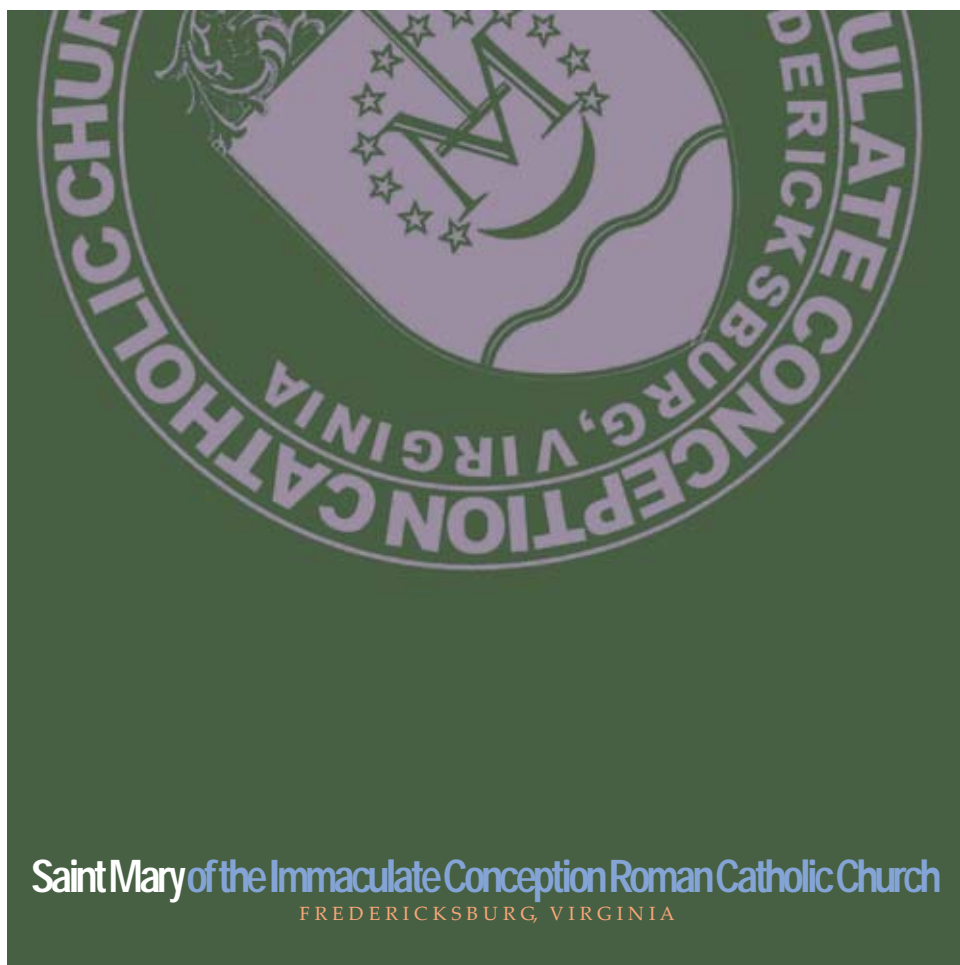


Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

02 March 2014



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



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2 Sunday, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee and Donuts after morning Masses. (Girl Scouts)

SCRIP Sales after Masses.

12noon, English as a Second Language Classes, Room 203, Parish Life Center.

3:30-4:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

6pm, Catholic Youth Ministry Dinner, Parish Life Center.

7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

3 Monday, Weekday (St. Katherine Drexel, virgin)

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Church.

4 Tuesday, Weekday (St. Casimir)

12noon, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center.

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

5 Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

Mass Schedule for today is: 6:30am, 9am, 12noon, 6pm, and 7:30pm

8pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

7:30pm, Women's Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room.

6 Thursday, Weekday

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

9:30am, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room.

6:30pm, Prayers and Squares Ministry, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

7pm, Baptism Preparation Class, Room 204 Parish Life Center. Pre-registration required.

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

7 Friday, Weekday (Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs)

6pm, Lenten Soup Supper, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

7:30pm, Stations of the Cross, church.

8pm, First Friday Mass, church.

8:30pm, Stations of the Cross (in Spanish), church. Followed by all-night Eucharistic adoration.

8 Saturday, Weekday (St. John of God, religious)

9:30am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Parish Life Center.

10am, Baptisms, church.

5pm, SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass. Manna Food Project collection after all Masses.

9 Sunday, First Sunday of Lent

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (Thurman Brisben Center)

SCRIP Sales after Masses. Manna Food Project collection after all Masses.

10am-12noon, Columbian Squires/Roses, John Paul II House.

12noon-2pm, English as a Second Language Classes, 2nd Floor, Parish Life Center.

6pm, Catholic Youth Ministry dinner, Parish Life Center.

6:15pm, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room.

7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

10 Monday, Lenten Weekday

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Church. Topic: Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick & Redemptive Suffering. All Parish adults welcome. 8:15pm, small group discussion continues for RCIA candidates in the Parish Life Center.

8:15pm, "Preparing a Place for Unity and Peace," an ecumenical prayer service in the Taize tradition, church. All area Christians invited.

8pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.



