

**Third Sunday
of Easter**

04 may 2014



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



what's coming

may

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Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (HCA Girl Scout Troop)
SCRIP Sales after Masses. CYM Flower Sale to benefit WorkCamp.
12noon-1:45pm, English as a Second Language Class, 2nd Floor, Parish Life Center.
3:30pm, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.
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.

5 Monday, Easter Weekday

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Church. 8:15pm, small group discussion continues for participants in the Parish Life Center.

6 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Renewed Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar, church. *New series on the Holy Spirit!*

7 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

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

8 Thursday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room.
9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7:30pm, Men's Group, Blue and Grey Brewery.
7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

9 Friday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, Moms' Group "St. Anne's Sisters in Faith," John Paul II House.
7pm, BUNCO game, Parish Life Center. All Parish Adults welcome.

10 Saturday, Easter Weekday

9:15am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.
10:30am, First Communion Mass, church.
1:30pm, First Communion Mass, church.
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass. CYM Flower Sale to benefit WorkCamp.

11 Fourth Sunday of Easter *Happy Mother's Day*

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (Boy Scout Troop 1410)
SCRIP Sales after Masses. CYM Flower Sale to benefit WorkCamp.
10am, Columbian Squires/Roses meetings, John Paul II house.

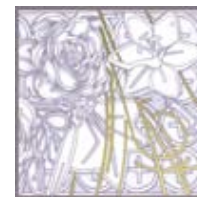
12 Monday, Easter Weekday (Ss. Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr)

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Church.
8:15pm, "Preparing a Place for Unity and Peace," an ecumenical prayer service in the Taizé tradition, church.
8:00pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.

13 Tuesday, Easter Weekday (Our Lady of Fatima)

10am, St. Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.
12noon, Parish Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Renewed Catholic Life in the Spirit, church.





nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ Our **Mother's Day Novena** begins May 11. Mother's Day Cards are available in the church vestibule and in the Parish Office.
- ✂ The Catholic Youth Ministry **Annual Flower Sale** continues this weekend after all the Masses and will continue through Mother's Day. Proceeds benefit WorkCamp.
- ✂ Please participate in the **Community Give** on **Tuesday, May 6**. It is a day when everyone in our region is asked to make a donation and show support for the local nonprofit organizations that positively impact our lives. Go to www.thecommunitygive.org and help support the St. Joseph Expansion Fund at Holy Cross Academy.
- ✂ Please pray for our **First Communion Students** who will receive the Eucharist on the next two weekends.
- ✂ Save the date! **Sunday, June 8**, our **annual parish picnic** held on the grounds of Holy Cross Academy.
- ✂ **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.
- ✂ **Coffee and Donuts** are available after Sunday morning Masses in the Parish Life Center.

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

This week I've been working at the annual National Workshop on Christian Unity in Albuquerque. It is a national gathering of ecumenical officers mainly from the Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal and United Methodist churches who gather each year for seminars and prayer, promoting what we know to be Jesus' desire (John 17) for full, visible communion among the baptized. Sometimes it seems like we are so far away from accomplishing our goals – sometimes, it seems like we are drifting farther away – but our gathering always provides encouragement and inspiration to keep after the prize.

I serve currently as the president of the Association of Catholic Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers for dioceses in the United States (www.cadeio.org).

One of the things we do during the Workshop is to gather for two evenings, one evening at a Catholic Mass and the other at a Protestant Eucharist. Of course, the point is that we can't receive Communion together because we don't share the same beliefs in sacraments and priesthood, and have adopted this two-night tradition to underline the pain of separation. Those of you in interchurch marriages know all too well what I'm talking about. But we find that it is too easy to become accustomed to division and avoid the situations where the tension is palpable. Yet, it is in the experience of the tension, the longing for unity, that we will pray and work more effectively toward solutions.

Ultimately, it is the work of the Holy Spirit and we will have to be ready to receive the gift of unity in his time, not ours.

In the meantime, we do everything we can together. You have seen examples of this in our community, when we gather to pray with our Christian brothers and sisters in Fredericksburg for the Week of Prayer for Christian

Unity each year (it is coming up in a few weeks after being snowed out in January!) and other prayer services, for example, on Wednesdays of Lent at noon. We also are actively involved in community ministries to the poor and homeless, those in need of food and assistance – all of them ecumenical in nature, shared among Christian churches. Every second Monday we have our own Taize prayer service to welcome those in interchurch families to come to our parish and pray in such a way that all may share fully and equally. We must always find ways to do everything we can – it is too easy to always focus on the things we can't do, and not do the many things we can.

Regardless of what these activities may be, we must always be conscious of those among us who are seeking, or even just looking for a place to belong. When I first came to St. Mary we did a survey of all those who come to Mass about marriages and who comes to Mass. We discovered that it was quite possible that as many as 15% of those attending Mass on any given Sunday may not even be Catholic. For this reason we have to be people of hospitality, always extending a welcome to anyone who might be seeking a deeper life in Christ. We must never be a barrier to someone looking for God by something we might say, or how we might treat a guest.

I hear constantly from visitors and new parishioners how they have discovered a deep and abiding welcome at St. Mary, and I am grateful to all of you for being a good family to one another. Ultimately, we will know if we are faithful to our call as the body of Christ if we represent him to others – strangers or friends. Let us pray for unity.

We must work and pray actively so that Jesus' broken body might be healed and reconciled. Even though we know it is his will that all of the baptized be one, he won't do it without us. As we renewed our baptismal identity this Easter, let us commit to one another.

May God bless you.

Fr. Dom

holy cross academy

This Little Light of Mine

HCA second graders investigate the world around them through hands-on learning. They have been studying about the properties of light and discovered how light can create R.O.Y.G.B.I.V (the colors of the rainbow). At the end of their unit on light, they celebrated by making rainbow snow cones. The class had a great time while learning scientific concepts.

Speaking of light, our second graders are shining bright for many reasons. They recently made their first Penance and are reverently preparing for their first Communion which will take place on Saturday, May 10th. This is a very special time for them, their teachers and their families.

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*



Attention First Communion Students:

If you are a student at Holy Cross Academy and are receiving First Holy Communion this year, you have rehearsal at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 6 and your Mass for First Communion will be celebrated at 10:30am on Saturday, May 10.

If you attend Religious Education Classes at 6:30pm in our program, your rehearsal is on Thursday, May 8 at 6:30pm, and your Mass for First Communion will be celebrated at 1:30pm on Saturday, May 10.

Catechist Writes

Why do I enjoy being a catechist?

Being a catechist is a great way for me to renew my own faith and beliefs. Each week as I prepare a lesson for my students, I am prompted to think about the best way to teach points of the Catholic faith to those who may not know them, and this helps me when I encounter those adults I may work with or come into contact with who wish to know more about the Catholic faith or are quick to condemn it. I have become a better steward of the faith, and hope I am building better stewards in my students as well.

Diane M. Beyer



Vacation Bible School

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

The Holy Father speaks to Children: Your First Holy Communion

St. Pope John Paul II speaks directly to children about the solemn importance of First Holy Communion in this excerpt from his "Letter to Children" written in 1994 during the "Year of the Family."

Every boy and every girl belonging to a Catholic family knows all about this custom: First Holy Communion is a great family celebration. On that day, together with the one who is making his or her First Holy Communion, the parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, godparents, and sometimes also the instructors and teachers, generally receive the Eucharist. The day of First Holy Communion is also a great day of celebration in the parish. I remember as though it were yesterday when, together with the other boys and girls of my own age, I received the Eucharist for the first time in the parish church of my town. This event is usually commemorated in a family photo, so that it will not be forgotten. Photos like these generally remain with a person all through his or her life. As time goes by, people take out these pictures and experience once more the emotions of those moments; they return to the purity and joy experienced in that meeting with Jesus, the one who out of love became the Redeemer of Man. For how many children in the history of the Church has the Eucharist been a source of spiritual strength, sometimes even heroic strength! How can we fail to be reminded, for example, of holy boys and girls who lived in the first centuries and are still known and venerated throughout the Church? Saint Agnes, who lived in Rome; Saint Agatha, who was martyred in Sicily; Saint Tarcisius, a boy who is rightly called the "martyr of the Eucharist" because he preferred to die rather than give up Jesus, whom he was carrying under the appearance of bread

Read more at: <http://www.wf-f.org/FirstCommunion.html#sthash.sSkmhF2r.dpuf>

Life in the Spirit • Jesus is alive!

PLEASE JOIN US for a the eight week series, "Introduction to a Renewed Catholic Life in the Spirit." We will meet on Tuesdays beginning April 29 through June 17 from 7:30 to 9pm in the church. Contact the Parish Office to register for this series, a \$10 free-will offering will cover materials..

The seven weeks of sessions will help participants realize the fire, the breath, the gifts, fruits and the charisms of the Spirit. Do you desire the Holy Spirit to be more alive in you? Do you hunger to experience the Father's love for you more deeply? Do you want to discover the gifts the Lord has given you? Come, experience the Holy Spirit with us.



youth ministry

Middle School Youth Group & Bash!

Middle School Youth Group meets Sunday, May 4th from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. All rising 7th graders and current 7th and 8th graders are welcome to come. We meet in the Parish Life Center main hall.

The Middle School Bash is the largest gathering of middle school teens in the Diocese. Join us on Saturday, May 10 for an awesome day of inflatable games, pizza, shaved ice cones, music, inspirational Catholic speakers and Mass and a free give away for all! This is open to all middle school teens (6th-8th grade). Cost is \$10 and a permission slip. Permission slips & promo video are available on our website: <http://stmaryfred.org/middle-school-program/>

CYM Schedule

There will be n CYM Dinner or High School Youth Group on Sunday, May 11 due to Mother's Day nor on Sunday, May 25 due to the Memorial Weekend Holiday.

Chick-fil-a Spirit Night - May 15

Our WorkCamp teens are having a Chick-fil-a Spirit Night at the Central Park Chik-fil-a on Thursday, May 15 between 5pm – 8pm. The Spirit

Night is a type of fundraiser and the way it works is that at your purchase you hand the flyer (email leo@stmaryfred.org to receive a copy) to the cash register person and we will get anywhere from 8% to 10% of the total receipt price. The more people that turn in these flyers the higher our percentage will be.

**Annual WorkCamp Raffle**

Our WorkCamp Raffle will commence the first weekend in June and run until June 15. This year we will be raffling a pair of beautifully made Adirondack Chairs that our teens made. WorkCamp teens will be selling raffle tickets after every mass those weekends. You have a chance to win each weekend! We have a total of 3 sets of chairs and you don't want to miss out!

High School Youth Program welcomes all the newly confirmed!

This is an invitation to all of our newly Confirmed and rising 9th graders to join us for High School Youth Group and YOUCAT programs. We are opening our doors so that you can stay connected and continue to grow in your faith. Youth Group meets Sundays from 7pm-8:30pm, YOUCAT meets Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 8pm.

**WORKCAMP FLOWER SHOP**

Open after Masses through May 11

Plants are healthy, locally grown and beautiful!

All proceeds help our St. Mary Youth to to WorkCamp

parish life

Living Stones: Deadline extended to Monday, May 5

We continue to take orders for the "Living Stones" in our new courtyard, each featuring the last name of the family sponsoring it. This will be an enduring "living" legacy for our parish family.

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 Monday, May 5 to be included in the next installation.

BUNCO - Friday, May 9

Ask Lady Luck to come with you to the Parish Life Center at 7pm on Friday, May 9 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. See you there? All adults in the parish are invited to have a fun time and meet new friends!

Parish Senior Luncheon - May 13

The next parish senior luncheon will be held at the Parish Life Center on Tuesday, May 13 from 12noon to 3pm. All seniors in the parish are invited.

If you plan to attend, please call Ms. Judy Wingert at 540-786-8403 or Gonzalo Guacena at 540-786-6575 by May 12 so we can best prepare for the luncheon. Entertainment will be provided. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish.

St. Mary Book Club - May 13

Is there a God? That question gets answered in *Belief: Readings on the Reason for Faith* by Francis S. Collins, the selection for the May 13 meeting of the parish book club at 10am in the John Paul II House. The book is an anthology of writings by famous Christians including Augustine, C. S. Lewis, St. Anselm, and Blessed Teresa of Kolkata as well as containing essays from people of other faiths. Contact person: Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com

Young Adults - Contra & Swing Dance Saturday, May 10

Meet tons of young adults from all over the DC area! Come to this popular twice-a-year dance, a beloved tradition!

Contra & Swing Dance Night, Saturday, May 10
7:30pm - 11:30pm

St. Veronica Church (Parish Hall), Chantilly, VA
Admission: \$5

Contra dance is a fun, partnered group dance with two facing lines (Think Jane Austen movies). Both Contra and Swing dances will be taught in group-style, so no skill or formal dates necessary. We will serve our famous spread of goodies, Easter/Spring style: light hors d'oeuvres, peeps, chocolate eggs, baked goods, drinks, and more! All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome! Sponsored by St. Veronica Young Adults. Email stveronicaya@gmail.com for more info.



Organist Colin Howland - New Date, May 30

Concerts at Saint Mary presents organist Colin Howland in a free concert, Friday, May 30 at 8pm (new date!) Mr. Howland is organist of Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, TX. CD's of Mr. Howland playing our Saint Mary pipe organ will be available! Contact the parish office for more information.

Interreligious and Ecumenical Speaker

John Borelli, Ph.D., has worked for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and now Georgetown University. Hear him talk on Nostra Aetate and the Church's commitment to dialogue on May 7 at 7:30pm at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 7602 Old Keene Mill Rd., in Springfield. Contact: 703-451-8696.

From the Office of Vocations

FIAT Days Camp: July 13-17

FIAT Days is a camp for Catholic women in high school (rising freshmen – rising seniors) to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. Cost is only \$125, and spots are filling quickly. Register online at ArlingtonVocations.org.

Discernment Retreat for Women

Could Christ be calling you to be his bride? Take a step to find out by attending a Discernment Retreat for Women (ages 18-50), June 13 -15. The retreat will include discernment workshops and quiet moments of prayer to rest in Christ, with other women doing the same. Sign up with the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org by May 15.

Scout Troop Fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 1410, sponsored by Holy Cross Academy, is having a "no Frills" scrapbook crop on Saturday, May 17, 9am-9pm. A 6 ft table, beverages and snacks provided. The Scouts will be assisting to carry your scrapbooking supplies for the first and last hour. Cost: \$25. Please email troop1410fundraising@yahoo.com for more information.

Legion of Mary

Spiritual Direction, Prayer, Active Works. Meaningful fellowship that makes a difference. Is this "Pathway to Holiness" of interest? Come and see what one of the Church's largest lay ministries can offer you! The Legion of Mary has two praesidia at our parish: one meets on Mondays at 10am; the other on Wednesdays 8pm, Rm 100, in Parish Life Center. For more information, contact gcarneal@cox.net.



*Scenes from the
2013 Picnic &
Family Fun Day*

Parish Picnic and Family Fun Day Sunday, June 8

Please join us for our annual Picnic on the grounds of Holy Cross Academy. We will have tons of delicious food, wonderful entertainment, and a lot of fun games and inflatables.

We will spend the whole afternoon making new friends, reconnecting with current friends, and getting to know one another. It is a marvelous time.

"as I have done for you..."

Outreach Invitation

Are you interested in visiting nursing homes, reaching out to those in need, or learning more about volunteering in the community? Come join the St. Mary Outreach Committee! All are welcome. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month at 8:30am at the top floor of Wegmans. Contact Julie Appleton at jrmappleton@gmail.com for more information.

The Catholic Business Network of Central VA

On Thursday, May 8 the Catholic Business Network of Central Virginia will be hosting our quarterly luncheon at Blue & Gray Brewing Company in the Bowman Center in Fredericksburg. Deacon Mike Strain will be our guest speaker and will discuss the Diocesan Youth Work Camp.

Come join us and meet fellow business men and women as we work to shape the future for Christ. Please join us on Thursday, May 8 at 11:45 a.m. at Blue & Gray Brewing Company located at 3300 Dill Smith Drive, Fredericksburg, 22408. Please bring \$12 cash to cover lunch, soft drink and gratuity. For more information please call Krystal at 540-373-1111, or email kpollinger@aka1.com

Funds Needed for Dinners

St. Mary parish volunteers have a strong commitment to the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter. We provide two dinners a month for the residents AND while we are there we make bag lunches for the following day. Many thanks to those who have donated funds in the past to purchase ingredients for the dinners at the Homeless Shelter. It is much appreciated by the residents. If you can donate funds for ingredients, please call Patti Kaila at 540-786-3825 or email home@bestappraisal.com. Every dollar helps!



HCA is Our Passion, We are growing! Give to the St. Joseph Expansion Fund.

Did you miss your chance to support our school at the auction? Are you eager to help us move forward with plans to expand our facility?

HCA is participating in The Community Give, on Tuesday, May 6 from 12am until 11:59pm! To find out about this program, please go to www.thecommunitygive.org. Tell your family, friends and neighbors that this is our opportunity to make our expansion fund grow, all in one day. Every participating area nonprofit will be eligible for prizes given by The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River region and other sponsors.

May 6

www.thecommunitygive.org

Are you an R.N. interested in collaborating with our New Parish Health Ministry?

Our new Parish Nurses are enrolling in the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing program from Western Kentucky University. The on-line program is instructed by Carol Bradford, an instructor with the International Parish Nurse Resource Center in Memphis, TN.

We are alerting you to this terrific opportunity in case you are interested in the on-line training, too. Go to Western Kentucky University web site and type Faith Community Nursing at Western Kentucky University. There are still openings remaining - the cost is \$350 and the class runs May 19-July 14. The textbook, *Faith Community Nursing* by J. S. Hickman, is available through amazon.com.

The course also recommends the American Nurses Association/Health Ministries Association's *Faith Community Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice*. We have extra copies of that book.

Go Forth with Hearts on Fire Workshop

Based on the pastoral letter by Bishop Paul S. Loverde, this diocesan workshop is designed to bring a hands-on engagement with the contents of the letter, applying them directly to participants' spiritual, personal, familial and professional lives. The workshop will take place at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8601 Wolftrap Road in Vienna, on May 31. There are two options available: (1) Morning-only session from 8:30 to 11:30 am, which is designed for individuals, and (2) Full session

...so you must also do"

from 8:30am to 2pm, which is designed to help apply these principles at a leadership level in parish ministries and groups. Lunch is included with the Full session only. Register online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/heartsonfire/workshop or with a mail-in registration form downloaded from www.arlingtondiocese.org/multicultural.

From the Diocesan Office of Victim Assistance

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

In 2004, Bishop Loverde began a series of diocesan-sponsored Masses for the community to gather together to pray for healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse. The Masses are followed by a reception. The next Mass will be on Tuesday June 17 at 7:30pm at Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1009 Stafford Avenue, in Fredericksburg. Bishop Paul S. Loverde will preside.

Support Group with Bishop Loverde for Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Bishop Loverde cordially invites victims/survivors of sexual abuse and their spouse or support person to a Support Group meeting on May 12 at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean. The evening begins at 5:45pm and ends by 9pm. It will consist of a light meal and group discussion, followed by a Prayer Service. Due to the nature and sensitivity of the subject, this event is for victims/survivors and a spouse/support person only. Please RSVP by May 8 to the Office of Victim Assistance at 703-841-2530.

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, May 5; pick-up is Saturday, May 17.

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

Shopping for May:

Value Package (\$21)

- Split Chicken Breasts (2 lb.)
- Chicken Drumsticks (1.6 lb.)
- Harvestland Kielbasa (3/4 lb.)
- Italian Turkey Sausage Links with onions & peppers (3/4 lb.)
- Portabella Mushroom Fajita Meal with grilled Vegetables
- and plenty of fresh, healthy, seasonal produce

Mixed Grill Box (\$25)

- 2 - 5oz. top sirloin steaks
- 4 - 5oz. boneless porkchops
- 4 - 4oz. boneless chicken breasts
- 6 - 5oz. hamburgers
- 12oz. beef chunks for kebabs

Salmon Filets (\$21)

- 24 - 4oz. boneless, skinless portions. Individually vacuum-packed and frozen.



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$21)

_____ x \$21. = _____

Mixed Grill Box (\$25)

_____ x \$25. = _____

Salmon Filets (\$20)

_____ x \$20. = _____

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.

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Fr. Lino Rico Rostro
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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 04/27/14	30,369.
Catholic Home Missions	6,456.
Easter Sunday Second Collection (Add'l)	1,570.
Good Friday Collection for Holy Land (Add'l)	276.
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul (2 weeks ending 4/27/14)	1,377.
SCRIP Profit for the week	215.
Year to Date:	\$7,140.

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.

Second Collection next weekend is for Special Parish Needs.

2014 Lenten Soup Suppers

Many thanks to our school, Holy Cross Academy, and members of our Music Ministry, our Youth Ministry, our Hispanic Ministry, our Council of Catholic Women and the Knights of Columbus who all gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Lenten Soup Suppers so special. The soups were delicious! And a very special thank you to all those who attended the Soup Suppers and donated so generously help feed the homeless. A total of \$1,960.20 was raised to help support the Micah Community Dinners and the Brisben Shelter Dinners. We truly appreciate your Lenten sacrifice to help those in need. May Our Risen Lord bless all of you with His many graces for your kindness, generosity and continued support.

Shop with SCRIP

SCRIP is a fundraising program that provides funds for our parish school. You purchase gift cards to places that you normally shop and a percentage goes to Holy Cross Academy.

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!

Children's Offertory envelopes for May

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of May will be donated to the Children's and Teen's Programs of Empower House (formerly the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence). These programs provide ongoing support for children ages 5 to 12 affected by domestic violence and teens affected by dating violence and domestic violence.

Choose Life Reflection

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Lk 1:42). May is marked by the beautiful ceremony of the May crowning. We present to Mary, the mother of Life, bouquets of flowers that represent life. By doing this, we honor Mary for saying yes for the Life of God in her womb. Mary, we ask you today to intercede for all those who find it difficult to accept the gift of new life, whether within their own womb or in someone else. Help them say "Yes!"

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

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Mother's Day Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your mother, living or deceased – or your grandmother, god-mother or someone who is like a mother to you. Beginning May 11, Mothers' Day, a Novena of Masses will be offered for all the intentions placed in front of the altar. These intentions will remain before the altar throughout the Novena. Mothers' Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Parish Office.



Taize Prayer Service Monday, May 12

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: 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, Martha Clemens, Lisa Storm, Veronica Johnson, Joseph McCormick, Patrick Wilkinson, Holly Smith, Patricia Portcelli, Doris Winstead, Cathy Thompson, Kathy Dobson, Joseph Bozicevic, Shirley Bozicevic, Connie Brimmer, Cathy Nichols, 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, Kelly and Andrew Wood, Martha Ferrara, Frank O'Connor, Clara Lester, Carlos Ortiz, Marianne Ford, John Pare, Sherry Taylor, Frank Mohler, Harold Gardiner, Rhonda Seidlinger, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Joseph Petrucelli, Marcella Sowiejka, Carlita Aberle, Daniel and Forrest Theiss

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 Anna M. Snow and all the benefactors of St. Mary.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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5 MONDAY

6:30 +James Bruder, Sr.
9am Kelly Keiser
Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

6 TUESDAY

6:30 Dolores & +Tally Atwood
9am +Lillian Marie Lyon
Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

7 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Doug Walker
9am +Frederick Kozyra
Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

8 THURSDAY

6:30 Dorothy Walker
8:20* Fr. Stephen Holmes
9am +Barbara Mertens
Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

9 FRIDAY

6:30 Sylvia Chase
9am Christine Sullivan
Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

10 SATURDAY

9am Mary Fitch
5pm +Joseph DeTrane
7pm +Frank Clancy
Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

11 SUNDAY

7am All in our Mother's Day Novena
8:30 All in our Mother's Day Novena
10:30 All in our Mother's Day Novena
10:30* All in our Mother's Day Novena
12:30pm Our Mother's Day Novena
2pm All in our Mother's Day Novena
5pm All in our Mother's Day Novena
7:01 For the Parish
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy