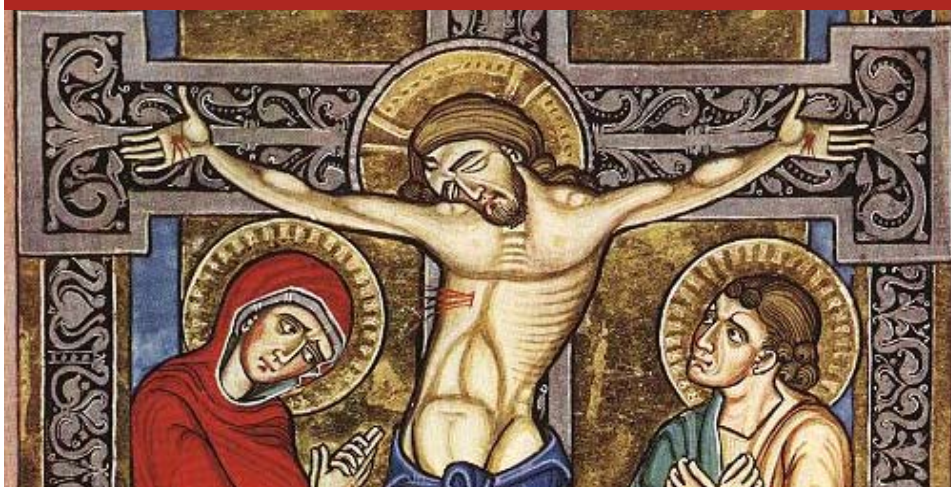


**Palm Sunday
of the Passion
of the Lord**

13 April 2014

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



what's coming

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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.

14 Monday of Holy Week

No Religious Education Classes until April 27.
10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Additional Parish Confessions for Lent, church.
7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Church.
8:30pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.
8:15pm, "Preparing a Place for Unity and Peace," an ecumenical prayer service in the Taizé tradition, church. All Christians welcome.

15 Tuesday of Holy Week

7pm, Additional Parish Confessions for Lent, church.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Renewal Group, Courtyard Meeting Room.

16 Wednesday of Holy Week

6pm, YOUCAT, Youth Ministry Program, John Paul II house.
7pm, Presentation of "The Three Trees," by HCA 6th grade, church.
Additional Parish Confessions for Lent, church. (immediately following "The Three Trees")
8pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

17 Holy Thursday

No Morning Masses.
8am, Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours), church.
9:30am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, church. At the conclusion of Mass, parishioners are encouraged to join in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to its place of repose in the Parish Life Center, where adoration will continue until midnight.
11:45pm, Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours), Parish Life Center.

18 Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Parish Offices Closed. No Morning Masses.
8am, Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (liturgy of the Hours), church.
12noon-3pm, Tre Ore, The Last Seven Words of Jesus in reflection and music, church.
12noon-3pm, Confessions, church.
2:30pm, Stations of the Cross, church.
3pm, The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross, church.
5pm, La Pasión y Veneración de la Santa Cruz (español), church.
7:30pm, The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross, church.
10pm, Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours), church.

19 Holy Saturday

No Morning Mass, No 5pm or 7pm Masses.
8am, Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours), church.
11am, Blessing of the Easter Food, church.
8:30pm, Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord, church.

20 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8am, 10:15am, & 12:30pm (bi-lingual) Masses at the Fredericksburg Expo Center
Please note: there will be NO 2pm, 5pm nor 7:01pm Mass.
The Expo Center is located behind Central Park at 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway.





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nota bene (note well, please):

- ✠ Join us for our **Taize Ecumenical Prayer Service** this Monday, **April 14**, 8:15-9pm in the Church.
- ✠ Our sixth grade class of Holy Cross Academy will perform "**The Tale of Three Trees**", in the Church this **Wednesday at 7pm**. Please join us for this very beautiful and moving musical presentation.
- ✠ Please plan to join us during the **Easter Triduum** for our very beautiful liturgies and walk with Our Lord on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. A complete schedule for Holy Week and Easter can be found on page XX.
- ✠ 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 xx 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



SAINT
MARY
of the
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
Roman Catholic Church

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Passion Sunday begins not only the final chapter of Jesus' public ministry, it also reveals the fulfillment, the final installment of God's plan which began with his first Covenant with Abraham.