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nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ☞ **Ash Wednesday** is March 5. Masses will be held at 6:30am, 9am, 12noon, 6pm and 7:30pm. Ashes are not distributed at times other than following the Masses.
- ☞ Join us for our **Lenten Soup Suppers** beginning this Friday, March 7, 6-7:30pm in the Parish Life Center, followed by **Stations of the Cross** in the Church at 7:30pm in English and 8:30pm in Spanish. Since this is first Friday, Mass is at 8pm and all-night Adoration will follow the Stations beginning at 9. Please sign up in the vestibule of the church for your time.
- ☞ The St. Mary **Manna Food Project** will collect nonperishable food items and financial donations **next weekend** for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. Volunteers will be available before and after all Masses to accept your donations.
- ☞ Couples from **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** will be available **March 8 and 9** after Masses to provide details about the upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekend, which will be held in Fredericksburg in April. All married couples are invited to stop by the Courtyard Meeting Room after Mass next weekend for more information.
- ☞ **Join Fr. Rooney for five Sunday night classes** during Lent on enriching your knowledge of the Mass through Sacred Scripture. Please, you must **sign up by this Thursday, March 6** to determine if we have enough for a class. We are sorry for the short notice! Call the office to register, more information in this bulletin, p. 6.
- ☞ **SCRIP is on sale** in the Parish Life Center after all Masses except Saturday 7pm and Sunday 2pm. Please use SCRIP, and a percentage of what you spend will be applied to our school.

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

When you study liturgy, one of the principles you learn is *lex orandi, lex credendi*. It means, literally, the discipline of praying is the discipline of believing. The way we pray reveals exactly what we believe.

It is a useful principle when looked at from both sides of the coin. We can learn so much about what we believe by the Tradition of rites and actions which forms the seamless expression of the Church's worship throughout the ages. The texts, the gestures of the Mass are a catechesis in themselves. We learn by doing.

We can also intuitively know whether or not something we might be doing is appropriate by first considering the faith of the assembly and then discerning if what we do actually brings to visible experience the inner faith of the Church.

For example, if song is prayer, and prayer is always directed to God, applause praising the singer or choir is a confusion of purpose. Certainly, we appreciate the talents of those who lead liturgy, and there are times that expressions of thanks are quite appropriate, but never in such a way as to confuse a performance for an audience with a prayer to God. Likewise, recently some commonly used songs in liturgy were suggested to be not appropriate, because the texts directed the attention of those singing to themselves, rather than a prayer to God.

The way we come forward in the Communion procession probably says a lot more than you have ever considered. First, the one fluid movement of the people of God to the Eucharist evokes the image of God's creation in one procession to the heavenly kingdom. We are united by one action, processing, in one voice in song, united in one gesture of receiving the Body of Christ, that which we become. It is the fulfillment of the consecration that began with the calling down of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts, transformed, broken and shared that we might be trans-

formed and shared. We are consecrated as well. The Church welcomes all people to seek the faith that is prerequisite to Communion. The one Communion that we share is the outward sign of the one faith that we share. To not share that one faith and to join in Communion nonetheless would be a lie; for this reason we do not practice intercommunion. *Lex orandi, lex credendi*.

Recently an usher very passionately told me, "You must tell people to stop seeking out only the priest for Communion!" What he was referring to was another example of an inconsistency between how we act sometimes and how we believe. Since we believe that Christ is truly present under the form of bread and wine, it does not matter who is the minister of Communion, as long as they are duly prepared and mandated for the ministry by Bishop Loverde. To refuse Communion from a Eucharistic Minister is to express a misunderstanding of the real Presence of Christ, which we cannot make of our own accord at all. At this moment we are all one.

Next time you are at Mass, consider the many gestures, postures, distractions, attentiveness, level of dress, even coming late or leaving early, and ask if these are really indicative of the *lex credendi* that is within you! We have been given so much, and can do so much more with generous hearts and gratitude for what we have.

I'd like to offer a special thanks to Joan Doherty this weekend. Her endless attention to the plants in the church have yielded what I think might be a world record in the area of pointsettia longevity. Ash Wednesday is late this year, and those flowers just keep on blooming.

Watch our calendar as we enter the Lenten season this week with Ash Wednesday. May the season of Lent be a time of deep conversion and strength for you. Join us as we gather for the rich prayer expression of our Tradition over the coming weeks.

God bless you. *Fr. Dom*

holy cross academy

Go Crusaders!

Under the coaching of Brian Christian and Joe Carroll, the varsity boys' basketball team defeated Holy Family with 34-23 win in the Virginia Catholic Athletic Conference (VCAC) championship held at John Paul the Great High School. This is first time in the 12 year history of the VCAC tournament that the HCA boys finished first-place champions. Congratulations on this historic win!

Let's not forget our HCA varsity girls who concluded their 2014 basketball season with a 3rd place finish at annual tournament. Through hard work and dedication they finished the season recording 12 wins and just 4 losses. Their coaches Michael Caiafa and Scott Merriman were very proud of the sportsmanship and effort put forth by the team.

Soon these talented athletes will take on our faculty for the annual student versus faculty basketball game. The exciting event will begin with a school-wide pep rally to cheer on all players. Brave faculty members are secretly practicing plays to surprise the students and impress the fans. It's a wonderful way to show HCA spirit while watching the competition.

If you want to learn about our school and all that we can do for your child, please call us at 540-286-1600 or visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. For St. Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. Holy Cross Academy is a place where each child can flourish and grow. We will gladly give you a tour of our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and tell you all about the wonderful things happening here.



A National Blue Ribbon School, 2012



2014 Girls Varsity Basketball Team



HCA Boys Basketball, 2014 VCAC Champions

Join Fr. Don on Sunday nights of Lent for an enrichment of our participation in Mass through Sacred Scripture

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and explains their profound significance. This acclaimed series will be offered again this year during the Season of Lent on Sunday evenings beginning March 9 -- from 6:15-7:45pm, with Fr. Don. We ask each participant to pay half the cost of materials, \$10.

We will need sufficient attendance in order to hold the classes, due to the discussion and groups nature of the program, so it is necessary that people sign up THIS WEEK in the parish office. **Deadline for registration is THURSDAY, March 6th.**



Getting "More" out of Mass.

The Mass is the center of our Faith. But do we really worship that way? It's easy to go on auto-pilot. We know the gestures, responses, and prayers...too well. This rote participation can bury the significance of what's happening during the liturgy. If you've ever walked out of Mass feeling like you just didn't "get anything" from it, the value of *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* can't be over emphasized.

Heaven is Waiting for You.

In *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say, and do what we do as Catholics. With freshly awakened eyes of faith, the words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Remember, the deadline for registration is this Thursday, so please act quickly.

Loyola Parish Retreat Opportunities

Loyola on the Potomac retreats in Faulkner, Maryland are conducted in an atmosphere of prayerful silence and include generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deep relationship with God. This year's retreat theme is entitled: "Rivers of Living Water." St. Mary retreats dates: Men's Retreat, 7-9- March 2014; Women's Retreat, 14-16 March 2014.

Contact Len or Sylvia Fontenot for more info: 540-663-2261 or email lensyl1966@verizon.net. To register, go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com

"Live Jesus" Morning of Reflection - March 15

Very Rev. James J Greenfield, OSFS, Provincial and The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales invite you to join them for *Live Jesus - Francis and Francis: Living the Gospel Today*, a morning of Salesian reflection, fellowship and prayer. The event will be held on Saturday, March 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 8806 Wolfttrap Road, Vienna, VA. The day begins with sign in and continental breakfast at 8am. The program will run from 9am to 12:30pm.

Rev. Peter Folan, S.J. and Rev. Kevin Nadolski, OSFS will present "The Salesian Spirit of the Jesuit Pope," and Rev. Michael Newman, OSFS and Rev. Joseph Newman, OSFS will present "Salesian Reflections."

Register online at www.oblates.org (Click on "Live Jesus" icon)

Diocesan Women's Silent Lenten Retreat

April 3-6, Fr. Tom Ferguson will lead a reflection on the Gospel of St. John entitled *We Have Seen His Glory: The Revelation of God in the Gospel of John* at San Damiano Retreat Center. For more info, call the Office for Family Life at 703-841-2550 or visit <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreatfor-women/index.aspx>.

Sacrament of Penance

How can we tell if a child is ready to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation? According to the National Directory for Catechesis: "readiness includes knowledge of the person of Jesus and the Gospel message of forgiveness, knowledge of sin and its effect, and understanding and experience of sorrow, forgiveness and conversion".

The NDC further breaks this down into more concrete outcomes of catechesis:

- Children will be able to acknowledge God's unconditional love for all;
- Children will be able to understand that they can turn to Christ and the Church for sacramental forgiveness and reconciliation;
- Children will be able to recognize the presence of good and evil in the world and their personal capacity for both;
- Children will be able to recognize their need for forgiveness, not only from parents and others close to them, but from God;
- Children will have an understanding of the meaning of the symbols, gestures, prayers and scriptures of the Rite of Reconciliation;
- Children will understand how to celebrate the Rite of Reconciliation;
- Children will have an understanding that 'sacramental Confession is a means offered children of the Church to obtain pardon for sin, and furthermore that it is even necessary per se if one has fallen into serious sin.'

It is important to note that these outcomes are aimed at young children, in about second or third grade. Catechesis is to be ongoing, with the goal of bringing children to a fuller understanding as they develop.

<http://www.johnpaul2center.org/JohnPaulIICenter/LayFormation/AdultFormation/SeasonofMercyFaithFormationRes/FrequentlyAskedQuestions-Child.pdf>

Catechist Training

On Tuesday, February 18, thirty-two catechists participated in another three hour training session hosted by Fr. Cummings. Guided by the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* we studied Commandments 4 and 5, 6 and 9, and 8. The discussions were very thought-provoking and helped us better understand why our Church insists we observe the "natural law" as prescribed to us our Creator and given to us in the Ten Commandants and Jesus' moral teachings.



Operation Rice Bowl

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Each family should have a CRS Rice Bowl for the family offering to assist the poor and suffering people in 91 countries and a Lenten Calendar where you can find stories of hope, meatless recipes and daily prayers and reflections. We also encourage families to participate in our Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross on all Fridays of Lent.

In Religious Education class your child will spend at least ten minutes every week of Lent in prayer and reflection. They will meet people whose lives their offering will change for the better.

Read more at: <http://www.crsricebowl.org/about/how-to-practice-lent/>



parish life

Parish Senior Luncheon, March 4

The parish senior luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at the Parish Life Center from 12noon to 3pm. All seniors in the parish are invited.

So we can best prepare for the luncheon, please call Judy Wingert at 540-786-8403 or Gonzalo Guacena at 540-786-6575 if you plan to attend by March 3, 2014. Food will be served from 12noon to 2pm. Entertainment will be provided. Come and enjoy.

Saint Anne's Sisters in Faith

Our meeting is Friday, March 7. Please join us for an inspirational talk on Lent entitled, **Journeying through Lent**. We begin with 9am Mass followed refreshments and the talk at the JP II house. Babysitting is available. Please contact Rocio at rocio.o.atkinson@gmail.com or Suzi Eggleston at 540-834-0752 for further questions.

St. Mary Book Club, March 11

The Song of Bernadette by Franz Werfel (1942) is the selection for the parish book club meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 10am in the John Paul II House. Werfel's classic work tells the story of the visions of St. Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, France, in 1858. The author, a Jewish refugee, wrote it to fulfill a promise to God while hiding out from the Nazis during WW II. More information: Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com

High School Open House – March 13

John Paul the Great High School's Spring Preview Open House is Thursday, March 13, from 4–6pm. This event is primarily for students in grades 4–7 to come preview high school at JP, but all are welcome! Meet JP students, teachers, and coaches! Tour the beautiful building, and enjoy refreshments! A brief presentation will begin at 4:15pm. For more information, please visit: www.jpthegreat.org/admissions/visiting/open-house/ or call 703-445-0300.

May 3rd - Our annual Parish Night Out

Dinner and dancing at UMW Jepson Center. Tickets are \$75 each again this year.

Our annual Parish Night Out has become a favorite tradition for parishioners as we gather in the spring for a fun, formal evening together with great food and great music and dancing. For tickets or details please contact Marty Bridi 540-373-0259 or Vicky Kopcak 540-273-4456

VIRTUS Update Training for Volunteers

Attention all volunteers at Holy Cross Academy or at St. Mary Catholic Church! Holy Cross Academy will be having a VIRTUS training update session, at Holy Cross Academy's library on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 18

6:30pm to 7pm

Wednesday, March 19

8:15am to 8:45am

1:35pm to 2:05pm

If it has been longer than a year since you first completed the one time-four hour training session, then you need to come in and complete this half hour training. There will be sign in sheets in the library. You do not have to pre-register. Any questions, please contact Lori Jeffers at Holy Cross Academy, 540-286-1600, x203 or hcasecretary@holycrossweb.com. Due to the subject matter, no children will be permitted to be in the training!

Baptism Class

All parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class before their child receives the sacrament. The class is held in English the first Thursday of each month. The class lasts about an hour to an hour and a half. Both parents are encouraged to attend, attendance by children is discouraged so as not to disrupt the class. The next class is Thursday, March 6 at 7pm and is held in Room 204 of the Parish Life Center. Pre-registration is required.

Classes for Spanish speakers are held the first Saturday of each month at 2:30pm in the same location.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

The General Thomas Francis Meagher Division, Fredericksburg, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) in America is planning several annual St. Patrick's Day celebrations. On Thursday, March 13 the AOH will host a family dinner with Irish song and dance at Holy Cross Academy from 5:00-7:30pm. Please call 540-538-2379 to reserve tickets. There will be a St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15 at 12noon in the Bowman Center and an Irish Breakfast after all Sunday morning Masses on March 16.

SCHEDULE for LENT and HOLY WEEK 2014



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**CONFESION SCHEDULE
for LENT and HOLY WEEK**



The complete schedule of confessions is found in the calendar to the right. →



All Parishioners are kindly requested to please plan their confessions as early as possible in the season of Lent in order to avoid overwhelming last-minute crowds.

Please note: There will be NO confessions after 3:00pm on Good Friday, nor on Holy Saturday.

STATIONS of the CROSS are prayed Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm in English.

HORARIO para CONFESIONES durante CUARESMA y SEMANA SANTA



Puede encontrar el horario completo de confesiones en el calendario a la derecha. →

Favor de planificar sus confesiones lo más pronto posible para evitar dificultades a última hora.

Recuerde, que NO habrá confesiones después de 3 pm el Viernes Santo, NI en Sábado Santo.

*Tendremos **EL VIA CRUCIS** cada viernes durante la cuaresma en español a las 8:30pm.*

Lent Confessions:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MARCH						
2	3	4	5 ASH WED	6	7	8 8am 3:30pm
9 1st SUN	10	11	12 7-9pm	13	14	15 8am 3:30pm
16 2nd SUN	17 Parish Mission - 40 Hours	18 Parish Mission - 40 Hours	19 Parish Mission	20	21	22 8am 3:30pm
23 3rd SUN	24 RE Confessions	25 RE Confessions	26 7-9pm RE Confessions	27 RE Confessions	28	29 8am 3:30pm
APRIL						
30 4th SUN	31	1	2 7-9pm	3	4	5 8am 3:30pm
6 5th SUN	7 7pm	8 7pm	9 7-9pm	10 7pm	11 7pm	12 8am 3:30pm
13 PALM SUNDAY	14 7pm	15 7pm	16 7:30pm	17 HOLY THURS	18 12-3pm GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21	22	23	24	25	26 8am 3:30pm



Holy Thursday

APRIL 17

(No 6:30 or 9:00am Masses)

8:00AM

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

7:30PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

The celebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood by Jesus at the Last Supper. The commandment of love is symbolized by the Mandatum, or footwashing, where Jesus teaches, "As I have done, so must you also do." Parishioners are encouraged to join in the ancient procession of the Blessed Sacrament to its place of repose in the Activity Center, where adoration will continue until midnight as we accompany Jesus in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

11:45PM

Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Night Prayer will conclude Eucharistic Adoration in the Activity Center.

Good Friday

APRIL 18

(No 6:30 or 9:00am Masses)

8:00AM

Office of Readings / Morning Prayer

12:00 - 3:00PM

"Tre Ore," The Seven Last Words

Although not a part of the formal observance of the Sacred Triduum Rites as such, this is a traditional custom of many churches. The seven last words of Jesus as he is crucified on the cross are presented every 25 minutes, each with a congregational hymn and choral selections. Clergy will give a reflection for each of the words of Jesus and the Three Hours will conclude with the public praying of the Stations of the Cross.

3:00PM

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

We assemble in observance of Christ's saving death, by reading the narrative of his Passion, praying for the Universal Church, venerating his Cross in this ancient Rite and receiving Holy Communion which was consecrated on the previous evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The Good Friday collection assists the maintenance of the Shrines in the Holy Land.

5:00PM

La Pasión Veneración de la Santa Cruz (español)

Same liturgy as 3pm, in Spanish.

7:30PM

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

Same liturgy as 3pm.

10:00PM

Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)



Holy Saturday

APRIL 19

(No 9:00am, 5:00 or 7:00pm Masses)

8:00AM

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

11:00AM

The Blessing of Easter Food

For those who practice the beautiful Eastern European custom of having Easter foods blessed, please place baskets of traditional foods on the steps along the front of the altar.

8:30PM

The Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

What Sunday is to the week, Easter Sunday is to the year. This holiest of nights we celebrate the victory over death and promise of eternal life given to us by Jesus Christ in his resurrection from the dead. The Liturgy includes the Service of Light, the Vigil of Readings and Psalms, the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for those who have prepared all year for initiation in the Catholic Church, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note the unusual time that we begin: it marks the end of twilight and the beginning of the Solemnity of Easter Sunday.

A reception welcoming new members of the Church follows in the Activity Center.



Easter Sunday

APRIL 20

8:00, 10:15AM, AND

12:30PM (BILINGUAL/BILINGUE)

The Resurrection of the Lord

ALL Masses will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center

Please note: there will be NO

2:00PM nor 5:00PM Mass on Easter Sunday!

Masses will not be held at the church or at Holy Cross Academy on Easter Sunday.



Jueves Santo

EL 17 DE ABRIL

(No hay Misa a las 6:30 ni 9:00 por la mañana)

8:00am Oficio de Lectura y Laudes
(Liturgia de las Horas en inglés)

7:30pm Misa de la Cena del Señor
(Misa Bilingüe) La Misa de la Última Cena del Señor, recuerda la institución de la Eucaristía y el Sacerdocio por Jesús. Su mandamiento de Amor está simbolizado por el Mandatum, o la Lavadura de los Pies, cuando Jesús enseña: "Como he hecho, como deben hacer también." Todos son invitados para participar en la procesión del Santísimo Sacramento a su lugar de reposición en el Actriety Center, donde adoración va a continuar hasta a medianoche, y acompañamos a Jesús en su agonía en el Jardín de Getsemané.

11:45pm Completas
(Liturgia de las Horas en inglés)

Completas concluye la adoración Eucarística en el Actriety Center.

Viernes Santo

EL 18 DE ABRIL

(No hay Misa a las 6:30 ni 9:00 por la mañana)

8:00am Oficio de Lectura y Laudes
(en inglés)

12:00 - 3:00pm "Tre Ore," (Tres Horas), Las Siete Ultimas Palabras
(en inglés) Aunque no es una parte de la observancia formal del Santo Triduo Pascual, "Las Tres Oras" es un consuntumbre tradicional en muchas iglesias. Las últimas palabras de Jesús durante su crucifixión, se presentarán cada 25 minutos, cada una con un himno y selecciones del coro. Los cleros dan una reflexión sobre cada palabra de Jesús.

3:00pm

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (en inglés)

5:00pm

La Pasión y Veneración de la Santa Cruz (en español)

En la liturgia de Viernes Santo, nos reuniremos en observancia de la muerte salvífica de Cristo, y leeremos el evangelio de su Pasión, oraremos por la iglesia universal, y veneraremos su Cruz en un rito muy antiguo. Recibimos, también, la Eucaristía, preparada en la Misa de Jueves Santo.

La ofrenda hoy es para el mantenimiento de los lugares santos en Tierra Santa.

7:30pm

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (en inglés)

Same liturgy as 3pm.

10:00pm Completas
(en inglés)



Sábado Santo

EL 19 DE ABRIL

(No hay Misa a las 9:00 por la mañana ni a la 5:00 o 7:00 por la noche)

8:00am Oficio de Lectura y Laudes
(en inglés)

11:00am

La Bendición de Comida Pascual

(en inglés) Para los que practiquen el costumbre del este de Europa para bendecir las comidas de la Pascua, por favor, que traigan las comidas tradicionales en canastas al frente del altar in la iglesia.

8:30pm

La Vigilia de la Resurrección de Jesús

(Misa Bilingüe) Lo que el Domingo es para la semana, el Domingo de Pascua es para el año. Esta noche más santo celebramos la victoria sobre la muerte y el promesa de la vida eterna dado a nosotros por Cristo en su resurrección de la luz. La liturgia incluye el Servicio de la Luz, la Vigilia de las Lecturas y Salmos, la Celebración de los Sacramentos de la Iniciación, el Bautismo y la Confirmación para los que han preparado todo el año para ser recibidos por la iglesia Católica, y la Liturgia de la Eucaristía.

Una recepción sigue la Misa para dar bienvenidos a los miembros nuevos de la iglesia, en el Actriety Center.



Domingo de Pascua

EL 20 DE ABRIL

8:00, 10:15am, AND

12:30pm (BILINGUAL/BILINGÜE)

La Resurrección de Jesús

TODAS las Misas del Domingo de la Pascua, se harán en el Fredericksburg Expo Center

Note bien: NO HAY Misas a las 2:00pm, ni a las 5:00pm por la tarde, en la iglesia ni en Holy Cross Academy.

SAINT MARY *of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH LENTEN MISSION + MARCH 16-19

Please join us for Forty Hours of Prayer and Eucharistic devotions and our Parish Lenten Mission where we come together over the course of three evenings for special presentations by a guest speaker.

The mission is one of several Lenten events aimed to help guide parishioners and guests through the penitential season of Lent with spiritually enriching programs to help deepen our faith and relationship with God. This year the parish is pleased to welcome our mission guest, the Very Reverend Dennis Corrado, c.o. who will lead our Mission titled,

FORGIVENESS LEADS TO WELLNESS AND JOY

All are welcome to these free events and parishioners are encouraged to also invite friends & family.

The Very Reverend Dennis Corrado, c.o. (c.o. stands for Congregation of the Oratory) is the Founder/ Provincial Superior of the Oratorian Fathers and Brothers of St. Philip Neri, The Saint of Joy, in Brooklyn, New York. He has preached in 17 states and foreign countries. He holds graduate degrees in Theology, Religious Education and Communications. He is co-responsible for the development of The Metrotech Parish of St. Boniface which serves 25,000 plus workers in the downtown area near the Brooklyn Bridge. He was named one of the best preachers in NYC by New York Magazine and one of the religious leaders of New York for the 21 Century by the NY Daily News. For 15 years Father was the American Delegate representing the US Oratorian Houses to the Holy See in Rome.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MARCH 15th and 16th

OPENING of FORTY HOURS

MISSION TALK (DURING ALL HOMILIES)

FORGIVENESS LEADS TO WELLNESS AND JOY

MONDAY, MARCH 17th FIRST DAY of ADORATION

6:30am MASS

8:15am OFFICE of READINGS

8:30am MORNING PRAYER

9:00am MASS

5:45pm EVENING PRAYER

6:30pm MASS

7:30pm MISSION

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS AND WHY IT IS SO DIFFICULT TO PRACTICE

10:00pm NIGHT PRAYER

TUESDAY, MARCH 18th SECOND DAY of ADORATION

6:30am MASS

8:15am OFFICE of READINGS

8:30am MORNING PRAYER

9:00am MASS

5:45pm EVENING PRAYER

6:30pm MASS AND BENEDICTION

CLOSE OF FORTY HOURS

7:30pm MISSION

LIVING THE TRUTH: THE ONLY

ENVIRONMENT FOR FORGIVENESS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th

6:30am MASS

9:00am MASS

7:30pm MISSION

PRACTICAL WAYS TO INCREASE THE JOY

WHICH FOLLOWS FORGIVENESS

Pontifical blessing included

The Parish Mission is free and open to everyone. A free-will offering will be taken on Wednesday night as well as DVDs and CDs of this series available for \$10. each.

"as I have done for you

For I Was Hungry... St. Mary Manna Project

The people of St. Mary parish once again have the opportunity to answer Christ's call to feed the hungry. On the weekend of March 8 and 9, the St. Mary Manna Project will collect non-perishable food items and financial donations for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. Volunteers will be available before and after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday in front of the church, and at Holy Cross Academy.

Needed items include canned tuna/salmon/chicken, peanut butter, beans, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, soup, canned vegetables, instant potatoes and rice. Personal items such as shampoo, soap, paper towels, tissues, etc. are also welcome. And, for each \$10 donation, the Food Bank is able to provide thirty meals for hungry families!

The Food Bank feeds more than 20,000 people in the Fredericksburg area each month, but they can't carry out this important work without the help of the local community. So mark your calendar for the weekend of March 8/9, and do your part in answering Christ's call to help those in need.

Men's Discernment Group

Join men from the diocese for an overnight seminary visit to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia on Saturday, March 17 – Sunday, March 18. The trip includes a tour of the seminary, Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, meals, and lodging. All single men 17-50 who are interested can call the Office of Vocations to register at 703-841-2514 or email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org by Friday, March 14.



Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Each family in our parish is asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there are places to note that on the form. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the many programs and ministries that serve the people of our diocese. Every pledge is important! Thank you!

Baby Items Available

Do you know a family in need of baby diapers, wipes, or clothing?

There is a great program available for eligible families in our area at the Baby Needs Closet run by Catholic Charities. The Baby Needs Closet is open Fridays from 11:30am-12:30pm in the Breezewood Shopping Center on Courthouse Rd near Food Lion. Call Vivian Poole at 703-690-3317 to set up an appointment if you or someone you know needs assistance.

Teacher Job Fair

Teachers who are ready to serve the needs of over 18,000 students in over 40 diocesan schools and help students strive to meet high standards are invited to meet with the principals of the Diocese of Arlington Catholic Schools at the annual Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, March 8 from 9 -11am at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax. Admission is free and parking available. For more information call 703-841-2519 or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools.

2014 Diocesan Science Fair Needs Judges

Individuals with a science background are needed to judge seventh and eighth grade student research projects for the 2014 Science Fair on April 12 from 8am to 12pm at Paul VI High School in Fairfax. These projects encompass botany, health, chemistry, zoology, behavioral science, engineering, physics, math and other areas of life and physical science. Contact Janet Vetrano from the Office of Catholic Schools at 703-841-2560.

Women's History Month Program

Sisters in the Spirit present a Women's History Month Program, "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment," on March 29, 1-4pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall in Alexandria. Bring your favorite tea cup to this afternoon tea! For more details, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/multicultural

so you must also do"

Retreat for Women Healing after Abortion, April 25-27

A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat offers a safe and confidential environment for women who have struggled with the pain of abortion to experience the compassion of God and begin the process of healing. For more info, email info@helpafterabortion.org, visit www.helpafterabortion.org or call 1-888-456-HOPE.

Donate household items to help a new refugee family

Migration and Refugee Services in Arlington is looking for donations of new or gently used flatware, dishware, cookware, alarm clocks, cleaning supplies, waste baskets, brooms, trash bags and personal hygiene items. These items will help furnish homes to resettle families and individuals who have fled their country of origin out of fear for their safety. [Note: No used clothing or linens (bedding and towels) can be accepted.] To donate items, please contact Beth at 703-778-9126 or bfitz@ccda.net.

Donate Your Used Car and Help Someone Become Self Reliant

If you own a car you are thinking of replacing, we need your donation. The Catholic Charities Car Ministry takes used vehicles and gives them directly to needy families (so the car needs to be in good running order). In return, Catholic Charities can help you get a tax deduction. We have a long list of families who need transportation. Please contact Brian O'Connor at 703-841-3898.

SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

This is a food cooperative program with a community service requirement. Package Pick-up is typically the fourth Saturday of the month at the Parish Life Center between 8:00am and 9:00am. The following month's menu will be available at the time of pick-up. Orders due by Monday, March 17; pick-up is Saturday, March 29.

Please contact Rick Caporali for more information and details, rcaporali@stmaryfred.org.

Shopping for March:

Value Package (\$21)

- Chicken Breast (1 lb.)
- Pollock Filet (1 lb.)
- Chicken & Vegetable Stir Fry (1 lb.)
- Boneless Ham Steak (1 lb.)
- Tyson's Steak Strips (3/4 lb.)
- 3 lbs. potatoes, white onions, and lots of other fresh, healthy, seasonal produce

Meats & Cheese Box (\$23)

Limited Availability

- 3 Beef Summer Sausages & 3 Cheeses: Mild Cheddar, Colby, and Spicy Pepper Jack

Easter Spiral Ham (\$37)

Limited Availability

- With sweet potato casserole, crushed pineapple and brown mustard.

Lenten Seafood (\$24)

- Breaded Shrimp (1 lb.)
- Salmon Filet (1.5lb)
- Cod Filet (1 lb.)

Breakfast Special (\$16)

- 48 adorable egg, turkey sausage & cheese "sliders" packed in 24 double portion packs.



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$21)

_____ x \$21. = _____

Meats & Cheese (\$23)

_____ x \$23. = _____

Easter Spiral Ham (\$37)

_____ x \$37. = _____

Lenten Seafood (\$24)

_____ x \$24. = _____

Breakfast Special (\$16)

_____ x \$16. = _____

TOTAL: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ zip _____

email _____

cell/phone _____

hrs Church Host site
 hrs Youth Transport
 hrs Shelter Comm. Dinner
 hrs Seniors Vincent de Paul
 hrs Micah MW Hospital
 hrs School Parish Ministry
 hrs Community Service
 hrs Other hrs Other

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH, MONEY ORDER, or EBT.
No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed. Money Orders should be made to: SHARE FOOD NETWORK.

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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.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Lino Rico Rostro Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Sacred Music, David Mathers Administrative Assistant, Kelly Keiser Secretary, Mary Fitch
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
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 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 are held monthly in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any telephone/address changes.

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

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection
2/23/14 \$39,112.

Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul
(wk ending 2/23/14) 214

SCRIP Profit for the week 273.
Year to Date: \$5,676.

Thank you for your continued generosity! 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.

Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

"Restore the Church - Build the Future"

This Wednesday we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. For many years in the Church in Central, and especially Eastern, Europe, the aftermath of 70 years of Soviet rule and state-sponsored atheism are still evident every day in the form of poverty and lack of access to pastoral care and buildings in which the faithful can worship and cultivate their faith. In the Ukraine, approximately 40,000 die each year from alcoholism, a remnant of hopelessness fostered by communist oppression. Your donations help strengthen the Church of this region through grants to Catholic organizations that help deliver pastoral care, form leaders, and build places – such as centers for alcoholism in the Ukraine, as well as the repair of the New Home Centre in Bucharest, Romania, a home for abandoned children. Please give generously to the Collection on Ash Wednesday. Visit www.usccb.org/national-collections to learn more.

National Collection for US Black and Indian Missions - March 8 & 9

Evangelization – 128 years of service – among the Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleut communities has been the singular purpose of the Black and Indian Mission Office. Established in 1884 as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States and the Eskimo and Aleut peoples of Alaska, the Black and Indian Mission Office has been able to distribute assistance to 132 Dioceses through the generosity of this parish and parishes throughout the United States. Support went to the neediest people across our country – from the inner cities of the rural South to the deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness. Please give what you are able to this collection. Your generosity will help to strengthen the faith, continue the legacy and share the mission with children and adults across the Black and American Indian communities.

SCRIP Helps Support HCA

SCRIP cards are gift cards that you purchase at face value. The retailers sell them to us at a discount, which is how we make a profit. Simply exchange your cash or check at the SCRIP table for gift cards for gas and grocery purchases or even restaurants and movie retailers. You may even order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.

To set up an account online at www.shopwithscrip.com and use our school code, **7B876EB-B188L2**, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP please email Torie Baldwin at scripcoordinator@holy-crossweb.com or 571-330-3448. Thanks for using SCRIP!

Ash Wednesday - March 5

The Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday, March 5 is as follows:
6:30am, 9am, 12noon, 6pm, & 7:30pm.

Stations of the Cross - Lenten Soup Suppers

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday evening during Lent. On March 7 and April 4 Stations of the Cross will be at 7:30pm in English followed by our First Friday Mass at 8pm, Stations of the Cross at 8:30pm in Spanish, and All Night Adoration. On all other Fridays in Lent, Stations will be at 7:30pm in English and at 8pm in Spanish. This schedule will encourage everyone to be able to attend Mass and Stations of the Cross.

Also beginning on Friday, March 7, our Lenten Soup Suppers will take place in the Parish Life Center on each Friday during Lent from 6 to 7:30pm. Share a Lenten penitential meal of soup and bread with your parish family, and share what you would have spent on dinner that night with those in need. All free-will offerings received are given to charity. Bring the whole family to enjoy good soup and good fellowship.... and then spend time with Our Lord in prayer.

All Night Adoration Friday, March 7

All Night Adoration will follow our 8pm First Friday Mass on March 7. Please sign up today to adore Our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament.

“Love our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist above all things in the world.”
(St. John of God, Founder of the Brothers Hospitallers and Patron of those suffering from heart disease, Feast Day March 8)

St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Katie Billing, Audrey Wolski, Morgan Wolski, Lucy Holzworth, David Arnold, Matt Miller, Wilma Evans, Hoop Hooper, Rita Wainwright, Marianne Ford, Randy and Vicky Dehr, Velda Taylor, Deborah Ellia, Linda Kaila, Monica Lantigua, Bert DeVore, Betty Ann Dateno, Frank Moehler, Harold Gardiner, Garafano Family, Grant Family, Casey Family, LaCombe Family, Cecelia and Charles Lee, Christopher Ford, Joan Baker, Barbara Leone, Mary D’Amato, Sal Detrane, Tina Beaversdorf, Robert C. Murphy, Josephine Kreider, Eleanor Mitchell, Peter Fisher, Helen Kozyra, Catherine Gordon, John Castagna, Tyler Hansen, Meredith Whatcott, Julie Fabula, Amelia McDevitt, Gerald Gardiner, Ree Messer, Joyce Webster, O’Neta Shorter, Daniel Bustamonta, Dawn Dittmer, Martha Clemens, Lisa Storm, Veronica Johnson, Joseph McCormick, Patrick Wilkinson, Holly Smith, Patricia Portcelli, Doris Winstead, Cathy Thompson, Kathy Dobson, Tricia Davis, Joseph Bozicevic, Shirley Bozicevic, Connie Brimmer, Cathy Nichols, Reva McCloud, Regina Sullivan, Fr. Paul Richardson, Bentley Hunt, Anna Castagna, Ruth Weaver, Linda Sholander, Darlene Garcia

Please Pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: Javier Acosta, Leah April, David Asher, Joel Asher, Miguel Ayala, Crystal Black, Ned Brownell, Jr., Derek Brostek, Christopher Burton, Matthew Campos, Leslie Capuano, Bruno Carriero, Jonathan Catalano, Frank Creamer, Sal Contreras, 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, Maria Harbeson, Andy Haskell, Raymund Haskell, Michael J. Herbek, James Helm, James Hoffnagle, Jr., Robert Horner, Danny L. Howard, Jr., Anthony Howell, Matthew Kearney, Daniel Kramer, Julio Laffitte III, Chris Lammers, Stephen Lammers, Scott LaRousse, Ryan Larsen, Jeffrey Lawrence, Kenneth Linstrom, Ryan Lynch, Sean Malloy, Geoff Mann, Josh Martin, Samantha Martin, Justin McClelland, Patrick McGroarty, John Moring, Nathaniel McNamara, Roger Mitchell, Joseph Moore, Joseph Muldoon, Corey Nash, Mindy Niemann, James Kevin O’Donnell, Bryce Parson, Joshua K. Pastell, Sean Penczak, Dominick Joseph Petro, Scott Price, Nick Schulz, Duayne Scott, Tim Smetek, Andrew Smith, Douglas Stransky, Shawn Tupta, Heidi Urben, Christopher Williamson and Daniel Zeytoonian.

Please pray for all the faithful departed: especially all the benefactors of St. Mary.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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3 MONDAY

6:30 Kristine Chase
9am +Frank and Rose Lucia
1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

4 TUESDAY

6:30 +Claire Palumbo
9am +Norbert Schwartz
1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

5 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Frances Greenhalgh
9am +Ruth Quade
10* +Brendan Gusak
12noon +Virginia Rose
6pm +Josy Oberle Grizzell
7:30 +Walter Oberle
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6 THURSDAY

6:30 +Victor Guillermo
9am +Barbara Mertens
Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

7 FRIDAY

6:30 +Virginia Rose
9am Brian Burkett
8pm +Fred Gasper
Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

8 SATURDAY

9am +Margaret Dougherty
5pm Kantoch & Wolanski Family
7pm For the Parish
Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

9 SUNDAY

7am Robert Derouin
8:30 +Jeremy Strader
10:30 +Joseph Vu Van Trung
10:30* +Joanne Storey
12:30pm +Maria Garcia Najera
2pm +John S. Waters
5pm Vicky Kopcak
7:01pm Brianna Wickham
Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy