Faye Griffin, James Correia, Kelly Dickinson Vincent, Ludovic Marcelin, Liz Tilitsky, Linda Kaila, Pauline Cross, Dorothy Sullivan, Chika Dittmer, Nathan Horner, Jordan Rizer, Vel Velez, Ed Costa, John and Marie Wellington, Raywood Dartez, Carl Ferguson, Stephen Geitz, Harold O'Keefe, Lois Michell, Theodore Yantiss, Martha Clements, Ree Messer, Patricia D'Amico, Ken Byers, Larry Bonaime, Bonnie Gelwicks, Josephine Kreider, Robert Lyman, Virginia Rose, Eleanor Mitchell, Helen Weber

**Please Pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:** Javier Acosta, Leah April, Joel Asher, Miguel Ayala, Matthew Biedenbender, Crystal Black, John Bone, Ned Brownell, Jr., Derek Brostek, Matthew Campos, Bruno Carrero, Jonathan Catalano, Frank Creamer, James Cook, Brad Cowan, Sam Del Grande, Glenn Dickinson, Aaron Doble, Anthony Dowden, John Dussault, Sandy Dussault, Travis Eades, Doug Ebenal, Christopher Eckert, Tim Evan, Christopher Ewers, Paul Fischer, Jonathan Fleming, Roberto Fuentes, Jason Geary, Ramon Guerra, Jr., Andrew Hamilton, Harry Hamilton, Ronnie Hamilton, Andy Haskell, Raymund Haskell, Michael J. Herbek, James Helm, James Hoffnagle, Jr., Robert Horner, Danny L. Howard, Jr., Anthony Howell, Daniel Kramer, Chris Lammers, Stephen Lammers, Jeffrey Lawrence, Dan Lester, Kenneth Linstrom, Ryan Lynch, Brian Mahoney, Sean Malloy, Josh Martin, Samantha Martin, Justin McClelland, Patrick McGroarty, Nathaniel McNamara, Roger Mitchell, Joseph Moore, Robert Mosier, Joseph Muldoon, Mindy Niemann, James Kevin O'Donnell, Joshua K. Pastell, Dominick Joseph Petro, Scott Price, Nick Schulz, Duayne Scott, Tim Smetek, Douglas Stransky, Thomas Tellson, Jr., Heidi Urben, Tania Vega Espinosa, Christopher Williamson and Daniel Zeytoonian.

**Please pray for all the faithful departed:** especially Pat Krabacher and all the benefactors of St. Mary Parish.