

**Fifth Sunday
of Lent**

06 April 2014

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



what's coming

april

6 Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (Troop 1410)
12noon-2pm, English as a Second Language Classes, 2nd Floor, Parish Life Center.
3pm, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room. *Class is full!*
3:30-4:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center.
6pm, Catholic Youth Ministry dinner, Parish Life Center.
6:15pm, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room. *Class is full, keep on eye on bulletin for future classes.*
7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

7 Monday, Lenten Weekday (St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest)

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Church. Topic: Traditions of the Church;
Liturgical and Ministerial Terms. All Parish adults welcome. 8:15pm, small group discussion
continues for RCIA candidates in the Parish Life Center.
8pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.

8 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

10am, St. Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.
10am, Council of Catholic Women General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7pm, Additional parish Confessions for Lent, church.

9 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

6pm, YOUCAT - Youth Ministry Program, John Paul II House.
7pm, The Light is On for You, Confessions, church.
7:30pm, Women's Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room.
8pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.

10 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

9:30am, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room. *Class is full, keep on eye on bulletin for future classes.*
9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7pm, Additional parish Confessions for Lent, church.
7:30pm, Parish Advisory Board, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7:30pm, Men's Group, Blue and Grey Brewery.

11 Friday, Lenten Weekday (St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr)

9:30am, Moms' Group "St. Anne's Sisters in Faith," John Paul II House.
6-7:30pm, Lenten Soup Supper, hosted by the Hispanic Ministry, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Additional parish Confessions for Lent, church.
7:30pm, Stations of the Cross, church.
8pm, Via de la Cruz, church.

12 Saturday, Lenten Weekday

9:15am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.
2:30pm, Mother-Daughter Tea, Parish Life Center..
7pm, BUNCO game, all parish adults invited, Parish Life Center.
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

13 Sunday, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (Catholic Youth Ministry)
SCRIP Sales after Masses.
6pm, Catholic Youth Ministry Dinner, Parish Life Center.
7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.





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nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ Join us for our LAST **Lenten Soup Supper** on Friday, April 11 in the Parish Life Center. All Soup Supper donations will help our parish feed those in need through the Micah Ministry Community dinners and the Brisben Shelter Dinners.
- ✂ Additional Parish **Confessions for Lent** begin this week. Come early and avoid all the long lines during the last week of Lent.
- ✂ All Masses on **Easter Sunday** will be held at the **Fredericksburg Expo Center**. Masses are at **8am, 10:15am and 12:30pm**. There is plenty of parking. No Easter Sunday Masses will take place at the Church.
- ✂ Come join the party at our annual **Parish Dinner Dance** on **May 3** at the Jepson Alumni Center. See page 7 for ticket information.
- ✂ **Coffee and Donuts** are available after Sunday morning Masses in the Parish Life Center.
- ✂ **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.

from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

We are in the process of final preparations for Easter Masses. Once again this year, we will be celebrating Mass at the Fredericksburg Expo Center.

For the past (how many?) years we have been gathering at the Expo Center—a lot of work—to provide a proper joyful welcome and ensure that everyone might have a seat and a parking space. And over the years we have perfected the art of liturgy for 3,500 faithful with the proper solemnity and reverence, joy and exultation that is proper for Easter Sunday, and still not let it last longer than a typical Mass in church. In the beginning there were many who felt that such a thing could not be held in a place such as the Expo Center: all these years now we have repeatedly heard from people who have newly discovered the experience of thanking and praising God in the joyful context of so broad an assembly celebrating the new life of Jesus' resurrection. You can't imagine the impact of it unless you are there. Is this us? We are a community that is so large and alive.

Don't tell anybody, but the Expo Center is now holy ground - we have blessed it by the sacred rites of Mass and sprinkled generously the assembly (and the building) with the holy water of baptism!

I wanted to pass on a little advice on this weekend before we begin the solemn observances of Holy Week. Come to Expo early, just as the previous Mass is ending. The 8am Mass is usually 3/4 full, maybe a little more. That means that there are about 900 seats waiting for you. The 10:15 is basically full, although there are always some seats to be found on the far end of the room from the entrances. The 12:30 Mass, which is a fascinating and even more joyful Mass combining the cultures of North, Central and South America, has the most seats available and you are always welcome.

The Easter Vigil Mass in the church will be-

gin at 8:30 and last until about 11:30. See the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church to learn about all the people who will be joining our church this year. Please keep all of them in your prayers during the coming week, a most important week in their lives.

This year we have bought gifts for everyone who comes to Easter Sunday Masses. You may have heard about the pastoral letter of Bishop Loverde, "Go Forth with Hearts on Fire," a wonderful piece on the new evangelization and how you can become involved personally in the work of the Gospel. We have bought 7,000 copies to distribute this Easter, as well as holy cards commemorating the soon-to-be saints John XXIII and John Paul II. These are our gifts to you for this season of joy.

Of course, we will be looking for an army of volunteers to help at all the Masses to distribute these as people leave—if you are interested, please call the office. It will take only a little time, and as we finish you will find that traffic has quieted down outside.

Well, I don't intend to get ahead of myself. We still have before us the most intense and reflective time of all the year. We hope to enter into the very suffering and death—and resurrection of Jesus as members of his Body, the Church. It is my prayer that we can find it in our hearts to make this Sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday a time of deep prayer and sacrifice. It is in the unfolding of Christ's mysteries that we discover the reality of ourselves and the meaning of our lives. It is the selfless offering of Jesus that has saved us, and it is the selfless offering of ourselves as we recall his saving love that will continue to advance this salvation for all the world.

Don't forget - Jesus came, he died and he rose from the dead that ALL might be saved. So don't just share the secret with those who are friends—change the world.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy

A Teacher Takes a Hand, Opens a Mind and Touches a Heart

We are blessed by a group of dynamic, dedicated professionals who are making a difference daily in our children's lives. Holy Cross Academy's faculty is composed of certified teachers, including a librarian, resource teacher, computer specialist, and teachers in Spanish, art, music and physical education, as well as five classroom assistants. We have a full-time counselor and a part-time school nurse.

All our teachers are certified in the area in which they instruct. Our principal holds Virginia State certification in Educational Leadership and Administration, as well as teaching certification in Maryland and Pennsylvania. In addition to our principal, fifteen teachers hold Master's degrees and two are currently enrolled in a graduate program. All our teachers of Religion hold Catechist certification with eight at the advanced level. Our average teacher

has seventeen years teaching experience and ten members of our faculty have taught here since our school opened in 1998. Our faculty members are experienced, dedicated and innovative. They make our school the wonderful place that it is.

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 would love to hear from you and 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*



2013-2014
Holy Cross Academy
Faculty and Staff

education religious ed.

Catechists Write:

I enjoy being a Catechist because each time I plan a lesson and teach a class I know that God is using me as an instrument so that my students will learn about our Faith and know that with God's help, each one of my students' knowledge and love for God will grow bigger each day. My students have learned to pray for others together during each class and I can see how their faith and love for Mary and Jesus has increased over the years! In addition, by teaching Catechism, I learn more about our Faith too!

Religious Education Classes are extremely important! Children need to learn all about our Catholic Church teachings and our Faith. Without RE children would not be able to prepare properly for the Sacraments and understand the reason why God created them! — Cecilia Pavlak

Why Should We Go to Confession?

About two hundred fifty-five children did their First Penance this year. Please remind them regularly of the importance of this sacrament and give them the opportunity to go to confession at least once a month. Just before their First Communion have them go to confession. Remind them that when we receive the sacrament of Reconciliation we are forgiven of our sins and brought closer to God and neighbor. It also guides us towards a more Christian lifestyle.

"The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation involves four parts: contrition, confession, penance and absolution.

- **Contrition:** a sincere sorrow for having offended God and the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.
- **Confession:** confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them — aloud — to a priest.
- **Penance:** an important part of our healing is the "penance" imposed in reparation for our sins.
- **Absolution:** the priest imparts the words which reconcile a sinner to God through the merits of the Cross."

<http://uscgb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/sacrament-of-penance-question-and-answer.cfm>

Operation Rice Bowl

Around the seaport town of Les Cayes, Haiti, there are few doctors or hospitals. CRS is working with volunteers like Louisma Toussaint to set up community healthcare centers. These volunteers help people stay healthy, and if they do get sick, to get good medical care.

CRS trained Louisma and her fellow volunteers to give basic check-ups and medical help. CRS also helped set up a community "rally post", where families meet with Louisma and the other volunteers. Mothers bring their babies to the rally post for check-ups each month. Louisma weighs and measures the babies to make sure they are healthy and growing, and gives basic vaccines and treatment. When someone is ill or needs to see a doctor, they come to the rally post and Louisma helps them get to the closest hospital. When they come home from the hospital, Louisma checks on them to make sure they are doing well.

A "Mother's Club" meets at the rally post each month to share stories and get advice from Louisma about keeping themselves and their children healthy. They also have a community garden where they grow vegetables and fruits. Mothers share recipes and use vegetables from the garden to make healthy, balanced meals at home.

Louisma and her fellow volunteers are making a big difference. Since Louisma began as a volunteer, the number of children who suffer from malnutrition in her community has dropped by nearly half. Louisma has noticed that children in her community are healthier. "I look at all the children present, and to see this energetic group of them, the future seems more fruitful." <http://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-5/>



parish life

Parish Book Club - April 8

The parish book club will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 10am in the John Paul II House to discuss *The Miracle of Father Kapaun: Priest, Soldier, and Korean War Hero* by Roy Wenzl. Join us to learn more about this amazing Army chaplain who died in a POW camp. More information: Kathleen Mahoney at 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com

Council of Catholic Women - April 8

Join us for our next General Membership meeting on Tuesday, April 8 in the Courtyard Meeting Room at 10am. Our speaker will be a policeman whose topic will be protection and safety for the individual and the home.

Ask Lady Luck to come with you to the Parish Life Center at 7pm on Saturday, April 12 for a fun couple hours of BUNCO, an easy game and a chance to see old friends and meet new. The suggested "buy in" is \$6; that is, \$5 for prizes and \$1 for yummy snacks. All adults in the parish are invited to have a fun time and meet new friends!

St. Anne's Sisters in Faith - April 11

Please join us as we continue to learn how to strengthen our relationship with our spouse through the discussion of the book *Marriage, Small Steps, Big Rewards* by Dr. Ray Guarendi. We meet at the JP II House from 9:45-11:30 am. Babysitting is available. Please contact Rocio Atkinson at Rocio.o.atkinson@gmail.com or Suzi Eggleston at 540-834-0752.

We will not meet Friday, April 18th, Good Friday. We pray you will benefit from all the services offered during Holy Week. We wish you a most blessed and holy Easter.

Afternoon Tea - April 12

Please join us on Saturday, April 12 from 2:30-4pm in the Parish Life Center where we will enjoy afternoon tea complete with an assortment of finger sandwiches and delectable pastries. There will also be door prizes. Janice Lancaster, a certified image consultant will show us how to "accessorize our personality." She will reveal the latest trends in accessories for spring and which styles are most suitable for our fashion personality.

Bring your Mother, Daughter, Mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, a special friend, for a delightful afternoon together.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available until April 9. Contact Suzi Eggleston at 540-834-0752 or Teresa Hopkins at teresahop@cox.net for details.

Living Stones: Order by April 15

We continue to take orders for the "Living Stones" in our new courtyard, each featuring the last name of the family sponsoring it.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. The investment for each stone is \$500 and helps cover the cost of this landscaping project. You may make installment payments. Please place your order by April 15 to be included in the next installation.

English as a Second Language

Free classes are held each Sunday from 12noon to 1:45pm on the second floor of the Parish Life Center. Please note the following schedule changes:
April 13, No Class, Psalm Sunday
April 20, No Class, Easter Sunday
May 11, No Class, Mother's Day
May 18, Last Class, Summer Break Begins

St. Mary Preschool Openings for Fall

St. Mary Preschool is currently registering for the 2014-2015 school year. We have openings in both morning and afternoon 3 and 4 year old classes. Come join the fun in our Parish Preschool! For information please contact Mrs. Scharf at 373-7553.



Parish Night Out 6 May 3, 2014

Cash bar, dinner & dancing.
Held at the beautiful Jepson Alumni 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

parish life confirmed

Nicholas *John Paul II* Ackman
 Jocelyn *Cecilia* Adamic
 Elimma *Clare of Assisi* Aguolu
 Nicholas *George* Alford
 Rebecca *Julia* Alicandro
 Victoria *Thérèse of Lisieux* Alicandro
 Natalie *Emma* Amey
 Ryan *Thomas* Aruanno
 Crista *Joan of Arc* Bain
 Leif *Francis de Sales* Barnes
 Henry *Gabriel* Basilica
 Pia *Gianna Beretta Molla* Basilica
 Kaitlin *Catherine of Alexandria* Baumgartner
 Olivia *Joan of Arc* Bell
 Isabelle *Anne* Bertram
 Sydnirose *Cecilia* Bornschein
 Sarah *Cecilia* Bostain
 Charles *Michael* Bowman
 Ronnie *Robert* Briles
 Bryan *George* Brito
 Luke *John Vianney* Britton
 Isabella *Sebastian* Brooks
 Joseph *Nicholas* Brothers
 Benjamin *Benjamin* Camstra
 Jordan *Clare of Assisi* Carrion
 William *Charles Lwonga* Carroll
 Ellisa *Apollinaris of Ravenna* Catahan
 Jonas *Sebastian* Chechak
 Nicholas *John Baptiste de la Salle* Chechak
 Gabriela *Martin de Porres* Christian
 Jacob *Catherine of Bologna* Christian
 Troy *Nicholas* Clark
 David *Patrick* Clifford
 Brandon *Thomas Aquinas* Clyborne
 MacKenzie *Bridget* Coakley
 Amanda *Francis* Confair
 Ashley *Nicholas* Conniff
 Mary *Priscilla* Cook
 Joaquin *Martin de Porres* Cordero
 Hunter *Peter Claver* Coutts
 Nicholas *Francis of Paola* Craig
 Sarah *Cecilia* Crockett
 Thomas *Patrick* Cue
 Briana *Angela Merici* Cushing
 Yareliana *María* Davila
 Percy *Mary* Deza
 Michelle *Mary* Doyle
 Kevin *Joseph* Dreeke
 Thomas *Andrew* Driscoll
 William *William of York* Dyer
 Teresa *Therese* Eastman
 Logan *Sebastian* Enfinger
 Nicole *Clare of Assisi* Esslinger
 Karla *Juan Diego* Estrada
 Aleksandra *Veronica* Fasoli
 Kaylee *Catherine of Alexandria* Feather

Jessica *Elizabeth Ann Seton* Fey
 Angel *Roch* Finch
 Olivia *Cecilia* Fisher
 Maria *Maria Goretti* Fonseca
 Keara *Kateri Tekakwitha* Forjan
 Mary *Gianna Beretta Molla* Frasher
 Guillermo *John* Galvan
 Clemencio *Joseph* Galvan Cantor
 Grant *Michael* Glover
 Zoe *Genevieve* Gobeille
 Miguel *Genesius* Gómez
 Guadalupe *María* Gómez
 Chase *Dominic* Grasso
 Alexis *Joan of Arc* Green
 Kevin *Raphael* Grigalua-Escalante
 Alex *Turibius of Mongrovejo* Grondin
 Lauren *Margaret of Scotland* Gruber
 Gustavo *John the Baptist* Guardarrama
 Valeria *Michael* Guzmán
 Grace *Monica* Hall
 Walter *Patrick* Harris-Kincaid
 John *Sebastian* Hayes
 Miguel *Francis of Assisi* Hernández
 Claudia *Bernadette Soubirous* Herrick
 Elizabeth *Christopher* Horan
 Raven *Cecilia* Horan
 Samuel *Michael* Huber
 Aaron *Patrick* Humphrey
 MacKenzie *Clare* Irvin
 Alexander *Dunstan* Isaak/Harrington
 Caroline *Angela Merici* Jones
 Jackson *Francis Xavier* Jones
 Haley *Lucy* Joseph
 Skyler *Elizabeth of Hungary* Joseph
 Kyle *Matthew* Kauffman
 Jade *Francis of Assisi* Keiser
 Mitchell *Andrew* Kelly
 Jared *Harvey* Kibel
 Katharine *Cecilia* Kingsley
 Ashlyn *Elizabeth Ann Seton* Kinnaman
 Britney *Thérèse of Lisieux* Kohler
 Annalee *Nicholas* Kopp
 Joshua *Sebastian* Laidley
 Philip *Francis of Assisi* Lambert
 Sean *George* Larimer
 Christian *Jude* Leblanc
 Heather *Claire* Liffert
 Mikeal *Paul* Lockard
 William *Damian of Molokai* Lombardo
 Michael *Gabriel* Luciani
 Branden *Michael* Lupi
 Ryan *Sebastian* Lynch
 Heather *Bridget* Malloy
 Grace *Anne* Mamon
 Daniel *Francis of Assisi* Martinez
 Dominick *Michael* Martz

parish life in the holy spirit

Alexander Sebastian Matarese
 Alexandra Cecilia McOsker
 Alexis Sarah Mead
 Hannah Joan of Arc Mead
 Brandon Joseph Meade
 Brenda Elizabeth Medrano-Frias
 Caroline Chiara Luce Badano Merriman
 Megan Alice Mesick
 Jonathan Anthony Moreno
 Erica Joan of Arc Morgan
 Krystiana Catherine of Bologna Muccia
 Natalie Bridget Mullanaphy
 Chase George Murray
 Martin Francis of Assisi Ngho
 Kelly Paul Nguyen
 Paul Theresa of Avila Nguyen
 Caitlyn Clare of Assisi North
 Nolan Patrick O'Brien
 Cade Luke Olvis
 Fallon Cecilia O'Malley
 George Damasus I O'Reilly
 Carolina Cecilia Ortiz
 Ricky Alexander of Jerusalem Perez
 Vladimir Sebastian Perez
 Alecsis Agnes Pillar
 Brenna Mary Quillen
 Samantha Cecilia Quintero
 Robert Francis of Assisi Rafferty
 Lauren Maria Goretti Raney
 Haley Catherine of Alexandria Raubenolt
 Juan Martin de Porres Rios
 Andrew Joseph Rodriguez
 Mary Cecilia Romanello
 Samantha Monica Rosende
 Andrew Michael Ruiz
 Brianna Bernadette Sablan
 Michael Andrew Sampson
 Andrew Juan Diego Schalk
 Sydney Francis of Assisi Schapel
 Hannah Rafca Schilke
 Chelsea Flora Schroeder
 Kaitlyn Gianna Schwinn
 Maximilian Nicholas Seina
 Matthew Martin de Porres Shelton
 Connor Maximilian Kolbe Simons
 Ian Michael Smith
 Laura Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala Solis
 Julia Lucy Squillante
 Hannah Cecilia Stadelmyer
 Taylor Margaret of Antioch Storck
 Leah Blaise Storm
 Breanna Cecilia Strader
 James Sebastian Strickland
 Mary Francis of Assisi Stuart
 Michaela Elizabeth of Hungary Taylor
 Byron Alfred Tenorio



Catherine Catherine Labouré Tipton
 Sabrina Cecilia Turner
 Leif Nicholas Van Slyke
 Cecilia Mary Vega
 Nico Sebastian Vega
 Alexander Vincent Ferrer Wagner
 Alexandra Joanna Weddermann
 Victor Nicholas Weddermann
 Allen Joseph Wilcox
 Serena Vitus Willard
 Andrew John of God Willging
 Alina Perpetua Williams
 Victoria Dwywnwen Williams
 Michael Francis of Assisi Wolfe
 Laura Joan of Arc Wood
 Jared Benedict of Nursia Yi
 Daniela Jude Zuleta

March 29, 2014
 Most Rev. Paul Loverde

"as I have done for you

Work Camp Fundraisers

WorkCamps Rent-a-Crew

Small teams of CYM teens are ready to help with lawn clean-up, housecleaning, and junk removal in exchange for a donation to Workcamp 2014. Crews will arrive at a mutually agreed upon day and time and will be adult supervised until the job is done to the customer's satisfaction. Those interested in hiring the teens may contact Karen Clemente at 540-845-7403 or via email at karenclemente@aol.com. An adult will meet with callers to preview the task and determine how many teens will be needed to complete it.

Spring Cleaning?

The annual CCW Yard Sale will be held Saturday, April 26. Please start saving items for donation. Donations will be accepted April 23, 24, 25 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday prior to the sale) at the Parish Life Center. Thank you.

Women's Cursillo in Fredericksburg

Join with other women from parishes in the "southern" part of the Diocese for a weekend you will remember forever, a Cursillo Weekend, on May 1-4. Come and See. Mary Lou McGonigle - macml@comcast.net 540-972-4673 or www.arlingtoncursillo.org



Vacation Bible School

Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive! St. Mary will host Vacation Bible School June 23 through June 27 from 9am to 12noon each day. VBS is for rising K – 5th grade students. Registration will begin May 1.

Enter into Lent at St. Mary

The Light is ON for You

In Lent all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington will be open for Confessions and quiet prayer every Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8pm.

Living Stones

Ask someone back to the Church. Once you have made the invitation, take one of the stones from the side and place it in front of the altar as a reminder for the whole community to pray for them. (Please use one of the provided cork pads underneath the stone.)

Operation Rice Bowl

Our parish is participating in CRS' Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help Catholic Relief Services continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries.

Please make your checks payable to St. Mary Church; we will send one check from the parish to CRS.

Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday evening during Lent at 7:30pm in English and at 8pm in Spanish.

Our Lenten Soup Suppers 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 will be used to feed the homeless, through parish financial support of the Micah Community Dinners and the Brisben Homeless Shelter Dinners. Bring the whole family to enjoy good soup and good fellowship.... and then spend time with Our Lord in prayer.

Abstinence and Fasting. Every Friday in Lent is a day of Abstinence, when we don't eat meat. Abstinence is observed by all Catholics above 14 years of age. Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Fasting means eating one full meal with the other two not equal to the full one. Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are required to fast.

so you must also do"

Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Each family in our parish is asked to give to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). 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!

Circle of Love Ministry

The CCW would like to share an opportunity to live Christ's words by loving our neighbors. Our Circle of Love committee wants you to be part of our mission by joining us in visiting the sick and home bound, providing needed rides to church or doctors, sharing meals with families in crises, babysitting, and fulfilling a variety of other needs. If you have a few hours to share and would be willing to join us, please send your name and e-mail or telephone number to emgccw@gmail.com and you will be contacted. We look forward to having you on our team.

If any parishioners are in need of assistance, please contact the CCW Circle of Love Ministry at emgccw@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

Volunteers Needed: Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Family Services is looking for volunteers to assist with greeting clients and answering phones. Pleasant environment...great for retirees. Our office is located beside the church and hours are flexible, Monday through Friday. For more information, please call Lee Ann at 540-371-1124.

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, April 14; pick-up is Saturday, April 26.

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

Shopping for March:

Value Package (\$21)

- Chicken thighs (2 lb.)
- Turkey Tenderloin Medallions (3/4 lb.)
- Salmon Filet (3/4 lb.)
- Angus Beef Patties (1 lb.)
- Coffee Cake Bites (1 1/2 lb.)
- and plenty of fresh, healthy, seasonal produce

Pork Chop Box (\$25)

- 16 - 6oz. boneless pork chops

Seven Pasta Meals (\$20)

- Stuffed shells; stuffed manicotti; tri-color tortellini; ravioli; sun-dried tomato stuffed ziti; spinach and cheese stuffed ziti; potato and cheddar pirogues.

Schwann's Southwest

Chicken Panini (\$19)

24 - 8.2oz. sandwiches, individually wrapped in microwavable pouches



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$21)

_____ x \$21. = _____

Pork Chop Box (\$25)

_____ x \$25. = _____

Seven Pasta Meals (\$20)

_____ x \$20. = _____

Schwann's Southwest

Chicken Panini (\$19)

_____ x \$19. = _____

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.

operations staff

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, 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
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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 are held monthly in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any telephone/address changes.

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection	3/30/14	\$38,589.
Catholic Relief Services		7,138.
Little Sisters of the Poor (add'l)		3,941.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul		290.
Children's Donations for Stafford Junction		276.
SCRIP Profit for the week		136.
Year to Date:		\$6,439.

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.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land - April 18

At this special time of year, the entire Catholic community participates in the support of Christians in the Holy Land. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Since the 13th Century, the Order of St. Francis has been walking in Jesus' footsteps, working not only to make Christianity's holiest sites accessible to all the faithful, but preserving the Holy Land's precious Christian community, the "living stones of the Church", through education and scholarships, charity and assistance to the poor and pastoral ministry in 29 parishes. The Good Friday Collection is the primary means of support for this work. It is a Pontifical Collection requested by Pope Francis, and your generosity is truly appreciated. If you are unable to attend the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday, you may

contribute anytime, especially during Holy Week and Easter Week. For more information visit www.myfranciscan.org.

Set up a SCRIP Account

Even though we are still getting snow it's time to think about Spring! At the Scrip table we have lots of retailers that can help spruce up your yard and home for the warmer weather that's coming. Gift cards for Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart and Target are great for picking up supplies for your home. Whether your spring cleaning or doing yard work, why not get a gift card and help raise money for Holy Cross before you shop!

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@holycrossweb.com or 571-330-3448. Thanks for using SCRIP!

Children's Offertory envelopes for April

The children's charity in April is the Operation Purple Program of the National Military Family Association.

The Operation Purple program was created in 2004 to fill a need identified by military parents to "help us help our kids." The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. We do this through a variety of means, including the healing and holistic aspect of the natural world. The program is joint or "purple" —encompassing all Service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve.

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

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Since its creation in 2004, the Operation Purple program has grown to serve approximately 45,000 military children and teens. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/operation-purple/>

Proclaiming the Passion

At our Palm Sunday Masses and at the Good Friday Passion Liturgy all will again this year be invited to listen to the Passion. The words of the Jewish people will be read by one of the lectors, and not by the assembly as a whole. In this way, all may receive the proclamation of God's word.

Choose Life Reflection

"God is the source of life; thanks to his breath, man has life. God's breath sustains the entire journey of our life on earth."

— Pope Francis,

Holy Mass for Evangelium Vitae Day, 2013

We pray for all couples facing an unexpected pregnancy: May the Lord give them peace, hope and love for their child

Taize Prayer Service Monday, April 14

You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taize community in France, the second Monday of every month from 8:15 to 9pm.

It is our hope that this monthly prayer brings together Christians of all churches, pastors and flocks, as together we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one." It is something we are unable to do ourselves.

This Unity which embraces all people stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...and belongs to the essence of this community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and accomplish this plan for us.

St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Frank Moehler, Harold Gardiner, Garafano Family, Grant Family, Casey Family, LaCombe Family, 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, Barbara McKnight, Donald Estes, Mary Ullmer, Ariana Stanislawski, Ralph Steininger, Lucy Holzworth, Fr. Tom Brown, David Arnold, David Carr, Martin E. Zidek, Lucille Randazzo, Kelly and Andrew Wood, Martha Ferrara, Frank O'Connor, Clara Lester

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 Ebanal, 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 +Joseph Savage, Jr. and +John Barnes, Sr. and all the benefactors of St. Mary.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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7 MONDAY

6:30 Liz Tilitsky
9am Miriam Flaim
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

8 TUESDAY

6:30 +Eugene Callaghan
9am Claire Bereit
Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

9 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Ella Lou Tedesco
9am Kareen Lherisson
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

10 THURSDAY

6:30 +Rose Marie Bornschein
8:20* +Virginia Finochetti
9am +Anne Delio
Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

11 FRIDAY

6:30 +Derek Tattersall
9am Rita Stanislawski
Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

12 SATURDAY

9am +John Doherty
5pm +Joseph DiPretore
7pm +Arthur & Vera Berry
Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

13 SUNDAY

7am +Lillian Graham
8:30 +Stefan Wolanski
10:30 Bishop Michael Sis
10:30* Warren Ryder
12:30pm For the Parish
2pm Alexandra Ortiz
5pm Marc Barlow
7:01pm Floriano Rodriguez
Mt 21:1-11; Ps 22; Is 50:4-7;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or
27:11-54

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy