



Fourth Sunday  
of Easter

Happy  
Mothers'  
Day

11 may 2014

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



# what's coming

## may

### 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter • Happy Mothers' Day!

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (Troop 1410)  
SCRIP Sales after Masses. CYM Flower Sale to benefit WorkCamp.

### 12 Monday, Easter Weekday (Saints Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs; Saint Pancras, martyr)

10am, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.  
7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Church. 8:15pm, small group discussion continues for participants in the Parish Life Center.  
8pm, Young Adult Ministry, John Paul II House.  
8:15pm, TAIZE Ecumenical Prayer Service in the church until 9pm. Please, all are welcome.

### 13 Tuesday, Easter Weekday (Our Lady of Fatima)

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

### 14 Wednesday, Saint Matthias, Apostle

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

### 15 Thursday, Easter Weekday (Saint Isidore)

9:30am, Adult Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.  
6:30pm, First Communion Rehearsal, church.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

### 16 Friday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, Moms' Group "St. Anne's Sisters in Faith," John Paul II House.

### 17 Saturday, Easter Weekday

9:15am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
10:30am, First Communion Mass, church.  
SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

### 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (CYM)  
SCRIP Sales after Masses.  
9:30am, Spanish Legion of Mary - Praesidium, Parish Life Center 204.  
Noon, English as a Second Language Class (last class), Parish Life Center 204.  
3:15pm, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

### 19 Monday, Easter Weekday

*Last Week for Religious Education classes.*  
10am, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.  
7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church.  
8:00pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.

### 20 Tuesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest)

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
7:30pm, Renewed Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar, church.

### 21 Wednesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Christopher Magallanes, priest, and Companions, martyrs)

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



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**nota bene** (*note well, please*):

- ☞ Our **Mother's Day Novena** begins today, May 11. Mother's Day Cards are still available in the church vestibule and in the Parish Office.
- ☞ This is the last weekend for the Catholic Youth Ministry **Annual Flower Sale** after all the Masses. Support our Youth attending Work Camp and purchase a beautiful gift for Mothers' Day!
- ☞ Bring all your ecumenical friends and join us for our monthly **Taize Prayer Service** - this Monday evening, May 12 in the church from 8:15 to 9pm. A beautiful, peaceful end to the day and wonderful parish tradition every second Monday now for over 8 years.
- ☞ The second collection next weekend is for **Diocesan Retired Priests**. Please see Bishop Loverde's letter in today's bulletin.
- ☞ The **Marine Corp Half Marathon is next Sunday** May 18. William Street will have no access. If you plan to attend the 7am or 8:30am Mass, please plan to use Route 1 and Stafford Avenue to enter the parking lot.
- ☞ 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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## from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

A little over a year ago, I attended a lecture at Georgetown by one of our leading church theologians which has stayed with me. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of *Unitatis redintegratio*, Vatican II's *Decree on Ecumenism*.

Her thesis basically spoke about a major shift which took place in the culture of the Church, something that had been a long time in coming but had finally become obvious: the life of the Church in the modern world demanded that the Church be involved in a dialogue. She said, quite simply, that the Church which had always operated (at least, for centuries) as a *monologue*—the Church speaking and everyone else just expected to listen—had come to terms with the fact that there were other voices that needed to be heard and a conversation was not only necessary, but holy.

The new principle of *dialogue* was named repeatedly for the first time in official documents of the Church as the way of growth in knowledge and wisdom, even the means by which we are edified by others and spread the Gospel.

There are lay people that need to be heard. There are non-Catholics that need to be heard. There are even non-Christian peoples who deserve to be heard. There are things to be learned and valued from all people who are made by God in his own image, even if their practice of faith or religion isn't necessarily according to the authentic revelation that we hold as the central treasures of our faith.

For me one of the most stunning statements was made by Cardinal Walter Kasper in his reflections on *Unitatis redintegratio*, when he said that it isn't possible to be truly "catholic" (the word means "universal") if we follow a principle of operation in which find ourselves *alone*. "Universal" means that we must include all who are "other," and find that fullness of God's love not only in *me*, but also in *you*. That love of God is most perfectly known when it is found in *us*.

Made in the image of God and conformed to the person of Christ through the sacraments, we live a life that is trinitarian and perfectly united to the divine life of God. It is a love and life that is extended to all people, and we cannot experience it unless we are also in community, as God is in community.

Look at the way in which we celebrate the Mysteries of Christ in the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word is a conversation, the Liturgy of the Eucharist is a shared, mutual offering and receiving of us to God and God to us. The entire structure demands a We and a Thou: there can be no relationship in a monologue, but in a dialogue there is sharing and fulfillment.

I think this is the fault which lies at the heart of the thinking of so many today who claim to be "spiritual" but not "religious," "believers" but not "belongers." It is far too easy to isolate in individualism and selfishness; it is a far more difficult and demanding activity to make that commitment to a community of faith, in the context of others.

Even modern psychology shows the danger and resulting damage due to behavior that denies the most basic of human needs, to belong.

We can no longer pretend to own the same autonomy or personal infallibility when we must acknowledge the authority or preeminence of a tradition that has bound together a faithful community for centuries. Truth, once again, is something not to be invented, but to be confronted with, something we receive, not something we make. It is given to shape us and we can't create it any more than we can determine the reality of another person in our life. But openness to truth, like openness to others, is an often-unexpected and surprising opportunity to learn and grow. But the openness is vital.

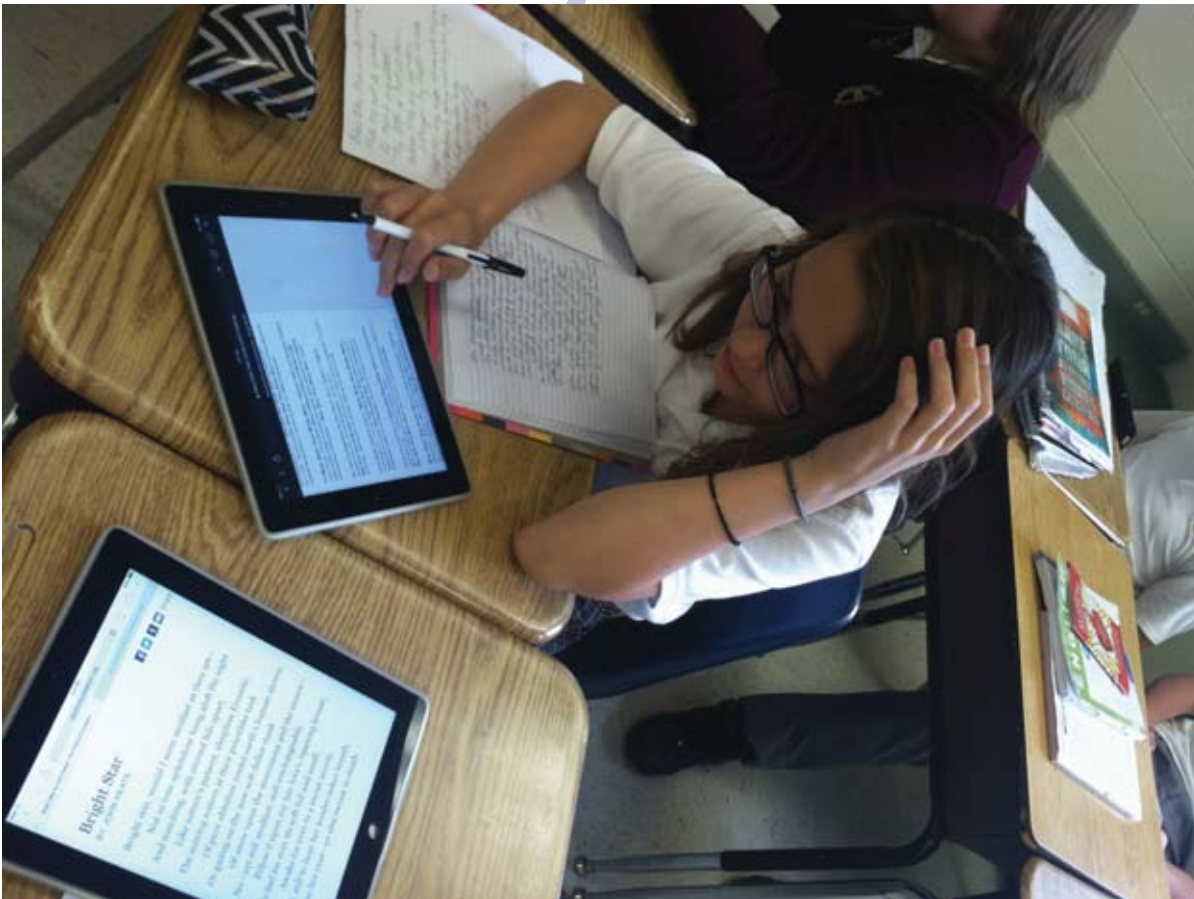
Let us open ourselves to God, and one another, to discover the beauty and richness that is there.

May God bless you.

Fr. Don



# holy cross academy



*A National  
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**"To have great poets there must be great audiences, too."** *Walt Whitman*

**You may wonder and ask, "Why put a poem in your pocket?" Mrs. Manzano will happily answer that question as she encourages HCA students to carry a poem in their pocket to share.**

Every April, on Poem in Your Pocket Day, people throughout the United States celebrate by selecting a poem, carrying it with them, and sharing it with others throughout the day. When is the last time you held your favorite poem in your pocket to share?

Our 8th graders are taking poetry to the next level by becoming experts on a famous poet and analyzing a piece of his/her famous writings then sharing the information with the class. They are using iPads and technology lab to research and prepare their presentations. It is pleasing to hear the words of William Shakespeare, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Robert Frost and Emily Dickinson recited in the classroom among students.

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](http://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.



# parish life

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### 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](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com)

### Cursillo Ultreya - May 18

For all cursillistas -- Let us welcome our new members! May 18, 6-9pm at the home of Lily Alarcon. Please call for directions! RSVP Lily 540-742-0974.



### Concerts at St. Mary: 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.

### 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](mailto:troop1410fundraising@yahoo.com) for more information.



### Parish Nature Walk: Exploring God's World - May 24

Looking for something to do on Memorial Day Weekend? Come out and enjoy the amazing world around us with your fellow parishioners! Join us for a nature hike to marvel at God's creations at Government Island (191 Coal Landing Rd., Stafford 22554) on Saturday, May 24. A portion of the walk is paved, but there is also a wooden walkway and easy dirt path.

Bring some water, comfortable shoes and your binoculars! Adult Birding Hike at 8am and a Family Hike geared toward kids at 9:30am. Please contact Julie Appleton at [jrmappleton@gmail.com](mailto:jrmappleton@gmail.com) for more information and to RSVP so we know how many people to expect.

### Vacation Bible School 2014

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.





We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary on Monday, May 12 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 Taizé 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.

# youth ministry

## CYM Schedule

There will be a CYM Dinner or High School Youth Group on Sunday, May 25 due to the Memorial Day Weekend Holiday.

## Chick-fil-a Spirit Night - May 15

Our WorkCamp teens are having a Chick-fil-a Spirit Night at the Central Park Chick-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](mailto: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*

# education

# faith formation

## **CYM Schedule**

*Over the next few weeks we will include Church teachings on some of the more controversial issues in our society today - including Catholic social teachings, creation and evolution, immigration, marriage, and the basis of dialogue with non-Catholics and non-Christians.*

## **Key Principles of Catholic Social Teaching**

### **Human Dignity**

Belief in the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all Catholic social teaching. Human life is sacred, and the dignity of the human person is the starting point for a moral vision for society.

The principle of human dignity is grounded in the idea that the person is made in the image of God. The person is the clearest reflection of God among us. We are required to honor the human person, to give priority to the person.

### **Community and the Common Good**

In a culture driven by excessive individualism, our tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but also social. Human dignity can only be realized and protected in the context of relationships with the wider society.

How we organize our society -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. The obligation to "love our neighbor" has an individual dimension, but it also requires a broader social commitment. Everyone has a responsibility to contribute to the good of the whole society, to the common good.

### **Rights and Responsibilities**

Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency -- starting with food, shelter and clothing, employment, health care, and education. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities -- to

one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

### **Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**

A basic moral test of society is how it treats its most vulnerable members. The poor have the most urgent moral claim on the conscience of the nation.

The option for the poor is a perspective that examines personal decisions, policies of private and public institutions, and economic relationships in terms of their effects on the poor - those who lack the minimum necessities of nutrition, housing, education, and health care. Those who are marginalized and whose rights are denied have privileged claims if society is to provide justice for all.

The obligation to evaluate social and economic activity from the viewpoint of the poor and the powerless arises from the radical command to love one's neighbor as one's self. The option for the poor is an essential part of society's effort to achieve the common good. A healthy community can be achieved only if its members give special attention to those with special needs, to those who are poor and on the margins of society.

### **Participation**

All people have a right to participate in the economic, political, and cultural life of society. It is a fundamental demand of justice and a requirement for human dignity that all people be assured a minimum level of participation in the community.

It is wrong for a person or a group to be excluded unfairly or to be unable to participate in society. In the words of the U.S. bishops, "The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were non-members of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say they simply do not count as human beings."

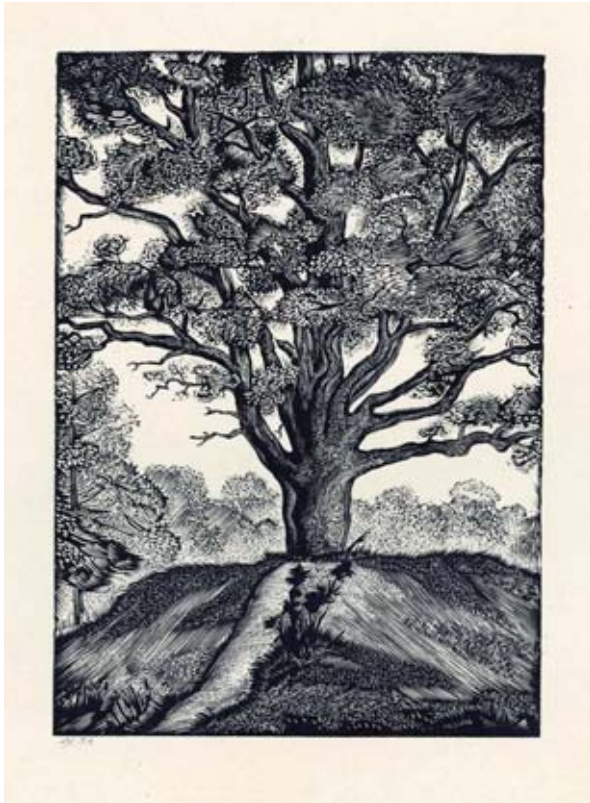
### **Dignity of Work/Rights of Workers**

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. All workers have a right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, and to safe working conditions. They also have a fundamen-



tal right to organize and join unions.

People have a right to economic initiative and private property, but these rights have limits. No one is allowed to amass excessive wealth when others lack the basic necessities of life.



### Stewardship of Creation

Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. The goods of the earth are gifts from God, intended for the benefit of all.

We humans are not the ultimate owners of these goods, but rather, the temporary stewards. We are entrusted with the responsibility of caring for these gifts and preserving them for future generations.

### Global Solidarity

Catholic social teaching proclaims that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Solidarity means that "loving our neigh-

bor" has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

Saint John Paul II called solidarity a virtue. It is the virtue, he said, by which we demonstrate "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good ... because we are all really responsible for all."

### Constructive Role for Government

Because we are social beings, the state is natural to the person. Therefore, the state has a positive moral function. It is an instrument to promote human dignity, protect human rights, and build the common good.

One of the key functions of government is to assist citizens in fulfilling their responsibility to others in society. Since, in a large and complex society these responsibilities cannot adequately be carried out on a one-to-one basis, citizens need the help of government in fulfilling these responsibilities and promoting the common good.

According to the principle of subsidiarity, the functions of government should be performed at the lowest level possible, as long as they can be performed adequately. If they cannot, then a higher level of government should intervene to provide help.

### Promotion of Peace

Catholic teaching promotes peace as a positive, action-oriented concept. In the words of Pope John Paul II, "Peace is not just the absence of war. It involves mutual respect and confidence between peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements."

There is a close relationship in Catholic teaching between peace and justice. Peace is the fruit of justice and is dependent upon right order among human beings.

*This summary is but a starting point for those interested in discovering Catholic social teaching. A full understanding can only be achieved by reading the papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents that make up this rich tradition. A copy of the complete text of *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions and other social teaching documents are available from the USCCB: call 800-235-8722.**

# ...so you must also do"

## 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](mailto:jrmappleton@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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](mailto:home@bestappraisal.com). Every dollar helps!

## Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services in need of storage space

Each year our diocesan office furnishes housing for 350-400 individuals when they arrive from abroad. Though finding beds has often been a problem, they now have the unique problem of finding storage space for several truckloads of new beds/mattresses which have been generously donated.

If you or someone you know might be able to help with a storage facility - it would be a full, fair-market value write-off - or any donation toward the cost of storage, please contact Rebecca Ruiz, Program Manager, 703-841-3891.

## 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

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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/heartsonfire/workshop) or with a mail-in registration form downloaded from [www.arlingtondiocese.org/multicultural](http://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.



May 11, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace be with you!

I am writing regarding the care and support of our retired diocesan priests. As you may know, there are 170 diocesan priests faithfully serving Jesus Christ and our diocesan Church. Of these, 21 priests are retired currently, and over the next ten years 17 additional priests will reach retirement age.

To provide care for our current and future retired priests, the annual second collection for retired priests will take place next weekend, **May 17 and 18**, at all Masses. I ask you to consider participating as generously as you are able in next week's collection.

The funds from this annual collection will assist the ongoing operational needs and expenses of the *Saint Rose of Lima Priests Retirement Villa*, a residence designed to accommodate retired diocesan priests. This beautiful and restful home includes both common areas and private residences for up to eight priests. Additionally, this second collection will provide funds for post-retirement health care, nursing home care, and the priest pension fund.

May the Risen Lord Jesus abundantly reward your goodness and fill you and those you love with His peace, hope and life! With gratitude for your generosity, I remain

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde  
Bishop of Arlington



# staff

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**SUNDAY MASS** Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm  
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm  
10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

**DAILY MASS** Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am  
First Friday 8pm  
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

**DEVOTIONS** Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm  
Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm  
All Night Adoration, First Friday  
Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass  
Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

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

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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  
4 May 2014 38,657.

Parish Building Fund 10,071.

Cath. Home Missions (Add'l) 1,930.

SCRIP Profit for the week 111.  
Year to Date: \$7,250.

*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.*

The second collection next weekend is for retired priests of the diocese.

## 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](http://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](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.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.

## Mother's Day Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your mother, living or deceased – or your grandmother, godmother or someone who is like a mother to you. Beginning today, 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.



## Summer's Coming: 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.



Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication. Send articles to [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

## Life Reflection for May 11

*“Gianna Beretta Molla was a simple, but more than ever, significant messenger of divine love. In a letter to her future husband a few days before their marriage, she wrote: ‘Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women.’ Following the example of Christ, who ‘having loved his own... loved them to the end’ (Jn 13: 1), this holy mother of a family remained heroically faithful to the commitment she made on the day of her marriage. The extreme sacrifice she sealed with her life testifies that only those who have the courage to give of themselves totally to God and to others are able to fulfill themselves. Through the example of Gianna Beretta Molla, may our age rediscover the pure, chaste and fruitful beauty of conjugal love, lived as a response to the divine call!”* (From the canonization homily of Pope John Paul II) -- Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, a model for all mothers, gave her life to save the life of her unborn baby. She was beatified on April 24, 1994 and canonized on May 16, 2004. *Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us.*

*“The Most Important Person ... on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body... The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other human creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation ... What on God’s earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother.”*

Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty

## 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 Steinger, 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 Sowieja, 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, Raymond 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 McGoarty, 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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#### 12 MONDAY

6:30 Mothers’ Day Novena  
9am Mothers’ Day Novena  
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

#### 13 TUESDAY

6:30 Mothers’ Day Novena  
9am Mothers’ Day Novena  
Acts 11:19-26; Jn 6:30-35

#### 14 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Mothers’ Day Novena  
9am Mothers’ Day Novena  
Acts 1:15-17; Jn 15:9-17

#### 15 THURSDAY

6:30 Mothers’ Day Novena  
8:20\* Mothers’ Day Novena  
9am Mothers’ Day Novena  
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

#### 16 FRIDAY

6:30 Mothers’ Day Novena  
9am Mothers’ Day Novena  
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

#### 17 SATURDAY

9am Mothers’ Day Novena  
5pm For the Parish  
7pm Mothers’ Day Novena  
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

#### 18 SUNDAY

At all Masses, the intention is for those who are remembered in our Mother’s Day Novena,  
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-7;  
Jn 14:1-12

Masses were offered in March for the following unscheduled intentions:  
+Frederick Benson, Ariana Stanislawski, +Mary Eleanor Skinner, Sarah Sturtevant, John Sturtevant, Glen Sturtevant, Sr., Glen Sturtevant, Jr., Lori Sturtevant, Catherine Sturtevant, Ethan Sturtevant, Reed Sturtevant, Karen Sturtevant, +Ralph Young, and +Joseph Savage.

\*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy