

Fifth Sunday
of Easter

18 may 2014



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



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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.

22 Thursday, Easter Weekday (Saint Rita of Cascia, religious)

9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

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

23 Friday, Easter Weekday

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

24 Saturday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.

No SCRIP Sales this weekend.

25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

No Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. No SCRIP Sales after Masses.

Next New Family Welcome Meeting will be held on June 22. If you would like information on parish registration please stop by the Parish Office during the week.

No CYM Dinner or Youth Group Meeting this evening.

26 Monday, Saint Philip Neri, priest

Parish Offices Closed - Memorial Day.

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

27 Tuesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Augustine of Canterbury)

7:30pm, Renewed Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar, Parish Life Center.

28 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

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, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

29 Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord

9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

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



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nota bene (note well, please):

- ✠ Our next **New Family Welcome Meeting** will be held **Sunday, June 22**. If you would like information on joining the parish before the next meeting, please stop by the Parish Office.
- ✠ We hope you will join us on **Friday May 30**, for a beautiful **Organ Concert**, with guest artist Colin Howland. The concert will be held at 8pm and followed by a reception in the Parish Life Center.
- ✠ 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.



*Bishop Loverde is awarded the **Lifetime Ecumenist Award** by the Virginia Council of Churches, on May 13. Pictured with him are Jon Barton, General Minister of the Virginia Council of Churches and Bishop Richard Graham of the Metro DC Synod of the ELCA.*

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

This weekend all of our children receiving First Holy Communion will be with us for the first time in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Congratulations to all our children, and thanks to our catechists, teachers, Sisters, and all parents who have taken the responsibility to make sure that the Eucharist is a part of your children's lives. It is a most precious gift; the greatest gift that they will ever receive.

For the rest of us it is a time of reflection, as maybe we can recall the day when we received Communion for the first time. I can remember the day. I can remember how important it was for me and my family. It is our prayer that this grace-filled time for our parish might serve as a reminder and a renewal for all of us to consider the impact and effect that this sacrament is capable of having on our lives, if we are paying attention and really making ourselves available for God in Holy Communion. We place so much importance on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist — and well we should. But the sacrament requires a two-way offering of self, and we must also be really present to him, with our whole selves, giving ourselves to him as much as he is giving himself to us. *Thank you, Jesus, for this great gift, and for renewing us.*

Recently there has been some discussion about proper order at Mass, and what to do about those who arrive late and need to be seated. Our policy of kindly asking people to wait until in the vestibule from the start of the First Reading through the Gospel has been misunderstood as an inhospitality, and so I wanted to give a clarification.

Ushers are asked to kindly ask people to wait during the Liturgy of the Word and not enter the church to look for seats. If this has not seemed kindly to you, I am sorry. But what we have found is that many people arrive late, and in the middle of the readings, look for seats (which unfortunately are usually in the middle of rows) and by the time all are seated, the readings have passed by and people don't

know what they were. At the time of the Liturgy of the Word, there is only one activity that is appropriate: people are listening. In the pews, in the vestibule if that is where you are at that time. We put in a new, really good speaker there so that no one will miss anything. Attentive to the Word, it is the practice of our ushers to immediately invite everyone to enter the church and find seats once the Gospel has ended and the homily begins.

Please do not consider this a lack of hospitality or a process of policing the congregation. It is a courtesy to all, so that the Liturgy of the Word might have its integrity. We realize it is sometimes outside of peoples' control to arrive on time with all the traffic and scheduling issues we all have, but for many, this Liturgy of the Word is the only Word of God that they will hear proclaimed all week long. There is something holy about this process — the Word of God is alive and speaks to our hearts in ways that sanctify and transform us. Truly the Presence of God in his Word, and his Word-made-Flesh in the Gospel. The readings aren't terribly long, usually, and the vestibule is also a good place to listen for those who arrive late.

I have noticed sometimes that people wait from the very start of Mass in the vestibule, and this is not required — please, until that First Reading begins (greeting, penitential rite, Gloria, opening prayer) — please, come in and find a seat. Hopefully an usher can assist you.

And — to all those who remain in the vestibule for the whole Mass — from our vantage point at the altar, there are almost always many seats available in the pews, usually up front. Please do not be self-conscious, we would like you to come inside and join all of us at the Mass. Please don't stay apart.

Attendance is so important in the celebration of the Mass — otherwise, we could just watch it on TV. Please, know your place is here with us and you are welcome.

May God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy

“Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.” Chinese proverb

“Flight” is the name of Mrs. Lanzarone’s elective and her 6th graders were excited to get outdoors and test a few theories. As they flew kites and gliders, they observed the effects of wind and speed on the aerodynamic characteristics of the object. It was great opportunity for students to collaborate while and show their enthusiasm for science.

Speaking of science, Mrs. McNamara and her 5th graders studied animal and plant cells. As a culminating activity they were given the choice to create various displays including 3 dimensional cells, informational posters, or the option to design their very own cell t-shirt. These projects were displayed in the hallway for everyone. Who knew science could be so much fun?

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



parish life

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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.

Council of Catholic Women - May 20

Next meeting of the Council of Catholic Women will be Tuesday, May 20 following the 9am Mass in the Courtyard Meeting Room. Karen Cruess, a member of St. William of York, will speak on 'Nutrition with a Spiritual Side'. This should be an interesting and informative talk. All women of the parish are welcome, we'd love to have you attend.

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.

Sunday, June 8

3 - 7 pm

on the grounds of our parish school
Holy Cross Academy

Celebrate the start of summer with the entire parish.

Games, rides and entertainment.
Food and drinks from 3-6pm.
Hamburgers, hot dogs, Turkey burgers, italian sausage.

If your last names starts with a letter from:
A-L, bring chips to share
M-S, bring a dessert to share
T-Z, bring non-perishable healthy snack

Please join us for another FANTASTIC parish picnic. There will be food, fun and fellowship - rain or shine!

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 jmapleton@gmail.com for more information and to RSVP so we know how many people to expect.



Be sure to bring a blanket to sit on. There will be shaded seating under the dining tents. Parking will be available at GEICO with a shuttle service to the school

For the kids there will be: pony rides, face painting, inflatable attractions, and sports games.

For entertainment, we already have lined up: The Blue Tips Rhythm Revue; Tiger Martial Arts, and Michael Taggart, magician.



CONCERTS *at* SAINT MARY
2013-2014

Colin Howland, organ

NEW DATE! Friday, May 30, 2014
at 8:00pm

Music of Mendelssohn, Bach, D'Aquin, Elmore, Hebble, Tchaikovsky and Debussy performed on our 3-manual, 49-rank, pipe organ.

Howland's deeply spiritual playing is shaped by an affinity for the varied and shifting color palette of the romantic organ. Come hear this truly gifted musician play our amazing organ!

The concert is free; no tickets are required; a free-will offering will be accepted.

Meet the artist at dessert-reception following.

A CD recording of Colin Howland performing on the Saint Mary Organ will be available at the performance for \$15.



Colin Howland is Director of Music and Arts of Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas and has been active as an organ recitalist for over 20 years, playing concerts throughout the U.S. He has appeared as soloist with the Florida Symphonic Pops Orchestra and the Irving (Texas) Symphony Orchestra in such works as Jongen's *Symphonie Concertante*, Saint-Saens' *Symphony No. 3*, and Poulenc's *Organ Concerto*. Colin's recital career has also taken him as far away as England and China.

For more information:
dmathers@stmaryfred.org or 540-373-6491 x 217.

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the last of our
concert
series!

Cub Scout Pack 1410 Annual Raingutter Regatta

Cub Scout Pack 1410 would like to invite any Kindergarten through 3rd grade boys to come out to our Spring Roundup Recruitment day and Rain Gutter Regatta event scheduled for 18 May, from 2pm to 4 pm., at the Holy Cross Academy outdoor field.

Here's an opportunity for parents and their sons to learn what being a cub scout is all about. Children will take part in building and racing their own model wood boat. . .for free! Top 3 winners receive awards and everybody gets to take home their boats! Children can meet with current scout friends and classmates. . . and parents can meet with the Pack's leaders who can answer any questions about scouting. There is no obligation to sign up to be a scout at this event....but applications will be available! We just want to take the time to show you how much fun scouting is! For more info about cub scouting, contact our Pack 1410 committee chairperson Sherri Guzman at sherri.miller_guzman@hotmail.com.

Over Forty Fellowship

Join the group after 5pm Sunday Mass today (May 18) at Miso Asian Grill at 1305 Jefferson Davis Highway. Pay for your own meal and enjoy meeting new friends.

The group also plans to attend the Rappahannock Pops Concert together on May 26, and enjoy the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Bealeton in August. Please contact ksaladino2009@comcast.net to get on the list!!

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.

education adult ed

Summer Adult Education Opportunities

Join us for some summer learning and discussion

Bible Study of the Letter of James

10 weeks' study on Tuesdays at 9:45am, beginning June 10 in the Courtyard Meeting Room, with a 50 minute DVD by Jeff Cavins and then discussion with a workbook led by Suzette Young. Please call the office to register for the class by May 28 so that books can be ordered. Contributions of \$10 are requested for the books on the first day of class.

James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Like the book of Proverbs, it is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. These teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers "pearls for wise living" by applying the wisdom of James to the present day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

- Find an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life.
- Learn how just a few small words can change your entire life for better or for worse.
- See how God's wisdom helps us face suffering and temptation.
- Learn the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials.

- Find value in suffering.
- Find reason to trust in God's providence over wealth or position or personal talent.
- Learn to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace.

Catholicism DVD Series

5 weeks' study on Mondays beginning July 21 in the Courtyard Meeting Room. Two course offerings: Monday mornings from 9:45-11:45am with Tess Thome or Monday evenings from 7-9pm with Fr. Don Rooney.

Witness the most significant story ever told. Journey with the acclaimed author, speaker and theologian to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda, from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the mystery of CATHOLICISM is revealed.

Discover the full meaning of the Faith by watching the Catholicism series with Rev. Robert Barron. Ten episodes. Ten hours. One film series. (We will complete 2 per meeting). Go to Catholicism-series.com to see a trailer of each episode. No fee, no books, no homework! Just come and share!

youth ministry

CYM Schedule

There will be no CYM Dinner or High School Youth Group on Sunday, May 25 due to the Memorial Day Weekend Holiday.

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!



Catechist Writes:

Importance of Catechism

To be a catechist here at St. Mary is one of the most gratifying things I've done lately. At first, I was hesitant to do it, concerned that I may not have the patience to teach children other than my own. Having been homeschoolers for more than a decade, my husband and I experienced the joy and satisfaction of teaching our own kids. This wonderful feeling seemed to have doubled when we extended that effort to others. While amazed to discover the extent most children in the parish lack in knowledge about their faith, I was even more amazed to see how quickly and eagerly they learn. I was also humbled to realize how they reminded me that patience is a virtue that can be developed and extended by the grace of God. Their natural urge to learn, to love and be appreciated is truly touching. And to be able to help, even in my small way, to nourish their faith is so gratifying.

Parents understandably urge their children to pursue academic knowledge, for such is the nature of modern society in which we live. Religious practice and understanding too are needed, not only to bring us closer to God, but also to each other. As in pre-modern times, we struggle to survive, albeit with different tools and tasks. As in pre-modern times, we seek companionship with fellow believers within our community. For that we require knowledge of our doctrines and their history; otherwise we stumble about blindly. Children spending once-a-week with a catechist is an excellent beginning, but should also be accompanied by family reading and prayer. Our children are exposed to a profane (i.e., non-spiritual) world most of their waking hours. Many children congregate in the company of others whose training and orientation differ from those we wish to instill in their sponge-like minds. There is also the internet, which is very useful for reference, but also contains inappropriate material. Sadly, this medium is often the first thing they engaged with when they wake up, and the last thing that occupies them before going to bed. The temptation can be overwhelming, even for adults. Let us not deprive our children of that additional once-a-week chance to learn and develop about what matters the most -- their spiritual life. Please take them regularly to their catechism classes and even more important, reinforce at home what they are supposed to learn. Jesus, after all, commanded to allow little ones to come to Him. It is very easy to deter them by sloth, neglect, or lack of faith in our ability to teach them. And "let us teach them with joy for they will surely be attracted by joy to the source of all joy, the heart of Jesus," as St. Katharine Drexel assured us.

--Judy Thielman

234 First Communicants!

Yesterday we celebrated the third and final First Communion Liturgy for this year. We ask parents to encourage their children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist often. It is important that children meaningfully practice these behaviors regularly so they can appreciate them much easier as they mature.

Recruiting Catechists

The Religious Education Office is recruiting catechists, office volunteers, prayer aides and substitute catechists for the next school year. We have a responsibility to pass on faith to our children so they too can have a loving relationship with God and others. We invite you to join this dedicated team and guide our children's spiritual growth. Please call 540-373-6491 for more information.

Thank you to all who have worked with us for another fruitful and enjoyable year of Religious Education classes. Special thanks to parents, Catechists, Catechist Assistants, Substitute Catechists, Prayer-Aides and Office Volunteers.

Registration for Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education class begins June 1. It is time to begin thinking of what day is the best day to attend class. Please choose a convenient day so your child attends as many classes as possible. Register early and have more choices!

Registration is from Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm, in the Parish Office. Registration is cheapest in June and the fees are \$45.00 per child or \$100.00 for 3 or more children



“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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The SVDP Thrift Shop is located in Greenwich Plaza off Lafayette Blvd and open Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm, 540-898-9066. The shop is supported by your donations of furniture, clothing and household goods. Monetary donations may be placed in the Poor Boxes near the church doors. The proceeds from the Thrift Shop and your donations are used to help families in need in our community.

Post-Abortion Healing Website

An invitation for help, healing and hope is waiting for you at www.helpafterabortion.org. It's a safe place to take the first step to learn more about healing after abortion. All inquiries are completely confidential. Talk to someone who understands. Contact us today for non-judgmental and compassionate care. For more information, please visit our website or call 888-456-HOPE (4673).

COURAGE Support Group

COURAGE is a group that meets regularly to offer fraternal, moral, and spiritual support for those who experience same-sex attraction and desire to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are

for men and women and strict confidentiality is maintained. For more information, please contact Courage@arlingtondiocese.org or visit <http://couragerc.net/index.htm>.

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!

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.

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 Wolfrap 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 or with a mail-in registration form downloaded from www.arlingtondiocese.org/multicultural.

FIAT Days: 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.

Save the Date!

Mary's Shelter Summer Soiree Mark your calendar for August 23, 2014 for this annual event. Check out www.marysshelter-va.org for more information.

...so you must also do"

Senior Citizen Law Day - May 19

This event is Sponsored by Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging and Rappahannock Legal Services, Inc. It will be held at the Headquarters Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library (1201 Caroline Street) on Monday, May 19, 9am to 12noon. Hear from legal experts who will help you understand: Do You Need A Will? Basics of Wills and Estate Planning. Do You Need A Power Of Attorney and Advanced Medical Directive? Mysteries of How Couples Can Qualify for Medicaid to Pay For Long Term Care. Do Grandparents Have Rights? Available Resources for Elder Law Issues. Get FREE legal information!

Circle of Love Ministry

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

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

Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics

Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington will present the Third Annual Father Vince O'Brien Memorial Day Retreat for Separated And Divorced Catholics at the Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, Maryland on May 23 - 25, 2014. At this year's retreat Monsignor Maury O'Connell will be the retreat director and will present short sessions on the theme "Peace and Solace for Troubled Times." For the retreat flyer and to register, see: http://www.rc.net/washington/sdc/SDC_2014_Retreat.pdf

SHARE

Self Help and Resource Exchange is a cooperative food distribution program that is new this year at St. Mary Church. The ministry is multi-faceted providing wholesome and nutritious food to families and individuals at a reduced cost while at the same time promoting volunteer service in our Parish and area Community, building relationships with other community organizations is strongly encouraged.

Most areas of ministry, in or out of the parish community, typically requires a commitment of one or two hours per month.

Each package ordered requires two hours of community service – as long as the community service is doing something for someone else, it is acceptable. Distribution of packages takes place the fourth Saturday of the month from 8 to 9am.

Please contact Rick Caporali, rcaporali@stmaryfred.org for more information. Food Packages are available to everyone – no income requirements. Menus are available at the parish office or on the Outreach Ministry page on our website, www.stmaryfred.org.

Micah Ministries

The Hospitality Center is in need of bottled water throughout the summer. Please drop it off at 1013 Princess Anne St., between 10am and 2pm.

A volunteer team is needed to assist with fourth Friday breakfasts, which is hosted at Trinity Episcopal Church. Responsibilities only include preparing and serving. The food for this meal is generously donated by Long & Foster Realty. Contact Lori Yelverton at lori@dolovewalk.net or call 540/479-4116 x13.



operations 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	45,888.
11 May 2014	
Parish Special Needs	7,148.
Parish Bldg. Fund (Add'l)	2,627.
SCRIP Profit for the week	n/a.
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.

Diocesan Retired Priests' Collection this Weekend

This weekend's Second Collection is for our diocesan retired priests. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served our diocese so faithfully over the years. Currently there are 21 retired priests who served our diocese and an additional 17 diocesan priests who are anticipated to retire within the next 10 years. Please consider donating to this special collection. Thank you for your 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, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP, or need the school code, please email Torie Baldwin at 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.

Prayer On The Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception

Father,

The image of the Virgin is found in your Church.

Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin,

for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.

Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith.

Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

--- from "Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers"

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

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Life Reflection for May 18

"To all the members of the Church, the people of life and for life, I make this most urgent appeal, that together we may offer this world of ours new signs of hope, and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will increase and that a new culture of human life will be affirmed, for the building of an authentic civilization of truth and love."

— Pope Saint John Paul II,
Evangelium Vitae, 6

We pray for all who work to develop a culture of life, that their faith may be strengthened and their work bear fruit; we pray also that every person will be welcomed as a gift from God.

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.

Masses were offered in April for the following unscheduled intentions: Mary Lou McGonigle, Barbara Michalski, the Oblate Sisters, Emily Sturtevant, +Joseph Savage, Jr., Marie Jessup, Rita Clancy, Perla Guacena, Mark Doherty, +Margaret & Frank Clancy, +Frank Clancy, Jr., +Ryan Crane, Ethan Sturtevant, Nancy Sturtevant, Cathy Johnson, Mimi Fitzgerald, Chiara Marie Stanislawski, +Nicholas Figaro, Carole Rynn, and +Anna Snow.

St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 Sowieja, Carlita Aberle, Daniel and Forrest Theiss, Shawn, Kristen, Dylan & Brandon Meade, Lily Rubbo, Ellen Carag, Krystal Finch, Dory Henderson, Robert Epp

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, Nicholas Oltman, 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 James Mathers, Ida Hagan, Jack MacKenn, Adele Barrett and all the benefactors of St. Mary.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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19 MONDAY

6:30 Mothers' Day Novena
9am Mothers' Day Novena
Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

20 TUESDAY

6:30 Marie J. Rooney
9am +Alicia Espinosa
Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

21 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Sr. Miriam Elizabeth
9am Fr. Don Rooney
Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

22 THURSDAY

6:30 +Lenard Majeski
8:20* Ellen Sandkuhler
9am John F. Carneal, Jr.
Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

23 FRIDAY

6:30 +Adele St. Onge
9am For the Parish
Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

24 SATURDAY

9am +Inasu Pulikkottil
5pm +Alice Louise Dolan
7pm For the Parish
Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

25 SUNDAY

7am +Peg McKeown
8:30 Jack & Joann Beal
10:30 +Frank Trentacoste
10:30* John Paul Eastman
12:30pm Our Military Living & Decd.
2pm +Rodrigo Marcelo Manzano
5pm +Rosemarie Bornschein
7:01 Challenge Prayer Group
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy