

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

25 may 2014



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



what's coming

may

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Coffee and donuts, SCRIP Sales, our 4th Sunday New Family Welcome Meeting and CYM Activities are not being held this weekend due to the Memorial Day holiday. Our next New Family Welcome Meeting will be held on June 22. If you need information on parish registration before the next June meeting, you are welcome to stop by the Parish Office during the week.

26 Monday, Saint Philip Neri, priest

Parish Offices Closed - Memorial Day. There will be no 6:30am Mass, nor evening novena today.

27 Tuesday, Easter Weekday (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, Easter Weekday

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

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

30 Friday, Easter Weekday

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

8pm, ORGAN CONCERT, with guest organist Colin Howland, church.

Meet the artist at a reception following the concert in the Parish Life Center.

31 Saturday, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass. WorkCamp Raffle Sales after Masses.

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1 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (Boy Scout Troop 1410)

SCRIP Sales after Masses. WorkCamp Raffle Sales after Masses.

3:15pm, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.

3:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

2 Monday, Easter Weekday (Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs)

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

7:30pm, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, final gathering in series, church.

8:00pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.

3 Tuesday, Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

7:30pm, Fredericksburg WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE, at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. All are welcome

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5 Thursday, Boniface, bishop and martyr

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

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

7pm, Baptism Class (*call the office to register, please*).



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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.
- ✠ Join Christians from Fredericksburg churches for the our annual observance of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Tuesday, June 3**, at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 7pm. This is the ecumenical prayer service normally held every year in January, but was postponed this year due to weather.
- ✠ **Sunday, June 8** is our **Annual Parish Picnic** held on the grounds of Holy Cross Academy, 3-7pm.
- ✠ **SCRIP is on sale** next weekend 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.



As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

and they were continually in the temple praising God.

Luke 24:51-53

this week's bulletin:

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from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

I was speaking with a group of young people (not in Fredericksburg) about the holiday that was coming up and I asked them if they knew why this weekend was called “Memorial Day” weekend.

One told me that it was in remembrance of September 11, 2001. Another, that it was the day that people remembered that school was out and that summer was beginning. That was why everyone goes out of town on Memorial Day. Another said she thought that it had something to do with American Independence but wasn’t sure how *exactly*. But it was something patriotic, that is why it was a federal holiday.

I sometimes find it hard to believe how old I seem to have become. So I began to explain the “ancient” history about this holiday. Memorial Day (as, I’m sure, every Fredericksburg citizen knows), was established as a federal holiday to mourn the death of all the soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in the Civil War, north and south. Hundreds of thousands. Over the years it has grown to include all those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in various wars and conflicts so we can enjoy the freedom to live as we please. Freedom even to forget them, I suppose. Although my family may have had several people who were involved in war, we never had anyone (that I’m aware of) who actually died in battle. But we would go every year to the cemetery and place flowers on family graves, and say a prayer for those who had died. I remember my mom’s generation called it “Decoration Day.”

Memorial Day services still happen in the Civil War cemeteries here in town -- sadly, we are still divided in this with one service in the Union cemetery and another in the Confederate cemetery. Enmity lives long beyond death. But we focus on those who have gone before us and, in their memory, ask God to gather all

of them to himself, and help us all to gather together again in his kingdom on the last day. On that day, perhaps the north/south conflict will finally be resolved.

We include in all of our Masses this weekend, in a special way, all those who have died in battle, all those who have returned with scars, visible and invisible, all who have supported and enforced the justice and peace that is necessary for the dignity of mankind and the human person. May God bless all of them and bring them home.

Truly, Memorial Day does mark a kind of beginning to the summer. We are surrounded by events which speak of transition: graduations on all sides, weddings, vacations.

I would like to acknowledge all those who are graduating this year. Simple math would indicate that we would have about 400 eighth graders and seniors in high school graduating from three school districts and dozens of schools within the boundaries of our parish. Congratulations to all of you. I wish we could offer our congratulations personally; please know that we are keeping all of you in our prayers. I know of two classes of kindergartners and a bunch of preschool kids who are looking forward to moving up the ladder of life. First big steps. Congratulations.

As the flock begins to disperse stay in touch over the summer. Keep going to Mass, keep up on what is happening in our parish family. If you SUBSCRIBE at our website (www.stmaryfred.org) you will always know the latest of what is going on. You will find the “subscribe” button on the first page of the website. Once you have set up your login, you will receive an email whenever we post the bulletin or weekly express announcements of what is going on at St. Mary. Who knows? You might even receive an occasional meditation from your pastor.

May God bless you.

Fr. Don

holy cross academy



*A National
Blue Ribbon
School, 2012*

May is for Mary. May is for Mothers.

As we remember our mothers each year on Mother's Day, we honor our Blessed Mother by crowning her with flowers, praying the rosary as a school community and placing flowers around her statue at the entrance of our school. This year Mary Cook, one of our 8th graders, was chosen to place the crown on Mary. The 8th graders read a special dedication and prayer asking Mary to bless them as they move on to high school.

Speaking of mothers, HCA hosted its annual "Muffins with Mom". Mothers were invited to share

breakfast with their children before the school day began. Father Brisson Hall was decorated with spring tablecloths, flowers, handmade posters and many smiling faces as everyone enjoyed this annual celebration.

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.

parish life
come to life



**Final Concert of the Season at St. Mary:
Colin Howland on the Great Organ
This Friday, May 30 at 8pm**

Mendelssohn, Bach, D'Aquin, Elmore, Hebble, Tchaikovsky and Debussy: 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!

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.

The concert is free; no tickets are required; a free-will offering will be accepted. You are invited to meet the artist at a dessert-reception following the performance. *For more information: dmathers@stmaryfred.org; 540-373-6491.*

**Our annual PARISH PICNIC is
Sunday, June 8th, from 3 to 7pm
on the fields at Holy Cross Academy.**

**Celebrate the start of Summer with the
entire parish.**

Please join us for another FANTASTIC parish picnic. There will be food, fun and fellowship - rain or shine! There is no charge — this is our gift to the parish each year

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

Games, rides and entertainment.

— ponies, face painting astounding inflated things

Live in concert: The Blue Tips Rhythm Revue

— demonstrations of martial arts and dances

Food and drinks from 3-6pm.

— Hamburgers, hot dogs, Turkey burgers, Italian sausages, AND everything you bring:

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



A New Parish Tradition: Marriage Renewal Mass and Reception Friday, June 20.

Join with couples at a special Mass of thanksgiving for the gift of Marriage and renew the vows you made on the day you began your life together. However many years, you are welcome! And after Mass, join us for wedding cake and punch, and share stories with old and new friends. Bring a wedding photo to the reception!

Please RSVP for this event to the Parish Office so we may know how many of you are coming! Let us know no later than Wednesday, June 11th.

Una tradición nueva parroquial: Renovación del Matrimonio Misa y recepción, Viernes, 20 de junio.

Asistan con las parejas parroquiales en una misa especial de acción de gracias por el don del matrimonio y renovar los votos que hicieron en el día cuando comenzó su vida en común. Son bienvenidos! Y después de la misa, vengan con nosotros para pastel de boda y un refresco, y

compartir historias con amigos nuevos y los de mucho tiempo. Traigan un foto a la recepción!

Confirme su asistencia a este evento a la oficina de la parroquia para que podamos saber cuántos de ustedes están llegando! Háganos saber no más tardar del miércoles 11 de junio, por favor.

Birthright Luncheon, June 17

A luncheon meeting for all Birthright volunteers will be held on Tuesday, June 17, at noon in the Courtyard Room at St. Mary Catholic Church. Anyone who is considering volunteering for this pro-life pregnancy center or who would like to learn more about its mission is also welcome. Reservations by June 13 are a must: birthright-fred@gmail.com or 540-898-8558.

Parish Book Club

The parish book club will discuss *The King's Good Servant but God's First : The Life and Writings of Saint Thomas More* by James Monti at its June 10 meeting at 10am in the John Paul II House. Contact person: Kathleen Mahoney at bmah761569@aol.com

youth

Final Sunday meetings of the year for Youth Ministry next Sunday

Join us next weekend for our final Sunday programs of this school year before we break for Summer. High School students - come out for a great night of celebrating the past year and what God is doing. Middle School Youth Group will meet at 3:30-4:30 in the Parish Life Center - all rising 7th and 8th Graders are welcome.

Our CYM Summer calendar is online. Please go and download a copy, and join us for all the fun activities we have planned.

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!



education

adult ed

Summer Adult Education Opportunities

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!

religious ed

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

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.

parish life

health ministry



At left:
Parish Health
Ministry Com-
mittee Co-Chairs
Gail Russell and
Donna Phillips,
and our new
Parish Nurses,
Beth Palacios and
Steven Haughton.

Health Ministry Open House June 7-8

**Come and meet our new Parish Nurses,
Beth Palacios and Steven Haughton,
and learn the purpose of Parish Health Ministry
and how it can make a difference in your life.**

Saturday, June 7th: 6-6:30pm
Sunday, June 8th: 8am-4pm

It is time to get the word out about an exciting new part of St. Mary's ministries and pastoral care for soul AND body! Through the tireless, dedicated work of nurse parishioner Peg Larose, a Parish Health Committee of doctors and nurses from all disciplines of medicine has formed to establish a program of education for the parish in health and wellness. The new Chairs of the Committee were named only last week, Gail Russell and Donna Phillips. Watch for future announcements about educational and practical programs offered to the parish to help all of us live healthier, fuller lives.

As a result of the process, we have added two part-time Registered Nurses as members of the parish staff to achieve the work of Parish Health Ministry. Beth Palacios and Steven Haughton are both very excited about the work that is about to begin. They will have regular weekly office hours, but will be spending their time mostly out of the office, visiting parishioners at home, or the hospital, or any of the many residential or medical facilities in the parish.

Parish nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing operation within a congregation that provides intentional care of the spirit through prayer, health promotion and practice.

A Parish Nurse prays with parishioners and listens to their concerns, providing general health education and advocacy: disease management, wellness programs, medication review, assistance with advance directives and care for caregivers. He or she can make home visits to assess safety issues and resource needs. The Nurse can also serve as a navigator, providing referrals to community resources and support groups.

One of the most exciting roles of the Nurse will be to help parish ministries work together in achieving the common goal of wellness care for parishioners who need assistance with daily life.

The parish nurse does not provide care that would require a physician's order, dispense medication, give injections, do blood tests or other invasive procedures. The service does not replace home health, hospice or other community health services, but instead works to enhance support of those needing prayer, emotional support, direction or just an explanation.

We are called to walk together through life's transitions, to help each other find a language of hope in the midst of these transitions and to grow spiritually. We are called to be health educators, advocates, trainers, facilitators and liaisons in healing of the body, mind and spirit. Please join us in this new area of work -- there are plenty of opportunities for all, to serve and to be served.

“come, holy spirit...

Holy Spirit Novena begins Friday, May 30

The Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts

Days 1-5; Days 6-9 will be included next week.

The Novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of our Lord himself when he sent his apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

How to Pray the Novena

On each of the nine days prior to the Solemnity of Pentecost, certain prayers are prayed which are unique to each day, followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, seven Glory Be to the Fathers, the Act of Consecration and the Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

The Act of Consecration and Prayer for the Seven Gifts are included here for use each day:

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to you, eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of your purity, the unerring keenness of your justice, and the might of your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In you I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve you by my unfaithfulness to grace and pray with all my heart to be kept from even the smallest sin against you. Mercifully

guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for your light, listen to your voice and follow your gracious inspiration. Help me to cling to you and give myself to you and ask you, by your compassion, to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus and looking at his opened side and stricken heart, I implore you, adorable Spirit, Helper in infirmity, to keep me in your grace that I may never sin against you. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to you always and everywhere, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ who, before ascending into heaven, promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your apostles and disciples, grant the same Holy Spirit to me that he may perfect in my soul the work of your grace and your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may not overvalue the perishable things of this world, but rather give my first priority to the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of your divine truth; the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God now, in preparation for the Kingdom to come; the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with you and that I may overcome with courage any obstacles that oppose your will of divine life for me, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow more perfect in the science of the Saints; the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable; and the Spirit of Holy Fear that I may be filled with a loving rev-

erence toward God and may not in any way displease him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of your true disciples, and animate me in all things with your Spirit. Amen.

h e i r s t a y Friday, 30 May: The Holy Spirit

*Holy Spirit! Lord of light!
From your clear celestial height,
Your pure beaming radiance give!*

Leader: Only one thing is important: eternal life. Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared: sin. Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, indifference. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of light, of strength and of love. With his sevenfold gifts he enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart with love of God. We must invoke the divine Spirit daily, for “The Spirit helps our infirmity. We know not what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit himself asks for us.”

Prayer: Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed your will for us, that we be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, and you have given us forgiveness of all sins. As at the first Pentecost, send forth from heaven upon us your sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

(to be followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, seven Glory Be to the Fathers, the Act of Consecration and the Prayer for the Seven Gifts.)

h e s e c o n d a y Saturday, 31 May: The Gift of Fear

*Come Father of the poor.
Come, treasure which endures:
Come, Light of all that live!*

...fill the hearts of your faithful"

Leader: The gift of the Fear of the Lord fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend him by sin. It is a fear that arises, not from the thought of hell, but from love, reverence and filial obedience to our heavenly Father. It is the beginning of wisdom, removing us from worldly attachments that could in any way separate us from God. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and in his sight will sanctify their souls."

