



**Easter Sunday
of the
Resurrection
of the LORD**

5 april 2015

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



what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

april

5 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

There will be NO other Masses at the Church on Easter Sunday.

8am, 10:15, 12:30pm (bilingual):

Celebration of the Resurrection of the LORD,

Fredericksburg Expo Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway.

6 Monday within the Octave of Easter

No Religious Education classes this week.

Parish offices closed.

7 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

10am, CCW Board Meeting, Parish Life Center, 100.

8 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

9 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, 100.

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

7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

10 Friday within the Octave of Easter

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms Group), J P II House.

6:30pm, Prayers and Squares meeting, Parish Life Center, 204.

11 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8am, CCW Yard Sale, Parish Life Center.

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.

SCRIP on sale after 5pm Mass.

12 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (CYM).

CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, PLC.

SCRIP sales after all Masses, except 2pm Mass.

13 Monday, Easter Weekday (Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr)

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program.

8:15pm, Taize Prayer Service, Church.

14 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.

Noon, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center.

8pm, Introduction to "Renewed Life in the Spirit" program, PLC.

15 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Women's group, Courtyard Room.

16 Thursday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, 100.

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

7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Ctr, 204.

7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

17 Friday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms Group), JP II House.

7pm, BUNCO, Parish Life Center.

18 Saturday, Easter Weekday

6pm, Knights of Columbus Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

TICKETS ON SALE



Saint Mary Parish Night Out 2015

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could
be you

Saturday, 25 April 2015

UMW Jepson Center

Cash Bar 6:30pm

7pm Dinner & Dancing

Tickets are \$75 each.

Information? Call Marty

Bridi 540-373-0259

Entertainment by the

Andrew Thielen Big Band

nota bene (note well, please):

- ✂ Parish offices will be closed tomorrow (Monday) for the Easter holiday.
- ✂ The CCW's **Yard Sale** next Saturday from 8am to 2pm in the Parish Life Center. You can bring donations to the Sale during this week, please call for information.
- ✂ **Divine Mercy Devotions** will be held next Sunday in the church following the Spanish Mass, about 3:15pm.
- ✂ Plan to attend our **Mental Health Summit for Teens** April 18.
- ✂ Come join the celebration at our 8th annual **Parish Night Out** dinner and dance, April 25. See details at left.
- ✂ The Council of Catholic Women **Mother Daughter Tea** is April 25.
- ✂ **Vocations Sunday at Saint Mary** is April 26, and we will welcome Bishop Loverde to join us for the Spanish Mass that weekend.
- ✂ Mark your calendars: Our **PARISH PICNIC** will happen at Holy Cross Academy on Sunday, June 7 in the afternoon.
- ✂ Be sure to keep up on all that is happening at St. Mary by subscribing with your email address at our home page, lower right corner, at www.stmaryfred.org!

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm All Night Adoration, First Friday Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
CONFESSION	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i> Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Lino Rico Rostro Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Sacred Music, David Mathers Secretary, Mary Fitch
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
HEALTH MINISTRY	845-3031 Steven Haughton, RN, and Beth Palacios, RN
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.

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

this week's bulletin:

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from our pastor



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Please receive our best wishes for Easter joy and blessings to you and your families during these happy days of Easter. The Lord is risen, indeed, and we are changed.

Throughout these Holy Days of Jesus' passion, and death and resurrection, we have found a continuing theme and profound reflection on the power of remembrance.

At the Last Supper, Jesus' own words are "*Do this in remembrance of me,*" and we spoke about how Jesus' own understanding of that word is quite different from our way of remembering an event or feeling in our lives. The power of our memory, with sacramental grace, makes the event *not happen again*, but the "present moment" when that event happened is made really present to us *now*, at this moment in time. Of course, Jesus knew what he was doing. When he says "*This is my body,*" it is not only at that evening hour before his arrest that it happened. God is not limited by time, and what God does, God does once, for all time. All moments are saturated by God's eternal moment. Our humanity is forever saturated by Jesus' desire for Communion with us, changed by his being really present—"present" in the sense of the word meaning both *here* and *now*.

It continues on Good Friday. Having received recently the new translation of the Mass, there is a word that we use now that we didn't use before, the word "conciliation." It is an interesting word, given in definition as "the action of stopping someone from being angry, placation," or "the action of mediating between two disputing persons or groups." The prayers of the Mass always refer to the Eucharist as the *act of conciliation*, that which could not have occurred in absence of Jesus' offering of himself on Calvary, for us and for our salvation. For you. Once again, our memory, combined with sacramental grace, makes this moment now: both in Eucharist and in confession. Our work is a work of re-remembering, re-presenting, re-conciliation. It is the work of union with God.

This mystery of our memory is something that is most undeveloped as an integral part of our spirituality. Memory requires prior experience, it also requires a desire to recall. Maybe I'm just getting older, but I seem to hold onto the things

that I know I must remember, and don't retain so readily the mundane details, routine minutiae of everyday life. Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas, however, give much importance to the memory. Without it, both say, we could not be fully human. It is likely one of the things that sets us apart from "lower forms" of life, the ability to learn, to apply knowledge to circumstances in the form of wisdom, helping us to not make the same mistakes over and over. But also to do the good and noble things of our exalted humanity over and over! Imagine how frustrating it might be to glimpse the truth only once, and know that it was gone from that moment forward.

Today I think about my Uncle John: he is in memory care in Kansas City. He remembers his family. The last time I visited I loaded a bunch of 50 year-old family photos in my phone. He was delighted to see them and remembered all of them and told many stories. But he can't tell you what day it is, or what he had, or even if he had, breakfast. He forgets that you came to see him and is pleasantly surprised while you are sitting there with him: "When did you get here?," he smiles.

All his life he went to Mass every day. It was the most important thing to him. And he took Communion every day to people in nursing homes. Now, at Villa Saint Francis, he goes to Mass every day still. They tell me he knows every prayer, sings all the hymns, finds moments of great peace in the middle of days that are confusing and frustrating for him, as he realizes he is losing his grip on memory. If you ask him, he can never tell you whether he went to Mass or not that day, though he did. But notice, he hasn't lost his grip on the present moment, only of his memory of it.

Of course, when we are in heaven, everything (and I mean *everything*) is now, everything we have ever or will ever know. There will be no need of memory, it will all be the moment of blinding flash, joy of new life. It will be fresh morning and empty tombs, all will be alive and all potential will be fulfilled. The moment of sacrament, a song that fills our senses and a complete peace we have never known—there will be no longer past and future.

But for now, we are people of hope, living in a prayer and a song we call to mind, a memory of God's great love for us in Jesus. Alleluia!
God bless you.

Fr. Don

holy cross academy

Openness to the love of Jesus

Our Holy Cross Academy and St. Mary Preschool faculty, staff and students wish you a most blessed and joyous Easter! May you be filled with the peace and the joy of the Risen Christ.

Our children delight and amaze us in so many ways. We are enriched by their openness to the love of Jesus. What a joy for us to share the message of Christ with them and to help them to grow into the people he is calling them to be.

We are justifiably proud of their academic success as they move forward to the challenges of high school, and eventually college. As a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, we work to keep our academic standards high and to challenge each student to do his or her best.

Our children share their many artistic, musical and personal gifts with us and with our community. Throughout the year we are delighted by their achievements in the arts, athletics and other areas of enrichment.

Their hearts are open to serve and they join enthusiastically in our many service opportunities. They are willing to meet the needs of their brothers and sisters both here in our own community and in far countries.

Our Holy Cross Academy community is a very special place. We invite you to come and see us and learn all about our school.

If you want to learn about our school and what we can do for your child, make an appointment to come see our school by calling us at 540-286-1600. We are currently registering all grades for the 2015-2016 school year. You can also visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. For St. Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. Our school is a place where each child can flourish, grow and learn. 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 opportunities we provide for our students.



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religious education

There are no Religious Education classes this week. Classes resume the week of April 13-16.

Easter Greetings

Christ, our Hope, is Risen!

In the Risen Christ, we see the love and fidelity of God; in the Risen Christ, we build a community of faith; in the Risen Christ, we are given in love, called in love.

Christ, our Hope, is Risen!

A Blessed Easter to all!

First Communion 2015

Parents have signed up their children to receive First Holy Communion at one of the Saturday vigil Masses or Sunday Masses on the following dates: **April 18 and 19; April 25 and 26; May 2 and 3; May 9 and 10; May 16 and 17.** At the Mass the children will sit with their families. When their family goes for Holy Communion the child will accompany them and receive First Holy Communion.

Just before the Final Blessing the children who have received First Holy Communion will be invited by the priest to line up around the altar steps to be acknowledged by the congregation.

Vacation Bible School

Saint Mary will host Vacation Bible School **June 22-26** from 9am to 12 noon each day. VBS is for rising K-5th graders. **Registration begins May 4.**



you are invited

POPE FRANCIS:

"I invite all Christians to a renewed encounter with Christ."

Every other Tuesday evening from Easter to Pentecost from 7:15-9pm in the Church:
April 14, 28;
May 12, 26.



"Introduction to Renewed Catholic Life in the Spirit" is a formation experience that invites participants to establish or deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, leads them to experience an awakening of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism and Confirmation, and to life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

To register call the Parish Office at 373-6491. Voluntary donation of \$10 to cover the cost of materials.

After Confirmation

Confirmation gives us the grace to strengthen our life with Jesus and live as his true witnesses. As the first teachers of their teenagers, we ask parents to keep encouraging their daughters and sons to continue in the program of religious formation through the end of the year and into the Youth Ministry program in the years to follow. Visit stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry/ for more information.



There will be no CYM Dinner or HS Youth Group on Easter Sunday.

High School Youth Group—Sunday nights

Join 55-70 of your peers for dinner following the 5pm Mass and then stay for a night of ice breakers, powerful talks about our Catholic faith and current issues occurring in teens lives. If you want to find the fulfillment of all your desires, understand why you are here on this earth, and have a ridiculously good time while doing all of the above, then this is your place! Friends are always welcome.

Youth Group begins at 7pm and ends at 8:30pm.

YOUCAT—Wednesday nights

For High School teens interested in going deeper in their Catholic faith join us **Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 8pm** in the John Paul II house. We'll discuss theology, Church teaching in a teen friendly small group format that is engaging and dynamic. This smaller, more intimate setting is a great for those who enjoy a smaller crowd.

Middle School Bash

The BASH is the largest Diocesan event for middle school-aged teens in our area. We gather to celebrate our faith and love of the Lord! Over 500 hundred students gather for hours of music, inspirational speakers, inflatable games, food and Saturday night Vigil Mass. This year the BASH will take place on **Saturday, April 25**. See our website for a permission slip and details.



adults keep going!

So Far: An Amazing Year in Faith Formation for Adults at Saint Mary.

We are thrilled to announce that we have just completed 120 consultations from our most recent **Called & Gifted** Gifts Discernment Workshop held in February. **A total of 498 parishioners have completed one or more segments** of the instructional portion of the discernment process. The continuing program invites all members of our community to come back together in small groups to hear, share and discuss how God might be calling each of us to use our Baptism gifts to witness Christ's love, to serve one another, and to build up of his church.

Also this past week, we celebrated the conclusion of our **Lenten Small Groups** series that brought together 43 groups of friends (some new) and neighbors, over 400 participants from Saint Mary, to read Scripture, to share their faith experiences with one in other in love and hospitality, and be transformed.

In the next several weeks, three additional groups will finish their spring sessions of bible study; the **Gospel of Matthew** Bible Study held Thursday mornings, the women's program(s), **Walking with Purpose** held Wednesday evenings and **Choosing the Better Part** meeting Thursday evenings.

So What's Next?

Many have expressed how wonderful each of these programs have provided opportunities to grow deeper in their faith and a personal relationship with God and the

chance to get to know fellow parishioners, drawn together in Christ, praying with one another moving forward in Discipleship.

For those who have completed the Called & Gifted Workshop and the Discernment consultation, **we invite you to respond to our invitation to our small group sessions forming shortly after Easter.** You will receive an email with dates and times that should meet most every schedule. The door is not closed on **scheduling a consultation** for those who have completed any of the three workshops since September. Please contact the parish office and we will make arrangements to speak with you. Our hope is that in the next several months, we will offer **another Called & Gifted Workshop** to continue to build on the Holy Spirit's work in our parish community.

In addition, for those who have completed the Lenten Small Group series or any of the other study groups, including Called & Gifted, you are invited to consider the following options for further formation and study:

Quest

— A lectionary based program that reflects on the upcoming Sunday readings (like BeTransformed), Quest publishes three books a year (fall, winter/spring and summer) which allows a group to decide the frequency they would like to meet. Quest comes with opening and closing prayers (with a music CD), written commentary on the Sunday readings and small group discussion questions. The participant fee is about \$8 per semester. For more information on Quest go to <http://www.sccquest.org/quest/quest.html>. Groups can meet

weekly, biweekly, or monthly. Each group is free to set their own meeting schedule.

Matthew Kelly's "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic"

Four things make the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics: *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. Whether you are ready to let God take your spiritual life to the next level or want to help reinvigorate your parish, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* promises to take you on a journey that will help you to live out the genius of Catholicism in your everyday life. This book seeks to change the way we live our faith and the way we teach our faith. It has a downloadable study guide, providing materials for groups to meet for six sessions. It requires that participants read the chapters associated with each session in advance of a meeting, and includes opening and closing prayers, and questions for discussion for each session. Groups can choose the frequency of meetings i.e.: weekly for six weeks, bimonthly for 3 months or monthly for six months. The fee is \$3 per book for orders of 6 or more and books can be ordered at <http://cart.dynamiccatholic.com/Bulk-The-Four-Signs-of-a-Dynamic-Catholic-p/fs-sc-multi.htm>.

Option III

For those who are interested in choosing their own topic or book, a simpler format for small groups. Please contact the parish office for a group facilitation guide. The format begins and ends with prayer, and includes questions to help group members discern how they have grown in their spiritual life since the last meeting.

from our bishop rejoice today



April 5, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord Jesus,

As you are aware, I urged us in my Lenten message to implore the Lord Jesus to form our hearts, so that we would emerge at Lent's end as a people whose hearts beat in accord with His. Strengthened by prayer, purified by fasting and other forms of penance, and committed to almsgiving, our hearts are now more in sync with the Heart of Jesus Christ, on fire with love for Him and for all our brothers and sisters, especially for those most in need.

We have more intentionally been united to the Lord Jesus as we relived His suffering, death, and resurrection through our participation in the liturgies of the Easter Triduum. As we rejoice this Easter Day in Our Savior's triumph over sin and death, we are keenly aware that we too must continue to share in His triumph, dying to our self-centeredness and living instead for the Lord and for others.

During Lent, we were re-created, so that in the weeks and months ahead, the power of Christ's love may be at work in us, enabling us to be "missionary disciples" as we invite those we encounter to come to Jesus, so as to experience His transforming love themselves. Just like the first disciples, we are sent forth by the Risen Lord Jesus to evangelize, primarily by our witness in daily life, but also in our conversations and dialogue. An aspect of our witness embraces our reaching out to the needy in practical ways, so as to make visible Jesus Christ's loving care for them.

The Risen Lord Jesus will transform our hearts in answer to our request that He do so. With hearts formed like His, we can truly live as His disciples, witnesses to the power of His risen life at work in us.

Keeping you in daily prayer through this Easter season and beyond, I remain

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

**Para leer
el Mensaje
Pascual del
Obispo, favor de
visitar el sitio
web de Saint
Mary:**

[www.stmaryfred.org/
2015easter-message-
en-espanol/](http://www.stmaryfred.org/2015easter-message-en-espanol/)

community happening here

Annual yard sale

The Council of Catholic Women has planned our **annual yard sale for Saturday April 11, 8am to 2pm**, the Saturday after Easter, in the Parish Life Center. Please consider donating your unused treasures to help the parish and community charities the CCW supports.

Drop off items at the Parish Life Center on **April 8-9** (9:30–11:30am and 4:30–7pm) and **April 10** (9:30am–7pm).

We are accepting plants, books, DVD's, jewelry, toys, baby and children's articles (no clothing), handbags, luggage, medical, electronics, furniture and other household items. **Definitely no shoes or clothing!** Thank you for your ongoing support and

please remember to come back to the **sale on Saturday, April 11.**

Start Walking

The **Walking program starts April 11 and continues every Saturday until June 27th.** The program takes a break in July and August, and resumes September 5 through October 31. Call your parish nurse or Health Ministry team member for more information at 540-845-3031 or the parish office at 540-373-3261.

Know your numbers

Join us **April 11, from 7am-8:30am** in the Courtyard Meeting room and get to "Know your Numbers." For a fee of \$12 (to cover the cost of finger stick kits), an RN will check your

cholesterol, glucose, HDL, LDL & Triglycerides. Blood pressure check included. For near to accurate results, participants cannot eat and drink, except water, 8 hours prior to test time. Please call your parish nurse at **540-845-3031 to register.** We only have a few of this kits, please register early.

Senior Luncheon

The next senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday, April 14, 2015.** Doors open at noon and lunch is served at 12:15pm. All seniors in the parish are invited. For additional information, call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580. Entertainment will be provided till 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish.



Join us August 2—12 for our annual parish trip to:



Ireland
ALL WELCOME
AUGUST 2015

\$3500 is an amazing price for the height of tourist season: invite family and friends to join us, seats are filling up! Our trip will include:

Dublin - Historic center, Grafton Street, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Dublin Castle; **Boyne Valley** - Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth; St. Ciaran's monastery **Clonmacnoise** and **Galway City**; Shrine of Our Lady of **Knock**; **Cliffs of Moher**, **Killarney** and beautiful **Dingle Peninsula**; **Blarney** and **Cork** - Cobh Heritage Center, **Waterford**, the Rock of Cashel and **Carlow**; St. Kevin's monastery **Glendalough**, and back to **Dublin**.



\$3,500 complete, includes roundtrip airfare. If you are interested, we need people to make reservations quickly, we are currently holding 40 seats. Contact Margaret Ford at Fredericksburg Travel, 373-6900 for arrangements or call Margaret or Fr. Rooney if you have any questions. **Join us!**

community happening here

Parish Book Club: April selection

A classic of Christian apologetics, *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis (1898-1963) is a witty and a comprehensive overview of the basics of Christianity. The parish book club will discuss this scholarly yet very approachable book on Tuesday, **April 14, at 10am** in the John Paul II House. More information: Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com.

Cursillo weekends

Come and discover the Cursillo community! The **Men's Weekend is April 16-19**. The retreat is wonderful opportunity to deeply reflect on your relationship with Christ and to grow as a member of the Christian community. The

retreats will be held at the Missionhurst retreat center in Arlington. To register or for more information, please contact Joyce Bodoh at 540-521-0588 or joycebodoh@gmail.com.

Mother/Daughter Tea

Saturday, April 25 is the date, 2pm is the time, and the place is the Parish Life Center which will be turned into a "Walk Through our Garden" with the lovely sounds of a harp. Join us for our fabulous Mother/Daughter Tea. This event is open to all women of the parish but limited to the first 120 ticket purchases. If you attended last year you know how fantastic everything was, a bargain at just \$10 per person. Scrumptious food, delicious tea, beautiful decorations, special entertainment and some great door prizes—all to be repeated

this year. Tickets available from members of the CCW.

Men's Group

Looking for a chance to strengthen your faith while enjoying some good food & drink? Come join with other men of the parish to discuss issues relevant to work, family, and friendship in a casual environment at the Blue & Gray Brewing Co. each month. Since the Church is often called a "hospital for sinners" isn't it fitting we have our own Doctors of the Church? For the next several months we're going to be reading about each of them and discussing their lives & contributions to the Church. **We meet on the LAST Friday of the month at 7:30pm**. Contact Mike Bostain (mrbbostain@verizon.net) for more information.

"Approaching Triduum"

by Maura Harrison

*"O Christians, it's time
to defend your King
and to accompany him
in such great solitude."*

--St. Teresa of Avila

Come, veil the moment, your concerns tamed and woven rough.
Drape your shoulders heavy, burlap shields of tough.
Ease his step, lay down your palms of prayer, abundant whispers thrill
until slowly, in the slow of sway, you reach the brink of still.

Come, be blind, let colors bleed, let the shadows steep,
know the garden lulls, it pulls, help your king to weep.
Noise bites the crowd of cries, sin's sabre looks for food
so clean your wounds, gather silence, and wield the grain of wood.

Fall deaf, into your heart, back into your seed,
Into his great solitude, in communion be received.
And in the morning, the triumph of your empty tomb is gifted
As through him, with him, in him, you rise to life uplifted.

ministries

getting involved

Here is a quick guide to getting involved at Saint Mary.
You are welcome.

MINISTRIES

MINISTRY LEADERS

CONTACT INFORMATION

Education

Adult Religious Education
Youth Ministry/Work Camp
English as a Second Language
Parish Religious Education
Holy Cross Academy
RCIA
Vacation Bible School

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Liturgy

Adult, Youth, Children Choirs
Altar Servers
Altar Servers (Funerals)
Altar Society
Extraordinary Ministers
E.M.s for the Homebound
Folk Choir
Hospitality: Greeters
Hospitality: Ushers
Lectors
Seasonal Decorators
Spanish Choir

David Mathers
Vicky Kopcak
Ann Graf
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Operations Committee
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Outreach

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Ecumenical & Interreligious
Family Services / C. Charities
Homeless Shelter Dinners
Jail/Prison Ministry
Manna Project (Food Bank)
Micah Cold Night Shelter
Micah Community Dinners

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Lee Ann Pompeii
Patti Kaila
Margaret Schlacter
Mike and Susan Hamann
Rick Caporali (Temp)
Steve Keene (Mon. dinners)
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ministries

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Parish Life

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Ancient Order of Hibernians
 Birthright
 Book Club
 Called and Gifted Program
 Columbian Squires; Roses
 Council of Catholic Women

Craft Group (CCW)
 Cursillo
 Funeral Reception Committee
 Gardens Committee
 Global Prayer Ministry
 Homeschoolers Group
 Knights of Columbus
 Legion of Mary - Mon. Morning
 Legion of Mary - Wed. Evening
 Lenten Small Groups
 Life in the Spirit
 Magdalenes

Mary's Shelter
 Men's Group

Over 40 Catholic Singles
 Parish Food Chain
 Parish Life Committee
 Prayers and Squares (CCW)
 Respect Life Ministry
 Retreats Coordinator
 Secular Franciscans Order
 Senior Luncheon Committee
 Spanish Prayer Group
 St. Ann's Sisters in Faith
 Vocations Committee
 Welcoming New Parishoners
 Young Adults
 Youth - American Heritage Girls
 Youth - Cub Scout Pack 1410
 Youth - Boy Scout Troop 1410
 Youth - Daisy Troop 5018
 Youth - Brownie Troop 430
 Youth - Brownie Troop 5377
 Youth - Girl Scout Troop 522
 Youth - Girl Scout Troop 3009
 Youth - Girl Scout Troop 5225

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Join us as we journey to the dedication of our Oblate Sisters' new convent in Pella. Due to the generosity of Saint Mary parish and many friends of the Oblate Sisters, the house is nearly complete and will be blessed and dedicated on July 18th. During our trip we will visit the beautiful, historic capital of Cape Town, travel to majestic Table Mountain, visit several Oblate Sisters' Mission, and participate in two Game Drives (safaris).



beautiful church is considered a marvel of architecture situated in the desert. It was designed and built by hand by the first Oblate Fathers as they founded the Oblate missions in South Africa. Their history can be viewed in Pella's museum.

July 20-24

Travel into Namibia. Experience Oblate life in our missions. After

participating in two Safaris, return to beautiful Cape Town and continue our tour of this lovely capital.

Land and Air Per Person Price
Twin accommodation 4,291.
Single accommodation 4,591.
Triple accommodation 4,191.
Tour prices are based on 10-12 passengers traveling together (flight is about \$2K).

July 14-17

Departure from Dulles Airport with a transfer in Amsterdam. Arrive in South Africa and enjoy the wonders of Cape Town. As we begin our journey north, we will stop by our Oblate Mission in Koelenhof.

July 18-19

Travel north in South Africa to Pella for the consecration of our new convent. Spend the day visiting Pella Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This



WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

let us pray

You are invited to join a new ministry!**Please join and pray with us.**

With firm faith in the power of prayer and through the convenience of social media, we are announcing a new ministry this weekend, which we are calling **"Global Prayer Ministry."** Once a week, we will send out a specific intention to all who are registered by your choice of email or text. Our hope is that we all will pray **at the same time at Noon on Fridays** for five or ten minutes for the intention that was sent. **Simply text "Prayer" to 845-76.** You will receive a confirmation message AND another message asking you to **CLICK** a link to give your name and email address to join our group.

For those that do not have a cell phone but wish to join, you can do so via the internet. Please visit new.flocknote.com/StMaryCatholicChurchFre1/GlobalPrayerMin.

Global Prayer Ministry**Saint Mary prayer list**

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:

The Carlos Ortiz Family, Martha Ferrara, Harold Gardiner, Betty Ann & Bill Dateno, the Goldsmith Family, Shaun Williams, Lori Horner, Heidi Wilbrandt, Josephine Kreider, Sr. Marie de Chantal, Jo Ann James, Frances Scott, Barbara Leone, Debbie Lloyd, Chris Balut, Linda Kaila, Rose Sisco, Jeff Shinrock, Donald Estes, Johnny Wharton, Phyllis Woolverton, Helen Kozyra, Glenn Nichols, Sr., Thomas Schulsky, Julie Fabula, Amelia McDevitt, Gerald Gardiner, Prov Moeller, The Girth Family, Marie Rooney, Dylan and Brandon Meade, Barbara Stauble, Michael Coughlin, Karen Danis, Marian Wilinski, Mary Ellen Normand, John Castagna, Kristy Fairbanks, Peggy Silberman, Florence DesRoches, Keith Snellings, Sr., Debra Wood, Danny Terrant, Maureen Flanagan, Wilma Evans, Joseph Bozicevic, Meredith Adams, Anne Shelton, Holly Smith, Lois Merrill, Janie Sherry, Martha Clemens, Teresa Hopkins, Art Gabler, Pat Arvai, Veronica Johnson, William Herr, Bob Willis, Naomi Russo, Marie Savage, Deacon Richard Smith, Anna Castagna, John Paul Baksy, Eva Scelzo, Joanne Sanford, Trevor Wood, Beth Malaby, Rhonda Seidlinger, Margaret McAleavey, David Arnold, Tracy Biddulph, Carole Page, Christopher Kelly, Hollie Santay, Richard Romagnoli, Ann Dunsmore, Lisa Herr, Madeline Doyle, Elizabeth Ames, Elise Valez, Mary Ullmer, Virginia Bare, Bobbi Palumbo, Joanne Deangeous, Kenneth Nieves, Carol Eggleston, Patrick Eggleston, William Green, Mary Jean Williams, Don Williams

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: 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, Roberto Fuentes, Jason Geary, Ramon Guerra, Jr., Andrew Hamilton, Harry Hamilton, Ronnie Hamilton, Maria Harbeson, Andy Haskell, Raymund Haskell, Michael J. Herbek, James Helm, James Hoffnagle, Jr., Robert Horner, Danny L. Howard, Jr., Anthony Howell, Matthew Kearney, Daniel Kramer, Julio Laffitte III, Chris Lammers, Stephen Lammers, Scott LaRousse, Ryan Larsen, Jeffrey Lawrence, Kenneth Linstrom, Ryan Lynch, Sean Malloy, Geoff Mann, Josh Martin, Samantha Martin, Justin McClelland, Patrick McGroarty, John Moring, Nathaniel McNamara, Roger Mitchell, Joseph Moore, Joseph Muldoon, Corey Nash, Mindy Niemann, James Kevin O'Donnell, Bryce Parson, Joshua K. Pastell, Sean Penczak, Dominick Joseph Petro, Nick Schulz, Duayne Scott, Tim Smetek, Andrew Smith, Douglas Stransky, Shawn Tupta, Heidi Urben, Christopher Williamson, Daniel Zeytoonian, Justin Carter, Julianne Rogers, Jamal Williams, Stephen Wilson, Emmanuel Morales, Colin Carpenter, Josh Marsillo, Xavier Alas, Julio A. Alarcon, Lance Schulte, Teri Hocter, Josue Bermudez

Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.

Daily Mass intentions and readings**april****6 MONDAY**

6:30 Deacon Dick Delio

9am + John Murphy

Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15

7 TUESDAY

6:30 Cliff+ and Colleen Kilpatrick

9am + Alfred and Corazon Catolico

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

8 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Calibro

9am + Juanita Bates

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

9 THURSDAY

6:30 + Karen Halloran

9am + Juanita Bates

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

10 FRIDAY

6:30 + Anne Delio

9am Chiara Marie Stanislawski

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

11 SATURDAY

9am Rita Stanislawski

5pm + Daniel Shannon

7pm + Elizabeth Tracey

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

12 SUNDAY

7am Regina Kiwall

8:30 + Victor Bridi

10:30 + Those Who Died in March

10:30* For the Parish

12:30 + The Wallace Family

2pm Isabella Bermudez

5pm + Patricia Murray

7:01 + Lucy Silva

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6;

Jn 20:19-31

Please remember that Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If dates are no longer available for the date you desire, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

29 March Offertory 39,842.
St. Vincent dePaul Poor Box 346.

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 next weekend is for our Parish Building Fund.

Children's Offertory Envelopes For April

The children's charity that will benefit from offerings in April is the **Operation Purple Program** of the National Military Family Association. When you hear "Operation Purple camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! The camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and

reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes. The Operation Purple program was created in 2004 to fill a need identified by military parents to "help us help our kids." The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. For more information, visit their website at www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/.

Operation Rice Bowl

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Tanzania, Nicaragua, Niger,

Lebanon, the Democratic Republic of Congo and all over the world! **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the Parish Office by April 15.** Checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church with "Rice Bowl" in the memo line.

Choose Life reflection for April 5

On the morning of Jesus' Resurrection, Mary Magdalene having seen the empty Tomb, ran back to the Disciples. Peter and John, having heard her story, ran toward the Tomb. And in the end, of course, all the Apostles ran into the world to announce this greatest news of history. We, too, must run to announce the Gospel of Life with vigor and to save the unborn with urgency. *Lord, fill me with the vigor of Easter each day so that I may announce the victory of Life.*

Manna Project Food Drive Results

Congratulations to the parishioners of Saint Mary for our most successful Food Drive to date! During the weekend of March 14 and 15, Manna Project volunteers collected **2,632 pounds of food and goods** and raised **\$6,187** for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. This is the most we have ever collected and equates to 20,756 meals to help those in need! We are grateful to the Manna volunteers and to the members of Saint Mary for your generosity in giving and helping with this cause.



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, is also Divine Mercy Sunday. It was named by Pope



John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000, and then officially decreed by the

Vatican. Jesus revealed in various revelations to St. Faustina that it was His desire that we celebrate this special feast. *"The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."* (Diary, 699)
Our Parish will have Divine Mercy Devotions immediately following the 2pm Spanish Mass on April 12th.

Order SCRIP cards

Easter is quickly approaching! Do you need a new outfit for the special day? We can help with gift cards to Belk, Macy's, Kohl's and JC Penny's. And don't forget the kids! We have gift cards to Crazy 8's and The Children's Place. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to place an order today. Once payment is received your order can be picked up at the school or church office or after weekend Masses. To set up an account at www.shopwithscrip.com, email the Scrip coordinator to get our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP please email Torie Baldwin at scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com. Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!

Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: 13 April
Food Pick-Up: 25 April

This is a food cooperative program with a community service requirement. Package Pick-up is typically the fourth Saturday of the month at the Parish Life Center between 8 and 9am. The following month's menu will be available at the time of pick-up.

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

Shopping for April:

Value Package
 (\$21 + 2 hrs community service)

- Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breast – 1 ¼ lbs.
- Salmon Burgers – 4 patties
- Boneless Ham Steak – 1 lb.
- Deli-style Sliced Turkey Breast – ½ lb.
- Sweet Harvest Tropical Fruit in fruit juice – 1 ½ lb. jar
- Steamed Vegetable Blend – ¾ lb. bag
- Beautiful onions, fresh potatoes, and the best produce we can find in the market, just for you & your family!

Pork Chops
 (\$23 + 2 hrs community service)

- 15-6 oz boneless chops, ready for pan or oven (9 lbs. total weight)

Burgers
 (\$28+ 2 hrs Community Service)

- 24 individual Thick & Juicy burgers (8 lbs. total weight)

Menu items are always subject to change. When we must substitute, we try to give better value.



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$21)
 _____ x \$21. = \$ _____

Pork Chops (\$23)
 _____ x \$23. = \$ _____

Burgers (\$28)
 _____ x \$28. = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ zip _____

email _____

cell/phone _____

Community Service Hours:

____ hrs Church	____ Host site
____ hrs Youth	____ Transport
____ hrs Shelter	____ Comm. Dinner
____ hrs Seniors	____ Vincent de Paul
____ hrs Micah	____ MW Hospital
____ hrs School	____ Parish Ministry
____ hrs Community Service	
____ hrs Other	____ hrs Other

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH, MONEY ORDER, or EBT.

No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed.

Money Orders should be made to: SHARE FOOD NETWORK.