Elements of the Passion which we hear today proclaimed at the Gospel include the same elements of tree, garden, wood of sacrifice, unblemished lamb, bread and wine blessed and broken and poured out, that we see running throughout the story of salvation spanning the beginning with Adam and Eve in the garden, Abraham offering up his only son at Mount Moriah/Jerusalem, and the deliverance of the people of God from death and their liberation from the slavery of Egypt, as the waters of the Red Sea mark their new life, an image we see clearly as a prefiguring of our own Baptism. The law is given, the spousal relationship of God with his people is established and the faithfulness of God is given as the model of the holiness of Man which finds its fullness only in the Communion of Jesus and with Jesus.

The Word of God which took to himself our very human nature, now takes that nature and offers it back to his Father in a gesture that we are unable to accomplish alone, without joining our gift to his.

It is the movement of the Mass, as we begin with the Word who becomes really present, offering himself to the Father, for the sole purpose that we might, as members of his Body, participate in that offering and give ourselves to God.

A sudden shift takes place today as the world which Jesus came to save, shouting "Hosannah!" one minute and "Crucify him!" the next, begins to see the action of salvation unfold. It is a revelation meant for us, that we are not able to dismiss with indifference or allow the business of this week to eclipse. The most sacred events of our salvation will unfold for us, with us, by us this week. We

will participate in the Last Supper Holy Thursday night discovering Jesus' fulfillment of Passover, the institution of Eucharist and priesthood. We will process to the Parish Life Center following Mass as the disciples went with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, until midnight when he will be taken away.

Good Friday from 12 to 3 we gather in meditation and song, listening to the seven last words of Jesus interpreted in preaching and musical selections. Three services follow - listening to the Passion according to John, praying the universal prayers and receiving Communion which was consecrated at the Last Supper Mass the night before. The church is stripped, the altars are bare and the tabernacle is empty: no sacraments are celebrated between 3pm on Good Friday until the moment of resurrection at the Easter Vigil on the following evening because Jesus has died. The world mourns in hope.

At that moment after we have waited in the darkness of the Easter Vigil listening to the story of salvation unfold over generations in seven readings, the Gloria is sung, the joy of new life marks the moment of resurrection and the Church hastens to the font of baptism, the new sacred chrism of confirmation and the bread and wine of the heavenly liturgy of the Lamb of God. The wedding banquet of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem is the celebration of the new communion of Christ and we are commissioned: sent to give what we have received. In a certain and final sense, the Last Supper was the last of its kind, redefined by the One who created it in the beginning. The new heavenly liturgy is our source and meaning for life, purpose.

Be sure to enter the Mystery: take your place in the story of salvation as we re-present and re-new the work of God, our new life everyday. Please be certain that you are most warmly welcome to join us for all of these things this week.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy

Teaching our Littlest Crusaders

St. Mary Preschool is a special place where the youngest of our student body eagerly learn and grow each day. The teachers, under the direction of Mrs. Nanci Scharf, use their creativity, educational expertise and love for children to plan, inspire and enhance learning.

All of the teachers have been at the preschool for at least 3 years. Many have received their certification in preschool education as well as their religion certification from the Diocese of Arlington. They are dedicated to the program and devote countless hours to planning activities which create lifelong memories. According to Mrs. Scharf, the teachers are the most loving and compassionate people she knows. They treat each and every child with care, and make each one feel special!

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*



education faith formation

Religious Education Classes are on break until April 27.

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.

Catechists Write:

Why do I enjoy being a Catechist? I have been a Catechist for 2nd grade for 8 years. It has been an amazing and enriching experience. I enjoy sharing my love of the Church with the children and watching their eyes light up when we go on a "field trip" to the Church. Some of the children attend Mass each week but others do not, so it is always an opportunity (not a challenge) to ensure that all of them get excited about God and what is possible when you let God into your heart! I take my Catechist duties very seriously and even though the kids groan at doing homework each week, I believe that enhancing and supplementing what is learned in the classroom will help them to better retain and truly understand the concepts. Thank you for allowing me to be a Catechist, I cherish it very much. — Ann

WorkCamp 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 kar-enclemente@aol.com. An adult will meet with callers to preview the task and determine how many teens will be needed to complete it.

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.



Parent Gathering: What You Missed!

On Tuesday April 1, Dr. Michael Horne spoke on the effects of video games on the adolescent mind. Dr. Horne highlighted how aggression is increased when video games are played for as short as 20 minutes. Dr. Horne made some great suggestions:

- Parents should be aware of the content of the video game their child is playing. Is it moral, violent, something worth investing time into?
- Who are they playing with? Many games are now communal via the internet and could include players that are not good for your child to interact with.
- Making sure kids are not playing 60 minutes prior to going to bed. Studies show that brain activity from the video game stimulation causes restless sleep if young people are going to bed right after playing video games.



Renewed Catholic Life in the Spirit

You are invited to An Introduction to Renewed Catholic Life in the Spirit. This new adult program will take place on Tuesday evenings (7:30-9pm) mostly in the church from April 29 to June 17.

- Do you desire the Holy Spirit to be more alive in you?
- Do you want Scripture to become alive while reading & studying?
- Do you have a strong desire for more and deeper prayer?
- Or find your prayer life dry, your family or work relationships trying, or your faith wavering?
- Hunger to experience the Father's love for you more deeply?
- Do you want to discover the gifts the Lord has given you?

Let us know you are coming - please call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491.

"Let us rediscover the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit" (Pope Benedict XVI)

HOLY WEEK and EASTER at ST. MARY

You are welcome to join us as we celebrate the Saving Mysteries of Christ.

- PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13** *Regular Sunday Mass schedule*
Sat.: 5 & 7pm / Sun.: 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm(esp  ol), 5pm & 7:01pm
10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
- MONDAY-WEDNESDAY** Masses at 6:30 & 9am; Confessions at 7pm
- HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17** *No Morning Masses or Confessions*
7:30pm: MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER
ADORATION until Midnight, in Parish Life Center
- GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18** *No Morning Masses*
12-3pm: Tre Ore, The Seven Last Words of Jesus in reflection and music
12-3pm: Confessions
2:30pm: STATIONS of the CROSS
3pm: The LORD'S PASSION, VENERATION of the CROSS
5:30pm: La Pas  n y Veneraci  n de la Santa Cruz
7:30pm: The LORD'S PASSION, VENERATION of the CROSS (repeated)
- HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19** *No Morning Masses or Confessions*
11am: Blessing of Easter Food
8:30pm (until 11:30): SOLEMN VIGIL MASS of the RESURRECTION
- EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20** We welcome everyone to join us at the
FREDERICKSBURG EXPO CENTER for the three Easter Masses:
8am, 10:15am, & 12:30pm (bi-lingual Mass)
Please note: there will be NO other Masses at the church!

The Expo Center is located behind Central Park at 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway.
There will be plenty of seats and parking for everyone who joins us to celebrate the Resurrection!

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ
at St. Mary on Monday, April 14 as we
“prepare a place for unity and peace” in Fredericksburg.

*Praying with one voice, let us ask God to bring healing
to our world and end the divisions that separate peoples.*

You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taiz   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.

parish life

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.

Council of Catholic Women

It is time for elections for the CCW Board. If you would be willing to serve within this organization, please call Mary Keeton at 540-371-8661 or email at keetonfam@cox.net. We are especially in need of people willing to serve as President, 1st Vice President {programs} and 2nd Vice President {membership}. Please consider sharing your skills and expertise with us as we grow to serve our Parish and community. Please call for job descriptions and any questions that you may have regarding time commitments, projects or mission of the CCW.

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, Palm Sunday

April 20, No Class, Easter Sunday

May 11, No Class, Mother's Day

May 18, Last Class, Summer Break Begins

Spring Cleaning? Donate to CCW

The annual CCW Yard Sale will be held Saturday, April 26. Donations will be accepted in the Parish Life Center on Wednesday & Thursday, April 23 & 24 from 9:30am to 11:30am and 4:30pm to 7pm; and on Friday, April 25 from 9:30am to 6pm. We will accept kitchen wares, plants, books, CDs/DVDs, electronics, baby and children's items, toys, games, jewelry and other household items. No shoes or clothing please. The Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 26 from 8am to 2pm. Even if you have nothing you wish to donate, please come shop; you never know when you'll find something you've always wanted or have been looking for. All money raised by the CCW will be used for local charities and to support our youth groups. Thank you in advance for participating.

Young Adults at St. Mary - April 14

The St. Mary Young Adults are looking for members to become more involved. We will be establishing several leadership positions and invite everyone who has been involved in the past, or who has simply thinking about getting involved, to come and help us establish a more robust leadership team. Meet at the John Paul II House on Monday, April 14 at 8:30pm. Please contact Father Cummings with any questions, frcummings@stmaryfred.org.

Women's Cursillo in Fredericksburg

Hello, my name is Joyce Bodoh and three years ago I went on a Cursillo retreat that *forever changed my life*. During that weekend, I went in with some misgivings and not exactly sure if this Cursillo retreat would be worth it. By the second day, I was "hooked" and was so glad I made the leap of faith. I had an *amazing experience*, and met many women who I still call my closest friends. I was challenged to stretch my faith and grow closer to God and I met a community of friends who shared the same Catholic vision. This year I am on the team helping to coordinate what I know will be a wonderful retreat for our local Catholic area. For the last several months, a group of 12 has been meeting every week to get ready: all we need is more candidates! Our retreat is led by a priest, a certified spiritual director, and ten women ready to serve. The weekend is May 1-4 (Thursday night to Sunday night). I invite you join us this May!

There are also men's weekends and women's weekends every Fall and Spring. For more information, contact me: joycebodoh@gmail.com or 540-521-0588

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

Seminarian Diaconate Ordination

Joseph Farrell, a member of our parish for over sixteen years and a seminarian with the Diocese of Arlington currently studying for the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, will be ordained to the Diaconate at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome on October 2, 2014.



This is the final step before ordination to the priesthood. We ask that all of our parishioners continue to keep Joe, and his family, in all of your prayers, as he continues on his journey, with God's grace, to become a priest for the Diocese of Arlington in June 2015.

As part of the Diaconate Ordination in Rome, The Pontifical North American College is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to Rome to attend the Ordination, which is being handled by Canterbury Pilgrimages and Tours, Inc. For more information, visit www.pnac.org/diaconate-ordination/week-in-rome/travel-package.

Over Forty Fellowship

Join us for one (or all) of our upcoming activities. Suggest an activity of your own. We are an active group seeking more involvement with the parish and each other. On Sunday, April 27, come over to Central Park and join us for "Breakfast at Panera," following the 8:30am Mass. RSVP to ksaladino2009@comcast.net so we know to look for you! On Saturday, May 3, we will meet at 6pm to enjoy food and fellowship while supporting the Knights of Columbus during their monthly Parish Dinner.



Tess Thome, with her daughter Grace as helper, treated attendees to a wonderful, informative, healthy afternoon at the CCW Bread Retreat/Forum in February. The bread, made from freshly milled grains that Tess had purchased at an Amish Farm, was wonderful! Tess milled the grains and flax seed right as she started to make the bread. The demonstration and the displays of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as helpful pamphlets was enjoyed by all who attended.

"as I have done for you

Operation Rice Bowl

On Sunday afternoons in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico, over a hundred people gather in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church to be served a Sunday dinner. Some are homeless. Others are newly unemployed, forced to decide whether to pay a utility bill or buy enough groceries to feed their families. No matter the circumstance, the parish community welcomes "anyone and everyone who is hungry to come and share a meal with us," says Roberta Montoya, the coordinator of the parish's Sunday Bread and Blessings meals, one of the projects in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe that receives a portion of CRS Rice Bowl funds.

Guests sit down at dressed tables and are served drinks, a main course, and a dessert, restaurant-style. For many of the guests, the opportunity to be served by others stands in stark contrast to the jobs that they work during the week. For single parents who are raising a large family on little income, the meals are a chance for them to spend time with their children instead cooking the meal themselves. And for the volunteers who serve the guests, it is a chance to connect with members of their own community.

In the five years since Bread and Blessings began, its ministry has expanded. Now guests can receive clothing, hygiene items and books, as well as referrals to social service agencies that can help with unemployment, mental illness, addiction and housing. Whatever their needs may be, the weekly Bread and Blessings meals gives guests and volunteers the opportunity to sit

down together around a common table. The meals are one example of how the local 25 percent of CRS Rice Bowl donations is used by dioceses help the poor in our own communities.

Help for the Unemployed and Underemployed

Christians Are Networking (CAN), the all-volunteer jobs ministry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, offers support to anyone who is unemployed or struggling with career transition decisions in three locations: St. Philip in Falls Church on the first and third Wednesdays of the month 7-9pm, St. Martin de Porres Senior Center in Alexandria every Thursday from 7-9pm and Epiphany Middle School in Culpeper on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm. For more information, email canstphilips@gmail.com or call 703-573-3808 for Falls Church, email elizabeth22305@verizon.net or call 703-683-7704 for Alexandria, or email culpepercan@gmail.com or call 703-944-8450 for Culpeper.

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.

Support Mothers in Need to Care for Their Babies

The Catholic Charities baby closet needs diapers in large sizes (3 to 6), wipes, baby formula (Similac) and baby shampoo. New baby clothing is also needed. Bring donations to the Baby Closet at 10639 Courthouse Road (Route 208) in Fredericksburg.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal - April 26 & 27

There are 88 home mission dioceses in the United States – in areas like the Deep South, Appalachia, the Rocky Mountains, the Southwest and Alaska – all characterized by a lack of resources to provide basic pastoral care for their faithful. Most are unable to adequately provide Mass, religious education, evangelization and ministry training, and often struggle with priest shortages, parishioner poverty, unemployment, difficult terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that impact the practice of the faith. The Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi encompasses two-thirds of the State which has the highest number of families living below the poverty line in the US. The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands struggles to keep four schools open amid an extremely high cost of living. This Appeal helps keep the doors of schools and parishes open, which otherwise would be forced to close and helps educate seminarians in poor dioceses. Your help and support is vital. Please give generously and help strengthen the Church at home. It's one way our parish can be a good steward of God's gifts and make a difference. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

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). As of April 3, 29% of our parish families had made a pledge. If you have not yet made a pledge for 2014, you will receive a reminder letter in the next two weeks. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the many programs and ministries that serve the people of our diocese. Every pledge is important!

We are currently at **97%** of our goal.
Thank you!

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.

Al Anon Surviving the Weekend Group

Al Anon is for those who have been affected by someone else's drinking, and members come together to learn a better way of life and how to find happiness. It's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. There is an Al Anon meeting every Saturday at 10am in Room 204 of the St. Mary Parish Life Center.

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 April:

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

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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
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.

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection	
4/06/14	\$40,429.
Catholic Relief Services (addl)	3,216.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul	403.
SCRIP Profit for the week	n/a
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.

Our Second Collection on Easter Sunday is a Special Collection for Parish Development and Maintenance.

The next Financial Report will be published in the April 27 Bulletin.

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.

SCRIP into Spring!

At the Scrip table we have lots of retailers that can help spruce up your yard and home for warmer weather. 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@holy-crossweb.com or 571-330-3448. Thanks for using SCRIP!

Operation Rice Bowl

25 Percent of contributions to Operation Rice Bowl remain in our Diocese, helping to support local poverty and hunger alleviation programs. This week we pray for people in our own community who struggle with poverty and hunger. It isn't too late to give to your Rice Bowl to help the poor in our community as well as in communities around the world. All contributions for the Rice Bowl should be turned in by April 30 and checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church.

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

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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.

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

The Passion of Christ was far more horrible than our crucifixes portray. He suffered to rescue the human life He had created, to snatch it from the kingdom of death and bring it into His kingdom of life. Let us remember this Lent that Jesus endured His Passion for every unborn child in the womb. He endured every pain that the unborn might be saved as well as the born. *Lord, lessen my fear and increase my courage, that I may suffer with You for the sake of life.*

St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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, 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, 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, Carlos Ortiz, Marianne Ford, John Pare, Sherry Taylor, Frank Moehler, Harold Gardiner, Rhonda Seidlinger

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 all the benefactors of St. Mary.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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14 MONDAY

6:30 Charles Gamble
9am +Rosemary Jordan
Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

15 TUESDAY

6:30 Maureen Waller
9am Cathy & Eric Guacena
Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

16 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Jack Flewellen
9am +Lottie Stanislawski
Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

17 THURSDAY

7:30pm Bishop Loverde
Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

18 FRIDAY

Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

19 SATURDAY

8:30pm RCIA Catechumens and Candidates
Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26 31a; Ps 104 or 33; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Ps 16; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30, Is 55:1-11; Is 12; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118; Mt 28:1-10

20 SUNDAY

8am For vocations from our Parish for the priesthood and religious life
10:15 For the Parish
12:30pm For the protection of life and liberty in our culture
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy