

Ascension
of the Lord

1 June 2014



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



what's coming

june

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.
4:30pm, Holy Spirit Novena and Evening Prayer
6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

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

Religious Education Registration begins, Monday - Friday through July
8:30am, Holy Spirit Novena and Morning Prayer
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

8:30am, Holy Spirit Novena and Morning Prayer
10am, CCW Board Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7:30pm, Fredericksburg WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE,
at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. All are welcome
7:30pm, Renewed Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar, church.

4 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

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

5 Thursday, Boniface, bishop and martyr

8:30am, Holy Spirit Novena and Morning Prayer
9:45am, Craft Group, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7pm, Baptism Class, Parish Life Center 204. (*call the office to register, please*).

6 Friday, Easter Weekday (St. Norbert, bishop)

8:30am, Holy Spirit Novena and Morning Prayer
9:30am, Moms' Group "St. Anne's Sisters in Faith," John Paul II House.
7pm, Holy Cross GRADUATION Mass, church.
All-night Eucharistic Adoration immediately following Graduation Mass, church.

7 Saturday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.
2:30pm, Baptism Class in Spanish, Parish Life Center 204.
4:30pm, Holy Spirit Novena and Evening Prayer
6-6:30pm, PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY Meet our Nurses - outside church.
Chairs Raffle for WorkCamp and SCRIP Sales after Masses.
6-8:30pm, Family Dinner (hosted by Knights of Columbus), Parish Life Center.

8 Pentecost Sunday

Coffee and donuts after morning Masses. (CYM)
SCRIP Sales after Masses. WorkCamp Raffle Sales after Masses.
8am-4pm, PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY Meet our Nurses - outside church/Courtyard Room.
10am, Columbian Squires/Roses Meeting, John Paul II House.
3-7pm, PARISH PICNIC on the grounds of Holy Cross Academy,
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway, 22406.

9 Monday, Weekday (St. Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the church)

10am, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 100.
8:00pm, Young Adult Ministry meeting, John Paul II House.
8:15pm, TAIZE Ecumenical Prayer Service, church.



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nota bene (note well, please):

- ✚ Please plan to join us **Friday, June 13** for our first annual **Mass and Reception for the Renewal of Wedding Vows**. Mass at 7pm, reception to follow. **RSVP** no later than **Monday, June 9** to the parish office.
- ✚ **Religious Education Registration** for the 2014-15 school year begins Monday, June 2 in the parish office.
- ✚ Join our annual observance of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, this Tuesday, June 3**, at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 7pm.
- ✚ **Meet our new Parish Nurses** and learn more about our new Parish Health Ministry after Masses next weekend: 6-6:30pm on Saturday and 8am-4pm on Sunday, outside church or in Courtyard Meeting Room, depending on weather.
- ✚ **Sunday, June 8** is our **Annual Parish Picnic** held on the grounds of Holy Cross Academy, 3-7pm.
- ✚ **SCRIP is on sale** this weekend in the Parish Life Center after all Masses except Saturday 7pm and Sunday 2pm. Please use SCRIP and help our school.
- ✚ **Coffee and Donuts** are available after Sunday morning Masses in the Parish Life Center.
- ✚ **SHARE Food Orders for June** are due on the 16th. Please see the order form, p. 17.



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,

This week we find ourselves in the heart of the Novena to the Holy Spirit, as we sharpen our senses and listen more intently for his instruction. I truly believe that the world is desperately in need of a new Pentecost when the truth will be heard clearly and people will respond in love.

I thought I would include in the column today a quick catechesis of the Holy Spirit that Pope Francis gave while in the Holy Land this past weekend.

"Today's Gospel and this place to which, by God's grace, I have come as a pilgrim, invite us to meditate on the Holy Spirit and on all that he has brought about in Christ and in us. In a word, we can say that the Holy Spirit carries out three actions – he prepares, he anoints and he sends."

He explained, "At the baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus to prepare him for his mission of salvation. ... Yet the Holy Spirit, present from the beginning of salvation history, had already been at work in Jesus from the moment of his conception in the virginal womb of Mary of Nazareth ... and acted in Simeon and Anna on the day of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. ... They gave prophetic expression to the joy of encountering the Redeemer and, in a certain sense, served as a preparation for the encounter between the Messiah and the people. These various works of the Holy Spirit are part of a harmonious action, a sole divine plan of love. The mission of the Holy Spirit, in fact, is to beget harmony – he is himself harmony – and to create peace in different situations and between different people. Diversity of ideas and persons should not trigger rejection or prove an obstacle, for variety always enriches. So today, with fervent hearts, we invoke the Holy Spirit and ask him to prepare the path to peace and unity."

Secondly, "the Holy Spirit also anoints. He anointed Jesus inwardly and he anoints his

disciples, so that they can have the mind of Christ and thus be disposed to live lives of peace and communion. Through the anointing of the Spirit, our human nature is sealed with the holiness of Jesus Christ and we are enabled to love our brothers and sisters with the same love which God has for us. We ought, therefore, to show concrete signs of humility, fraternity, forgiveness and reconciliation. These signs are the prerequisite of a true, stable and lasting peace. Let us ask the Father to anoint us so that we may fully become his children, ever more conformed to Christ, and may learn to see one another as brothers and sisters. Thus, by putting aside our grievances and divisions, we can show fraternal love for one another."

Finally, the Holy Spirit sends. "Jesus is the one who is sent forth, filled with the Spirit of the Father. Anointed by the same Spirit, we also are sent as messengers and witnesses of peace. The world has much need of us as messengers of peace, witnesses of peace! The world needs this. The world asks us to bring peace and to be a sign of peace! Peace is not something which can be bought or sold; it is a gift to be sought patiently and to be 'crafted' through the actions, great and small, of our everyday lives. The way of peace is strengthened if we realize that we all of the same stock and members of the one human family; if we never forget that we have the same heavenly Father and are all his children, made in his image and likeness."

"It is in this spirit that I embrace all of you."

Pope Francis' comments go right to the heart of our understanding of right relationship with God and with one another. To be made in his image and likeness in every way, we acknowledge that, as persons, we have a role in finding our own fulfillment in the context of the community that forms out of the love of the Holy Spirit - the Church. We must, therefore, always turn to him for our help, the words to say, the inspiration to act. Most of all, we discover that he is love, and we seek him everywhere we go.

May God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy



*A National
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Thank you, Father Don

Father, Vicar, Cleric, Padre and Man of God are all synonyms for the title of priest. When we think of Father Don, a variety of other superlatives come to mind as well. He is most generous and kind, compassionate and understanding, hardworking and dedicated to service of others. This year he celebrates the 20th anniversary of his ordination and Holy Cross Academy thanked him in a special way.

We began with Mass on Thursday, May 22, and as our school prayed together we thanked God for giving us this hard-working and dedicated Pastor who models the true meaning of giving selflessly to help others. He is a leader and teacher in every sense and we are blessed that God has chosen him to guide us.

Father has fostered a genuine connection between our school and parish communities. To show our appreciation for this, our

faculty and staff purchased two trees. One tree will be planted at Holy Cross and the other at St. Mary. As each tree grows we will be reminded of the connection and unity Father has helped to build between the two. Each class wrote a special prayer for Father. These prayers along with a prayer from the faculty and staff were bound in a booklet and presented to Father after Mass. Finally, it's never a celebration without ice cream and cheers were heard for miles as Father announced this treat for all.

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 picnic

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.

Help is needed! The CCW staffs the food tent and we could use some more volunteers for this year's picnic. The time slots we have available are as follows:

2:45 till 4 p.m.; 4 till 5:15 p.m.; 5:15 till 6:30 p.m.; 6:30 till 7 p.m. to help with clean-up

We keep busy but it's joyful work, the shifts are not long and we enjoy our time there. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Joyce O'Toole at 540-371-2365 or tjotoole@verizon.net.

PICNIC AT A GLANCE

AMAZING games and rides.

—ponies, face painting astounding inflated things

LIVE MUSIC in concert: The Blue Tips Rhythm Revue

—also, demonstrations of martial arts and dances

TASTY food and drinks, 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 a non-perishable snack



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.

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 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.

first Holy Communion

We welcome these young people to the Table of the Lord for the first time this spring.

Gustavo Abraham
Victoria Adams
Jay Addis
Jeileen Aguilera
Nicholas Albavera
Alan Alvarez
Francis Ammaturo
Cadence Amorino
Jonathan Amorino
Andrew Appleton
Emely Ascencio
Diana Ascencio
Vincent Ascione
Riley Baker
Aidan Barchanowicz
Joseph Barrera
Jacob Bateman
Gustavo Bautista
Isabel Bautista
Alex Beachboard
Owen Benedict
Claire Bentley
Sara Beringer
Allison Berkes
James Bertram
Isabella Blessing

Cole Bornschein
Orin Branigan
Alexander Brito
Brandon Brito
Charles Brown
Emily Brown
Emily Burnett
Kyleigh Butler
Gia Byers
Bennett Byram
Andrew Carmical
Antony Carrizal-Gomez
Mary Carroll
Elvis Casiano
Entony Casiano
Yarelis Casiano
Mia Castillo
Dominic Catell
Christopher Cedillo
Bryan Cervantes
Christopher Chizuk
Lauren Chizuk
Young Min Choi
Andrew Cohn
Aidan Conrath
Daisy Contreras Garcia
Jessica Contreras Garcia
Juan Corral
Britney Corral
Melani Corral
Alexandra Covington
Maxwell Covington

Thomas Cowan
Charlotte Crane
Carson Crawford
Kyle Csikari
Margaret Cushing
Kaitlyn Damron
Ethan Danso
Brody Davis
Eric Dawkins
Alejandro Delgado
Danielle Dixon
William D'Lugos
Jacob Donovan
Charlotte Dreany
Mason Dubois
Austin Dunlap
Gabriella Duque
Martin Eastman
Isabella Ellenberger
Melissa Elvira
Catherine Escalante
Yaretzi Esquivel
Robert Esslinger
Dylan Estrada
Gloria Fabila/Lozano
Emely Flores
Emma Flynn
Larkspur Foreman
Colton Foster
Jorge Franco
Florence Franco Cruz
Cristofer Galvan

Daniela Gamboa
Kendall Ginder
Addison Gindlesperger
Abril Godinez
Mackenzie Goger
Steven Goins
Ivan Gonzalez
Jennifer Grados
Efrain Gutierrez
Yariani Gutierrez
Jacob Guzman
Mathias Guzman
Evan Hall
Kera Halstead
Dylan Hamilton
Lauren Hanson
Liam Harkins
Nayeli Hernandez
Gilberto Hernandez
Dominguez
Jaysen Hernandez/Ramirez
Erika Hornauer
William Hughes
Diego Iglesias
Tylen Jaeger
Grace Jochum
Matthew Johannes
Elyse Johns
Hayden Johnson
Lorenzo Johnson
Lauren Kapinos
Mareesa Kasper



Regis Keddie
 Brenton Kinnaman
 Oliver Lambert
 Maya LaPietra
 Christian Lauture
 Noah Lauture
 Aidan Lieb
 Noah Lohr
 Evelyn Lollmann
 Fabien Louis
 Madelyn Luck
 Henry Malin
 Ashley Manrique
 Erick Marte
 Julenny Marte
 Enrique Martinez
 Jordy Martinez
 Leah McCabe
 Haley McCarthy
 Larissa McDonald
 Ryleigh McNally
 Ryan McOsker
 Landon McVicar
 Gaston Medrano-Frias
 Kevin Melendez
 Morgan Mesterhazy
 Alyssa Miller
 Rachel Miller
 George Moncure
 Dominic Morello
 Dominique Muggeridge
 Manuel Murcia

Peter Murphy
 Jennifer Nguyen
 Brendan O'Brien
 Joseph O'Connor
 Antonio O'Donnell
 Henry O'Reilly
 Jose Ortega
 Isabel Ortner
 Annaliese Osorio
 Kelsea O'Toole
 Akash Pal
 Laurie Palma
 Katherine Patlan-Reyes
 Phillip Pawlica
 Darian Paz
 Cristian Peralta
 Edwin Peralta
 Amy Perdomo
 Alanis Perez
 Sydney Pettit
 Jacob Powell
 Molly Puckett
 Jack Quillen
 Emma Rau
 Ian Rau
 Owen Rau
 Angel Reza
 Alexandra Richards
 Jessica Rico
 Leah Rios
 Jesus Rios
 Misael Robles-Nava

Ramon Robles-Nava
 Adam Rock
 Alexa Rodriguez
 Bryan Rodriguez
 Fernando Rodriguez
 Jaime Rodriguez
 Juan Rodriguez
 Mario Rodriguez
 Aiden Rong
 Hunter Ronquest
 Trevor Ross
 Cecilia Rotsch
 Rojelio Ruiz
 Isabel Salzano
 Celissa Samora-Nixon
 Giancarlo Santiago
 Lucian Santillo
 Nathan Scharf
 John Schoenberger
 Duayne Scott
 Emmanuel Servin
 Jaden Sheek
 Jestin Sheek
 Jordan Sheek
 Neil Skrobacz
 Mark Smetek
 Javier Smith
 Trenton Smith
 Taylor Stephenson
 Jason Stoker
 Blake Stroup
 Madeleine Stup

Claire Theberge
 Arabella Thelen
 Samuel Thome
 Abigail Thompson
 Vito Torres
 Yadira Tovar-Medina
 Kamryn Troy
 Benjamin Valentine
 Karla Valle
 Emma Vanliew
 Victor Vazquez
 Alejandro Ventura
 Javier Ventura
 Sofia Ventura
 Alan Vidal-Masqueda
 Lizeth Vidal-Masqueda
 Brian Jose Villatoro
 Charlotte Vorder Bruegge
 Hayden Wallace
 Saylor Ward
 Maylynn Watson
 Dawson Way
 Madison Wildman
 India Wisniewski
 McKenna Withers
 John Woods
 Claire Wortman
 Joshua Young
 Alejandra Zamora
 Axel Zamora
 Edgar Zavala
 Marlin Zavala



parish life

come to life

Join Christians from Fredericksburg Churches for our annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gathering, June 3

This Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:30pm we will gather at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church downtown for our annual Fredericksburg observance of the international Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Normally celebrated between January 18 and 25, we come together just before Pentecost this year because our plans for January were canceled by snow.

For more than 100 years now the World Council of Churches, in collaboration with the Catholic Church and the Friars of the Atonement, have gathered to pray for an end to the sad divisions which hold Christian Communion apart. Realizing that it is something that only the Holy Spirit can mend, the Churches of Jesus Christ held together by the common bond of baptism call upon that Spirit of God to come, and heal us.

Please don't miss this chance to join us. The Methodist Church is located downtown at the corner of Hanover and Princess Anne Streets, 308 Hanover. A reception will follow.

June Family Dinner

The June Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sat., June 7 from 6 to 8:30pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes baked spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread, and strawberry short cake. The profits will be donated to Catholic Charities. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults \$7, Seniors (60&up) \$6, Teens \$6, Children (7-12) \$5, Children (under 7) Free. THE MAX COST PER FAMILY IS \$25.



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!



Electronic Offertory Giving with Faith Direct available for sign up in two weeks

This month, the weekend of June 15, we are introducing a new and exciting way for you to support our parish offertory: *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through your Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover credit cards. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

For parishioners currently giving electronically, *Faith Direct* will be replacing our current electronic giving process, so we ask you to "make the change" as soon as you can.

With *Faith Direct*, the parish will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket.

Of course, enrollment is voluntary, but many parishes and their members around the country have experienced a win-win with *Faith Direct*. To learn more about the many benefits of contributing to our parish via *Faith Direct*, please visit www.faithdirect.net.

Fathers' Day Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your father, living or deceased – or your grandfather, godfather or someone who is like a father to you. Beginning June 15, Fathers' 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. Fathers' Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Parish Office.

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



A New Parish Tradition: Marriage Renewal Mass and Reception Friday, June 13 at 7pm!!

PLEASE NOTE: The Date given in last week's bulletin was **incorrect!** The Mass and Reception will be held on the 13th.

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 Monday, June 9th.

Una tradición nueva parroquial: Renovación del Matrimonio Misa y recepción, Viernes, 13 de junio, a las 7.

FAVOR DE NOTAR: La fecha en el boletín pasado era incorrecta! La Misa y recepción estará el día 13 de junio, no el 20!!

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 lunes 9 de junio, por favor.

Legion of Mary

Spiritual Direction, Prayer, Active Works. Meaningful fellowship that makes a difference. Is this "Pathway to Holiness" of interest? Come and see! 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. gcarneal@cox.net

CCW Circle of Love Ministry

The Council of Catholic Women 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.

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.



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.

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.

religious ed

Last Week of Class Completed

Classes began all week with May Crownings of Our Lady. Children then placed flowers in front of the statue after which catechists issued Perfect Attendance Certificates to deserving students. Congratulations! After the coronation students returned to their classrooms to evaluate the school year and enjoy the activities prepared for them by their teachers and parents. After the Closing Prayer students were reminded that classes resume the week of September 8-11. They were also reminded to continue attending Sunday Mass.

Registration for Religious Education

Begins June 1st in the Parish Office from Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration is offered at a special cost in June: fees are \$45.00 per child or \$100.00 for 3 or more children.

Recruiting Catechists

Over 1,000 children and young people, preschool through grade 12, will sign up this summer to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith.

You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist or other volunteer in the Office Religious Education. Classes are held Monday to Thursday, 4:45 to 6:00 pm and 6:30 to 7:45 pm. On Thursday only the first session is held. On Tuesdays a session is also held at Holy Cross Academy from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Please sign up to volunteer weekly in one of 8 sessions. Classes begin the week of September 8-11. For more information, contact Karen Sturtevant at the Parish Office or call 540-373-6491.

Master Catechist

We seek experienced catechists who are ready to deepen their knowledge and develop skills to lead catechist training sessions. The program provides spiritual formation and doctrinal grounding based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Graduates are certified by the Office of Catechetics to provide catechist enrichment and training in parishes throughout the Arlington diocese. Applications are now being accepted for classes beginning in September. To apply or obtain further information, please contact Aristides Lucas, your parish DRE or our pastor, Fr. Don Rooney at 540-373-6491.

...come, Holy Spirit,"

The Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts

Days 6-9 conclude the novena this 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 reverence 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 s i x t h a y Wed., 4 June: The Gift of Understanding

*If you take your grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.*

Leader: Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us grasp the meaning of the truths of our faith. By faith we know them, but by understanding we learn how to appreciate and treasure them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life. Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive, but inspires a mode of life that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is within us; we begin to "walk worthy of God in all things pleasing, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Prayer: Come, O Spirit of Understanding and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in your Light. In the light of that glory may we have a clear vision of you, and the Father and the Son. 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 v e n t h a y Thursday, 5 June: The Gift of Counsel

*Heal our wounds--our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew,
Wash the stains of guilt away.*

“fill the hearts of your faithful...

Leader: The gift of the Counsel endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstances.

Counsel applies the principles furnished by knowledge and understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duties as parents, teachers, public servants and Christian citizens. Counsel is a supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure on the journey to salvation. “Above all these things, pray to the Most High, that he may direct your way in truth.”

Prayer: Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do your holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil. Direct me by the path of your commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. 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 i g h t h a y Friday, 6 June: The Gift of Wisdom

*Bend the stubborn heart and will,
Melt the frozen, warm the chill.
Guide the steps that go astray.*

Leader: Embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of Wisdom it is written: “all good things came to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands.” It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, while the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Savior: “Take up your cross and follow me, for my yoke is sweet and my burden, light.”

Prayer: Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach me

to love them above and beyond the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help me to attain them and possess them forever. 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 n i n t h a y Sat., 7 June: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

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

Leader: The gifts of the Holy Spirit perfect the supernatural virtues by enabling us to practice them with hearts open to divine inspiration. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit, our service becomes more sincere and generous, the practice of virtue more perfect. Such acts of virtue leave the heart filled with joy and consolation and are known as the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive and become a powerful incentive for still greater efforts in the service of God, to serve who is to reign.

Prayer: Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with your heavenly fruits: your charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to your inspiration may merit to be united eternally with you in the love of the Father and the Son. 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.)



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.

"If you see love, you see the Trinity." (St. Augustine)

Mass Intentions for April

Masses were offered in April for the following unscheduled intentions: Mary Lou McGonigle, Barbara Michalski, Oblate Sisters, Emily Sturtevant, +Joseph Savage, Jr., Marie Jessup, Rita Clancy, Perla Guacena, Mark Doherty, +Margaret and Frank Clancy, Jr., +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: The Hall Family, Nathan Tarantino, Catherine Gordon, John Castagna, Tyler Hansen, Meredith Whatcott, Julie Fabula, Amelia McDewitt, 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, Mina Logan, Romalie Vonaime, David Vonaime

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 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 Nick Kennedy and Nancy Lynne Mercer, as well as all the benefactors of St. Mary.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

June

2 MONDAY

6:30 Sr. Franzeska Jozefa
9am +Wehman Family
Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

3 TUESDAY

6:30 +Barbara Fratis
9am +Augustine Astier
Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

4 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Ana Bernaola
9am +Barbara Mertens
Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

5 THURSDAY

6:30 +Rafael Fineza
8:20* Ken Camp
9am +William Burke
Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

6 FRIDAY

6:30 +Majorie Vermaelen
9am +Charles R. Cummings
8pm +Charlie Gagliardi
Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

7 SATURDAY

9am +Joseph Savage
5pm Mary Alling
7pm Anne Doherty
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

8 SUNDAY

7am Rev. Keith Cummings
8:30 For the Parish
10:30 Maria Pham Thi Nu & +Rose Vu Thi Man
10:30* Bill Sampson
12:30pm +Michael Worden
2pm +Mariaconce Medinade
5pm Sarrina Manzano
7:01 +Dorothy C. Johnson
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

For the additional Mass intentions that were offered in April, please see column at left.

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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 held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection	
11 May 2014	40,147.
Retired Priests (add'l)	3,219.
Poor Box	370.
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.

The Second Collection for June 7/8 is for the Parish Building Fund.

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!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our 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 three exits in the church.

Retiring Old Glory

American Heritage Girls Troop VA0128 will be collecting worn, torn, and faded flags for the Quantico flag retirement ceremony in June. There will be a collection box after all Masses on Sunday June 1st and Sunday June 8th. If you have an old flag, we will make sure it is "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag.

You can contact Annette Fitzgerald with any questions 540-972-3876.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for June

Our Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of June will be donated to Hope House, which was established in 1987 to serve homeless women and their children from the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, and King George. Hope House is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), transitional facility where homeless women and their children can stay up to two years. Hope House provides safe housing and the opportunities to transition to successful, independent living. Hope House also provides a childcare program that demonstrates excellence in childcare and ensures academic success. For more information visit their website at www.hopehouseva.org.

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

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

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