Prayer: Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set you, my Lord and God, before my face forever. Help me to shun all things that can offend you, and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of your divine majesty in heaven, where you live and reign in the unity of the ever-blessed Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

(to be followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, seven Glory Be to the Fathers, the Act of Consecration and the Prayer for the Seven Gifts.)

he third ay Sunday, 1 June: The Gift of Piety

*You, of all consolers best,
Visiting the troubled breast,
Does refreshing peace bestow.*

Leader: The gift of Piety begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect, for his sake, persons and things consecrated to him, as well as those who are vested with his authority, his blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its visible head, our parents and superiors, our country and its leaders. He who is filled with the gift of piety finds the practice of his religion not a burdensome duty, but a

delightful service. Where there is love, there is no labor.

Prayer: Come, O blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle there such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in his service, and for his sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

(to be followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, seven Glory Be to the Fathers, the Act of Consecration and the Prayer for the Seven Gifts.)



he rth ay Mon., 2 June: The Gift of Fortitude

*You in toil are comfort sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.*

Leader: By the gift of Fortitude the soul is strengthened against natural fear, and supported to the end in the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to undertake without hesitancy even the most difficult tasks, to face dangers, to trample underfoot injustice or endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

Prayer: Come, O blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against the assaults of any enemy, that I may never be overcome and separated from you, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

(to be followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, seven Glory Be to the Fathers, the Act of Consecration and the Prayer for the Seven Gifts.)

he fifth ay Tues., 3 June: The Gift of Knowledge

*Light immortal! Light divine!
Visit these, your hearts, refine,
And our inmost being fill!*

Leader: The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth - in their relation to God. Knowledge unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity, and directs us to glorify him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first and prize the friendship of God above all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesses it."

Prayer: Come, O blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for your glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to you, and your eternal rewards, Amen.

(to be followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, seven Glory Be to the Fathers, the Act of Consecration and the Prayer for the Seven Gifts.)

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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	
11 May 2014	25,896.
Retired Priests	10,378.
Poor Box (3 weeks)	1,493.

SCRIP Profit for two weeks	324.
Year to Date:	\$7,575.

Thank you for your 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.

Catholic Communications Campaign Collection May 31 & June 1

Next week is the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará la Colecta para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación (CCC). Esta Colecta comunica el Evangelio mediante actividades católicas en los medios sociales y enriquece nuestra fe a través de el Internet, la televisión, la radio y la prensa escrita. La mitad de lo recaudado permanece en nuestra diócesis y financia las necesidades locales así que, por favor, sean generosos en esta colecta. La CCC nos equipa para compartir nuestra experiencia de fe, devoción y testimonio con el mundo.

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!

Watch next week for June's SHARE Food Order Form

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

Participation requires a commitment of one or two hours per month of service, per package of food ordered, in the parish or elsewhere. Any service given to someone else 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.

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

Bilingual Mass 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.

First Friday, June 6 All-night Adoration

Our First Friday evening Mass on June 6 will be the Mass for Holy Cross Academy Eighth Grade Graduation. It will take place at 7pm and all are invited to attend. Mass will be followed by All Night Adoration until 9am Saturday morning. Come and adore this gift of love in the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up today.

Eucharistic contemplation is to look at the One who is looking at me.
(Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa)

Pro Life Reflection

In a Culture of Life we recognize that miscarriage is the loss of an actual child, who is a person. Every reasonable effort should be made, therefore, to take the bodily remains of this child and commit them to the earth by a proper memorial service and burial. Such witness is a significant step to building a culture of life. *Father, I entrust to You today all children who died from miscarriage and ask You to console their families.*

St. Mary Prayer List

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Sr. Marie de Chantal, Nathan Tarantino, 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, 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 Steiniger, 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, Josephine Kreider

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 Elizabeth Tilitsky and Asencio Alvarez, as well as all the benefactors of St. Mary.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

may

26 MONDAY

9am +Anne Nguyen
Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

27 TUESDAY

6:30 Joe Rooney & Family
9am Dominick Eastman
Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

28 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Dorothy Courchaine
9am +Coeli Kenney
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

29 THURSDAY

6:30 Brian & Stephanie Cook
8:20* Roberto Canizares
9am +Rose Bettick
Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

30 FRIDAY

6:30 Loretta Albo
9am Robert D'Lugos
Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

31 SATURDAY

9am Alexandra Lara
5pm +Brian Retan
7pm +Adele St. Onge
Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56

june

1 SUNDAY

7am For the Parish
8:30 +Rita Gentile
10:30 Those who died in May
10:30* +Gustavo Colom
12:30pm Caroline Conneen
2pm +Jose Gonzalez
5pm Mickie Pett
7:01 Joseph Cascio
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

*indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy