

**First Sunday
of Lent**

22 feb 2015

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



what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

february

22 SUNDAY, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Small Groups "BETRANSFORMED" Preparation begins for Week 2.
Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Troop 1410).
SCRIP Sales after all Masses except the 2pm Mass.
10:30am, **New Parishioner Welcome and Registration**, Parish Life Center.
Noon, ESL classes, Parish Life Center, 203.
3:30pm, *Intentional Disciples* Discussion Group with Fr. Rooney, Courtyard Room. Drop-ins welcome.

23 Monday, Lenten Weekday (Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr)

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program, Church.

24 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

25 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

Noon, Saint Mary hosts Micah Lenten Prayer Service, Church, followed by lunch, Parish Life Center.
6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Bible Study continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

26 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

7pm, Manna Project Volunteer Meeting, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II house.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center, 204.

27 Friday, Lenten Weekday

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms' Group), John Paul II house.
6pm, Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Stations of the Cross, Church.
8pm, Estaciones de la Cruz, Church.

28 Saturday, Lenten Weekday

SCRIP Sales after 5pm Mass.

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1 SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Small Groups "BETRANSFORMED" Preparation begins for Week 3.
Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Girl Scout Troop).
1:30pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe visitation, Church until 5pm, in Courtyard Room following.
3:30pm, *Intentional Disciples* Discussion Group with Fr. Rooney, Courtyard Room. Drop-ins welcome.
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center.
Opening of Forty Hours all-night adoration following Sunday evening 7pm Mass, Church.

2 Monday, Lenten Weekday

6:30am Mass; 8:15am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer; 9am Mass, Church.
5:45pm Evening Prayer; 6:30pm Mass, Church.
7:30pm Mission Talk, "The Kingdom of God is Within You," by Deacon Mark Cesnik, OP, Church.
10pm Night Prayer (Compline), Church.

3 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday (Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin)

6:30am Mass; 8:15am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer; 9am Mass, Church.
5:45pm Evening Prayer; 6:30pm Mass, Solemn Benediction and Close of 40 Hours, Church.
7:30pm Mission Talk by Deacon Mark Cesnik, OP, Church.

4 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday (Saint Casimir)

Noon, Christ Lutheran Church hosts Micah Lenten Prayer Service followed by lunch.
4pm, Altar Server Training, Church.
6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Bible Study continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

5 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

4pm, Altar Server Training, Church.
6:30pm, Prayers and Squares, Parish Life Center, 100.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center, 204.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✂ It wouldn't be Friday in Lent without **Stations of the Cross** following Soup Supper. Please help your family learn this beautiful and important tradition of our faith, preparing for Holy Week.

✂ The **special collection this weekend** is for the **U.S. Black & Indian Missions**. Your support provides the presence of missionaries in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, schools, and religious education programs. For more information, visit www.blackandindianmission.org/nationalcollection. Thank you for your generosity.

✂ **SCRIP is on sale** this weekend.

✂ The second collection **next weekend**, March 1 and 2, is for the **Parish Building Fund**.

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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 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!

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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

JOIN US for LENT in FREDERICKSBURG

*Ecumenical prayer
at 12 noon, Lunch
following:*

25 February

Pastor Kent Rahm
(Trinity Episcopal)
leads prayer at
Saint Mary Church

4 March

Fr. Don Rooney
(Saint Mary)
leads prayer at **Christ
Lutheran Church**

11 March

Clergy from St.
George Episcopal
leads prayer at
**Fredericksburg
United Methodist**

18 March

Rev. Richard
Carbaugh (Christ
Lutheran) leads
prayer at **St. George
Episcopal Church**

25 March

Rev. Allen Fisher
(Fredericksburg
Presbyterian)
leads prayer at
**Fredericksburg
Baptist Church**

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Welcome to Lent.

I have to admit, often Lent is a very difficult season for me if I am paying attention. There are a lot of obstacles and challenges that Lent seems to bring that call to question many things. But—you know—so often people come to confession to confess that they don't have a faith that is *strong enough* or they have times of doubt and difficulty with many aspects of faith. This is not a sin! It is being human (which, last I checked, was noble and sacred). How easy it is to forget that faith requires a certain level of *not* knowing certainty. It is honest to have doubts. And it is, like any suffering, the path *through* them that causes us to grow. You never grow by walking around life's challenges and problems, by remaining indifferent or intentionally ignorant. You have to go through them to grow. We must be confronted.

For this reason, the Stations of the Cross is so important. Jesus is carrying our cross, after all, not his own. And we can see in his example the way to carry our own. For a long time I thought that it was an unhealthy piety that always focused on how we "carry our cross" in the "vale of tears." Well, maybe it is unhealthy to *always* be living out of that perspective but at some point, if you are honest, you realize that this is often the reality. If we weren't supposed to carry it, why then does Jesus pick it up for us? That cross—the one that brings about the salvation of the world that we could never earn on our own—that cross isn't the enemy. It is the effect of the enemy that we confront daily: jealousy, hatred, persecution, discrimination, violence, murder, pain and death. It does no good to pretend that these things don't continue to crucify goodness, beauty and truth everyday. It doesn't mean that we give in to all that robs us of our beauty, our truthfulness, goodness so that we are no longer good or true. The cross is the conflict that confronts us every day of our lives.

Coming to the Stations of the Cross gives us perspective. We see ourselves in the soldiers, in the women of Jerusalem, in Veronica and Simon the Cyrene, in Joseph of Arimathea. Ultimately, we see ourselves in Jesus, and the realization brings tears. Good tears, tears that we must cry in order to appreciate what Jesus has done for *me*, and for you, and for all his creation.

Speaking of tears, we saw a lot of tears this past week with the visit of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I hope you could come, I hope she filled our parish family with peace and joy.

Many were touched in ways they can't really describe. That is okay, because words are really limiting. Others spoke to me after and wondered why they didn't feel her (or Jesus') heartbeat, the warmth of her hands, see any miracle. Were they not holy enough or was something wrong? I said of course not, Mary connects with people in the way that they need it at the time, I think. They said that they had such a desire to experience a wonder, a closeness of God through Mary. I asked them what they did find.

I sat back and watched you throughout the visits at different times. I will tell you the greatest wonder of all: hundreds, *hundreds* of you came with a fervent desire to feel her closeness, her heartbeat. What vivid faith filled the church. Just the desire that we all have that became visible: our hopefulness of a sign of her love, a love we obviously already believe in. It is as prevalent as the glitter that suddenly is seen all over the floor. (Might I add, not just around the image, but all over the church from wall to wall...) Not a person who was seeking came away without a feeling of peace and joy, a calmness or a sense of being loved. It is a testimony to Our Lady of Guadalupe, who historically came not to give some kind of stern warning or vision of hell as she has done in other instances, but to simply remind us that she is our mother, what more do we have need of? I have to tell you, it was the experience of love that caused the people of central America to be baptized at a rate of 3,000 per day in the days after the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She has a lot to tell us about our modern day, about respecting life, about caring for one another. As Patroness of all the Americas, she has a lot of work still to do.

The image will return again, one more time on next Sunday and I expect that there will be quite a crowd. We do what we can, but let us all be glad of the outpouring of love—both ours to her and hers to us—which makes us each day more of a family, brothers and sisters to each other at Saint Mary. Now let's get busy with Lent.

God bless you.

Fr. Don

holy cross academy



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Hypothesis, research, trials—and sometimes a surprising conclusion

Holy Cross Academy's 7th and 8th graders started working on their Science Fair projects in October. Mrs. Eileen Lanzarone and Sr. Frances Carol walked them through the process so that our students learn how to plan and implement a long-term project.

Students chose their topic which revolves around a specific problem. After they formulate a hypothesis and conduct their research, they carry out the trials which allow them to test their hypothesis and form a conclusion. Like any scientist, sometimes the students find that their hypothesis is correct and sometimes they are surprised by their results.

They might choose to study the breathing of fish or the roll of the dice. Some students dabble in

astronomy and others in chemistry. Computer science, earth science and environmental science interest many of our students. Some chose to explore mathematics, physics or engineering. Whatever their interest may be, there is a project that is just right for them.

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.

education

religious education

First Penance

This week from **February 23-26**, students in 2nd Grade and Year Two First Communion classes will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during regular class time. The parents of these students are asked to practice the rite with their child and help her/him with the examination of conscience. The information is in the booklet you received at the First Penance/First Communion meeting.

One way of helping your child develop a greater appreciation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to go to confession regularly as a family.

March 1-4, Forty Hours of Eucharistic Devotion & 2015 Parish Mission

There will be **no Religious Education classes** during that week, March 2—5. Students are asked to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration or attend one of the Parish Missions with Deacon Mark Cesnik, OP. His topic will be "The Kingdom of God is Among You."



CRS Rice Bowl

Every Religious Education family will get at least one Rice Bowl this week.



Hungering for a better life

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Tanzania, where a simple soybean is changing lives! What actions can you take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world? Download the CRS Rice Bowl app or visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information and lots of ideas for family activities. Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives. **Be inspired by Gertruda's story**, www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-1/.

youth ministry



High School Youth Group

There will be **no CYM Dinner or High School Youth Group** on Sunday, February 22nd due to the high school retreat. We'll see you next week!

Yankee Candle packets due

All Yankee Candle packets are due. Please make sure that you follow the instructions on your packet prior to return! Your orders will come in about 4-6 weeks. The iPad raffle will take place once we have all our orders processed.



Middle School Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group meets Sunday, **March 1 from 3:30pm to 4:40pm**. Come over for a power hour of fun, friends and faith!

from our bishop the heart of lent



February 18, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

As we begin our annual retreat called Lent, I urge us to reflect upon and make our own the counsel of Pope Francis in his Lenten Message for 2015. "During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters let us all ask the Lord: 'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum'. Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference" (*Lenten Message, n. 3*).

Why does Pope Francis urge us to seek hearts that are like Christ's? With hearts like His, we will recognize and address the needs of our neighbors. "Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians" (*Ibid., Introduction*). How are our own hearts converted so that zeal replaces indifference? In the gospel account proclaimed on Ash Wednesday, the Lord Jesus gives us the time-tested formula of prayer, fasting and other forms of penance, and almsgiving.

In the first place, prayer. "First, we can pray in communion with the Church on earth and in heaven. Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer..." (*Ibid., n. 2*). Daily prayer at home; participating in weekday celebrations of the Holy Mass; receiving Divine Mercy in the Sacrament of Penance and devotional practices, like the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross: these become the power of voices united in prayer.

Secondly, fasting and other forms of penance. By these various penitential acts, we acquire strength to turn back to the Lord and to put to death our selfishness so as to be generous in reaching out to others.

Thirdly, almsgiving, that is "...acts of charity, reaching out to both those near and far through the Church's many charitable organizations" (*Ibid., n. 3*). Among these charitable works is the Rice Bowl Initiative, in which I urge you to participate, thereby helping the needy both within the diocese and beyond. Support of our diocesan Catholic Charities also provides us with another tangible way to give hope to the needy. As we reach out to others, our parishes and communities will "become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference" (*Ibid., n. 2*).

Brothers and Sisters, I join you in our Lenten retreat, imploring the Lord Jesus to form our hearts like His! May we emerge at the Lent's end as people whose hearts beat with the love of Jesus!

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

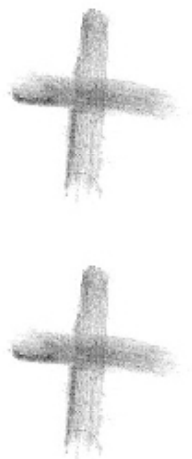
+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

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español , por favor visite:

[stmaryfred.org/
mensaje-cuaresmal-2015](http://stmaryfred.org/mensaje-cuaresmal-2015)

community happening here



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday evening during Lent. On **March 6**, Stations of the Cross will be at 7:30pm in English followed by our First Friday Mass at 8pm, Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 8:30pm, and All Night Adoration. On **all other Fridays** in Lent, Stations will be at 7:30pm in English and at 8:00pm in Spanish.

Lenten soup suppers

Our **Lenten Soup Suppers** take place in the Parish Life Center on each Friday during Lent from 6 to 7:30pm. Share a Lenten penitential meal of soup and bread with your parish family, and share what you would have spent on dinner that night with those in need. All free-will offerings received are given to charity. Bring the whole family to enjoy good soup and good fellowship—and then spend time with Jesus in prayer.

Quilt raffle

The Prayers and Squares Ministry will be raffling off a beautiful quilt measuring 82"x 112" the **weekend of February 28-March 1** after all Masses. Proceeds from the raffle will provide funding for quilt batting and other expenses. Please help us to continue to fill the many requests for Prayer Quilts. Questions may be directed to Barbara Walor, dhs321@comcast.net, 540-786-9324.

March Book Club

The Ear of the Heart: an Actress' Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows tells the fascinating story of movie starlet Dolores Hart and her stunning decision to give up fame and fortune to follow God's call to the consecrated life as a member of the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, CT. The parish book club will discuss this autobiographical work at its

10am, **March 10** meeting at the John Paul II House. A showing of *God Is the Bigger Elvis*, a 2012 Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary Short which was based on Mother Dolores' story, will follow the discussion. More information? Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com.

Saint Mary Manna Project food drive

In March, Saint Mary parishioners will have the opportunity answer Christ's call to feed the hungry. On the **weekend of March 14 and 15**, the Manna Project will collect non-perishable food items and financial donations for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. Volunteers will be available before and after all Saturday and Sunday Masses in front of the church and at Holy Cross Academy. Needed items include canned meat and fish, peanut butter, beans, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese,

soup, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, and rice. Personal items such as shampoo, soap, paper towels, etc. are welcome. For each \$10 donation, the Food Bank is able to provide 30 meals for hungry families! The Food Bank feeds more than 20,000 people in the Fredericksburg area each month, but they can't carry out this important work without the help of our community. Please help us to help those in need on March 14 and 15.

Catholic men: We need you!

Does a spirit inside you draw you to investigate the charitable performance of a group of men dedicated to serving this parish, its family, and those agencies in concert with our Catholic, Christian principles? Do you think, in the course of a year, you might find a total of 8 hours where you could join this band of brothers?

community happening here

Do you want to volunteer for events that support our Church Family, its youth, and our Fredericksburg community? As members of this fraternal order, we realize the personal satisfaction of working together as a team anchored in our faith as Catholic gentlemen. "Join Us Now" to make a real difference. Contac Grand Knight Br. Fred Nunez, 540-220-8124, nunezf97@outlook.com.

Annual yard sale

Start saving items—but no shoes or clothing—for the annual CCW Yard Sale which will be held on **April 11, 2015**. Details of when you can bring the items to the Parish Life Center will be forthcoming.

Saint Mary's Loyola Retreats for Lent

Loyola retreats are conducted in an atmosphere of prayerful silence and include generous amounts of time for prayer, personal reflection and the cultivation of a deep relationship with God. The retreat is open to anyone who is seeking a deeper relationship with God in prayer. **The retreats begin on Friday with check-in and Confessions from 5-6:30p.m., an orientation at 6:45p.m., a dinner at 7p.m., and conclude with lunch on Sunday following Mass.** The suggested offering for the Retreat is \$235, but only \$185 for first time retreatants. A payment plan is available.

St. Mary's retreat dates: **Men's Retreat—March 6-8, 2015** (during Lent). **Women's Retreat—March 13-15, 2015** (during Lent). Contact Len or Sylvia Fontenot for more info: 540-663-2261 or

email lensyl1966@verizon.net. To register go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.com

Cursillo Weekends

Come and discover the Cursillo community! The **Women's Weekend is March 19-22**, and 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.

VIRTUS training

Attention all HCA and St. Mary Volunteers: If it has been over a year since you took the initial 4 hour class or the refresher class for VIRTUS, then you need to take one of these refresher classes at HCA. You do not have to pre-register, just come to one of the classes. If you receive the monthly online bulletins, you do not need to take the class. This 30-minute class is a requirement to keeping up your VIRTUS paperwork.

The dates for the refresher classes are: Tuesday, **March 24 at 6:30pm**, Wednesday, **March 25 at 8:15am** and Monday, **March 30 at 2:15pm**. All the VIRTUS classes will take place in the library. You need to attend only one of these classes. Due to the content of the video, no children will be permitted. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jeffers at hcasetary@holycrossweb.com.



Registration Now Open!

The 3rd Biennial Jacob Michael Storck Charity Golf Tournament features a day on the course, a silent auction, and spa day event.

The tournament directly benefits the children of Holy Cross Academy and Saint Mary Parish by supporting the Health, Wellness and Recreation Initiative. Proceeds will be used to resurface the school playground and continue improvements to the sports and recreation fields.

When: Friday, April 24, 2015.

Where: At the Augustine Golf Club in Stafford, VA.

Register Online:
www.Golfing4Jake.com

Can I Help? We are looking for businesses or individuals who would be interested in sponsorship or donating items or services for our silent auction. Tax deductible monetary donations are also welcome.

For more information, visit www.Golfing4Jake.com, contact one of our committee members at Golfing4Jake@comcast.net, or call 301-928-5390.

black history month

Father Augustus Tolton

Father Augustus Tolton is the first identified priest of African descent in the United States, the son of slaves. His ordination was a controversial anomaly in the 19th century, a source of pride and hope for many African Americans and a focus of contempt in the climate of racial separation of the time. He was known as an eloquent and religious man, and innocent soul, given admiration and respect.

After her husband, Peter Tolton, left her and her three children in Brush Creek, Missouri to fight with the Union forces for black freedom in the Civil War in 1861 and died in a hospital in St. Louis, Martha Jane Tolton gathered her family and crossed the Mississippi to Hannibal and followed the Underground Railroad to Quincy, Illinois. The Toltons had been baptized by the Elliott family who owned them back in Missouri, and began to attend churches in Quincy while Martha educated her children. Augustus was the object of racist threats from fellow students and was expelled or removed from several schools, finally being taken in by Father Peter McGirr at St. Peter parish, where Augustus received holy Communion and Confirmation.

His giftedness and innocence was noted by several priests and the Notre Dame Sisters, who tutored him in catechism, classics and languages. The Franciscan Fathers helped him to attend Quincy College. He remained the object of discrimination but the sisters and priests helped him endure it without retaliating, maintaining the right of blacks to

a Catholic education. He excelled, and helped with the religious education of the town's African American children.

The priests tried many times to get Augustus into a seminary but that proved impossible; seminaries didn't reply or politely declined. The Franciscan Fathers



"The Catholic Church deplores double slavery—that of the mind and that of the body. She endeavors to free us of both. I was a poor slave boy but the priests of the Church did not disdain me. It was through the influence of one of them that I became what I am tonight."

Father Augustus Tolton, from a speech given at the First Black Catholic Congress, 1899 at Washington, DC

finally were able to get Augustus accepted to a seminary for missionaries operated by the Propaganda Fide in Rome at age 26. Six years later, he was ordained a priest at St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome.

Those who guided him to the seminary doubted that he would

be able to return to the United States to serve as a priest given the climate of racism and anti-Catholicism at the time. But Cardinal Prefect Giovanni Simeoni insisted that he return, saying, "America has been called the most enlightened nation; we will see if it deserves that honor. If American has never seen a black priest, it has to see one now."

He celebrated his first Mass at St. Boniface Church in Quincy that year and was assigned the next day as pastor of St. Joseph Church, a small poor black parish in Quincy which grew out of the catechism classes he had taught earlier.

Controversy quickly arose from fellow Catholic priests and nearby Protestant ministers who accused him of mingling the races as whites, too, came to Fr. Tolton for Mass and the sacraments.

Fr. Tolton grew accustomed to living between the two worlds of the wider church and the poverty and neglect of the separate world of the black American of the time. There were no laws which guaranteed their movement in society without harassment and civil rights were not yet a part of social consciousness. His letters to Mother Katharine Drexel betray much of this pathos in a socially intolerant era, as he called upon the Church to provide the means and resources to improve the lot of his community and instill in them a sense of hope and belief in themselves, and a practiced faith.

At the invitation of Archbishop Patrick Feehan of Chicago, he later went to start a new parish, St. Monica. He died of heatstroke at the age of 43, as thousands of people came to pay tribute to this reformer of our Church.

community coming up

Early purchase special: Tables of 10 for the price of 9.



Saint Mary's 7th Annual "PARISH NIGHT OUT" FORMAL DINING & DANCING

**Saturday, April 25, Jepson Alumni Center,
University of Mary Washington.**

Our annual Parish Night Out has become a favorite tradition for parishioners as we gather for a fun, formal evening together with great food and music and dancing. We welcome back the wonderful Andrew Thielen Big Band, with dance classics from many generations of popular music.

Cash bar opens at 6:30pm; Dinner begins at 7pm, followed by dancing.

Tickets at \$75 each. For more information, speak with Marty Bridi, 540-373-0259.

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

*Wherever we go we find the most interesting place
to celebrate Mass, and the most authentic pub for
Irish entertainment. 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**.



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!**

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

15 February Offertory	32,472.
Parish Building Fund	3,009.
Feb. Faith Direct (Offertory)	30,355.
Feb. Faith Direct (Building Fund)	2,651.
Feb. Faith Direct (Catholic Herald)	1,147.
St. Vincent dePaul Poor Box	139.

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.

Children's Offertory Envelopes For February

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in February is Hazelwild Farm's Therapeutic Riding Program. The program offers specialized horseback riding lessons for all ages of riders with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The lessons increase stability, flexibility, strength, motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence for the riders, along with providing many other physical and emotional benefits. For more information, go to www.hazelwildfarm.com.

Choose Life reflection for February 22

"Our culture ... has become hardened to many who cry out. We idolize the strong and beautiful and tend to disregard the weak and imperfect. In our own lives, have we been programed not to call for help ourselves or to look past those who do?" (Learning to Cry, Life Issues Forum, December 19, 2014, Tom Grenchik, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities) *We pray for the courage and grace to love as Christ loves, and by bearing witness to the Truth, may others may come to know and see Christ in our world.*

2015 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2015

Stewards of Christ Sharing Gospel Joy!

With the blessings of a vibrant diocese comes increased spiritual and pastoral needs and an even greater obligation to help the many in need. We ask all families to support the Bishop's Lenten Appeal to the fullest extent that they are able. Thank you for helping us share the Joy of the Gospel through your support of the BLA!

Con las bendiciones de una diócesis vibrante vienen mayores necesidades espirituales y pastorales y una obligación todavía mayor de ayudar a los que tienen necesidad. Pedimos a todas las familias que apoyen la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo al máximo de sus posibilidades. ¡Gracias por ayudarnos a compartir la alegría del Evangelio por medio de su apoyo a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo!

First Friday, March 6 All Night Adoration

All Night Adoration will follow our 8pm First Friday Mass & Spanish Stations of the Cross on March 6. Please sign up today to adore Our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament. "Love our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist above all things in the world." (St. John of God, Founder of the Brothers Hospitallers and Patron of those suffering from heart disease, Feast Day March 8)

Helpful Hints and Reminders

Did you know that when you write a check, you should use only black or blue ink? All other colors may look very nice, but they don't show up on bank scanners and bank employees have to manually enter the amount at the bottom of the check. So please use only black or blue ink when writing a check.

When you received your 2014 contribution statement, did you notice that one or more of the

collections may have shown only a penny as your contribution? That's because when the envelope was received for posting in our database, no amount was written on the envelope, so a penny was entered to show that an envelope was received but the amount was unknown. Don't forget to write the amount of your contribution on the outside of your contribution envelope.

Diocesan Men's conference, March 7

All men are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on **March 7, 2015**. This year's conference will feature renowned speaker Fr. Larry Richards and author Neal Lozano. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more details or to register.

Diocesan Women's conference, March 28

All women are invited to the annual diocesan Women's Conference on **March 28, 2015**. This year's conference will feature speaker Kerri Caviezel and Kathleen Wilson.

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Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more details or to register.

Start using SCRIP today!

A lot of times people tell us that they can't use SCRIP because they don't know where they will be shopping. You're going to need groceries and gas, right? Do you like to go to Starbucks for coffee? Do you ever grab lunch at Subway or Panera? Those are all great places to start earning rebates for HCA! SCRIP cards also help you budget each month. By buying SCRIP cards you can budget for expenses like gas, grocery, and eating out. The best way to start is to start small. Try ordering a small portion of what you spend on groceries or gas each pay period until you get the hang of the program.

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 scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com. Thanks for using SCRIP!

Unscheduled Masses in January

Masses were offered in January for the following unscheduled intention: +Vic, Bridi, Jane Sherry, Grace Sherry, +William Novick, +James F. O'Neil, +Paul McAdams, Emily Mussey, Charlie & Esther White, +George & Maeve Finstrom, +Frank Clancy, Jr., +Eleanor Mitchell, Douglas & Lee Gardiner, Donna Burch, +Nancy Willett, +Jane Antonaccio, +Gerald Doherty, and +Otilia Evangelina Hoidal.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Daniel Bustamonta, Joseph Rooney, MaryBeth Stephens, the Clasen Family, Mary Jean and Don Williams, Mary Ullmer, Charlie Catalano, Billie Stewart, Lisa Storm, Charles Lee, Irene Sweeney, Carlita Aberle, Daniel and Forrest Theiss, Ed Buzicky, Kati Johnston, Marianne Ford, Richard Fadden, 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, Dennis Hahn, 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, Lisa Storm, 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, Roberta Mullins-White, 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

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

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings

february

23 MONDAY

6:30 + Fred Gasper
9am + The Nguyen Family
Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25:31-46

24 TUESDAY

6:30 + Robert McIntyre
9am Teresa Eastman
Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

25 WEDNESDAY

6:30 + Robert M. Davis
9am + Katherine Kandefer
Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

26 THURSDAY

6:30 + Ednor Marcelin
8:15* The Vu Family
9am Cathy & Eric Guacena
Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Mt 7:7-12

27 FRIDAY

6:30 + Keziah Walker
9am + Michael Coffey
Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

28 SATURDAY

9am + Richard Salazar
5pm For the Parish
7pm + Elfren M. Vibar
Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

march

1 SUNDAY

7am + Kay Balhoff
8:30 + Kevin & Lauren Sambat
10:30 Those who died in February
10:30* + Rev. Russell Raj, OCD
12:30 + Roberto Vibar
2pm + Edmundo Rodriguez
5pm + Angelito Acle
7:01 + Bon Van Than
Gn 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

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