

**Second Sunday
of Lent**

1 march 2015

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



what's coming



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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 4:30pm, 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.

6 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 followed by 8pm First Friday Mass, Church.
8:30pm Estaciones de la Cruz, Church.

7 Saturday, Lenten Weekday (Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs)

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.
2:30 pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, 204.
6pm, Knights of Columbus Monthly Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

8 SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Small Groups "BETRANSFORMED" Preparation begins for Week 4.
Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (St. Anne's Sisters in Faith).
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.

9 Monday, Lenten Weekday (Saint Frances of Rome, Religious)

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program, Parish Life Center.
8:30pm, TAIZE Ecumenical Prayer Service follows 7:30pm Mass, Church. All invited.

10 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.
1pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe visitation until 9pm.

11 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

4pm, Altar Server Training, Church.
6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Bible Study continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

12 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

4pm, Altar Server Training, Church.
6:30pm, Parent Gathering Series featuring speaker Dr. Michael Horne, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center, 204.

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✠ Our parish's **Forty Hours** begins Sunday evening after the 7pm Mass. **Mission talks by Deacon Mark Cesnik** are on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm, following Mass at 6:30 each evening. Adoration is continuous from Sunday evening until the close of Forty Hours at the 6:30pm Mass on Tuesday. Please come and spend some time with Jesus.
- ✠ This Friday, March 6, **Stations of the Cross** will be at 7:30pm in English followed by our **First Friday Mass** at 8pm. At 8:30pm, there will be Stations of the Cross in Spanish followed by all night Adoration.
- ✠ The second collection **this weekend**, March 1 and 2, is for the **Parish Building Fund**.
- ✠ **New Altar Server training** for all students 5th grade and older will be held on the first two Wednesdays and Thursdays in March, **March 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 4pm**, in the church. Attendance at all 4 meetings is **mandatory**. Contact Chris Lanzarone in the parish office for details.
- ✠ In case you missed the chance, **the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, will return Tuesday, March 10 from 1 to 9pm..
- ✠ **SCRIP is on sale** this weekend.

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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.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm,</i> <i>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!

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JOIN US for LENT in FREDERICKSBURG

*Ecumenical prayer
at 12 noon, Lunch
following:*

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,

You know, the three traditional practices for a Catholic during Lent are the most ancient: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We should make use of all three: these are the three most powerful means for growth in the spiritual life and calling into being the Kingdom of God, preparing for the new flood of his grace. I plan to use these letters during the Lenten Season to help open up these as real instruments of grace as we journey through Lent together.

Last week I spoke about the need for simplicity and clarity (choosing a "desert") in our lives of faith, to set the stage for prayer. I will talk more about prayer next week. But this week, since we are early in the season of Lent, I want to use this opportunity to challenge you about the sacrament of Reconciliation.

I have joked in the past (half-joked, really) that I will offer half-off on penances if you come during the first half of the season. I actually had someone ask for a better deal, BOGO for their spouse who never comes to Confession! If only ... Same with using Skype, I guess, and if pigs could fly. Anyway, in the past I have even given penances like 1½ Our Fathers, since it was half off three.

We encourage you to come early for several reasons. Obviously, at some point the lines run long and time runs out. Every year there are people who are angry, mostly at themselves I would think, for waiting too long. Please remember, we don't have Confessions while Mass is going on (no two-fers) and once 3pm on Good Friday comes, no sacraments are celebrated: the King is in the tomb. The only practice is, in grave need, Communion to the sick. Grace, though welling up in the midst of the silence of his death, is not accessible until its glory breaks forth in the new life of his resurrection when we sing the Gloria at the Easter Vigil.

The other reason I encourage you to come early is to avoid rushing your experience of the sacrament. When the line is long, we really can't talk like we might, if you wanted to talk. Nor, at that point, would you want to take someone else's (maybe) only opportunity to even get in by taking a lot of time. There is always the alternative of making an appointment—and I encourage you to consider this option.

I would also like for you to come to Confession really prepared. Look on our homepage for the link to our examination of conscience. It is something I wrote, because so many exams you might find on line are crazy with scrupulosity or don't seem to include enough for ordinary people's reflection. Jesus warned the priests of his time to not heap up burdens for others that are too hard for them to carry. But he did instruct us to carry what we need to carry, with him, on our way to Calvary. Here is a quick sketch of how you might be prepared for confession:

- Consider what your sins are. Don't be merciless on yourself, at the same time don't minimize sins, or fall into a kind of relativism and say, like another Pharisee in the Gospels, "Well, at least I'm not as bad as *that* guy, or *those* people." You are not *that* guy. Also, there is no point in confessing all the sins of your children. This is about you. Jesus looks into our hearts, in fact, and already knows what our sins are. The process of Confession requires that we acknowledge them, and tell him we are sorry. He has to hear it, the personal relationship you have with him requires it and can bear it, because he only responds with love to a penitent heart. Don't get all wrapped up in the process, with guilt or shame. Just say them simply without a lot of details. Honestly, we don't need (or want) to hear details. I avoid those movies and don't need the pictures in my head. Remember, no one present is there to judge, just to forgive.

- Come after you have built up in yourself a real desire to change. Please don't treat Confession like a carwash. The validity of the sacrament requires a "firm purpose of amendment." Otherwise, it is basically an empty exercise. This is the danger of coming to Confession too often. Sometimes I ask people if they might possibly sin less if they knew they might not get there for Confession every Saturday? Often they admit that this is the case. Do you think that Jesus gave us the frequent opportunity for reconciliation so that we would sin *more*? I don't think so.

Above all, stay mindful that this is all about love. It isn't the priest who says your sins are forgiven, though it might sound like his voice. It is about Jesus, who desires that you be reconciled totally—with God and with his Church, restoring the unity of the Body and the soul to grace.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

holy cross academy



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All Aboard the Hope Express!

Every year, each class at HCA takes on a Hope Project. The students discuss various ideas and decide what they can do to make a difference in someone else's life. Along with our school-wide service projects, the class Hope Project helps our children to make serving the needs of others a part of their daily lives.

This year our 3rd grade classes accepted the challenge put out by Giant Foods to collect nonperishable goods for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank and to make an eye-catching display. The students decided that they were "All Aboard to Fight Hunger." After holding a *Flash Food Drive*, the children sorted the food items and fashioned them into a locomotive. Our very energetic and caring 3rd graders are definitely all aboard to bring the hope and love of Jesus to all who need it most.

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.



religious education

Parents are reminded that there will be no Religious Education classes this week. This is to encourage parents and students to participate in the 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration and Parish Mission.

40 Hours of Eucharistic Devotion & Parish Mission, March 1-3

The mission will be led by Deacon Mark Cesnik, OP of the Catherine of Siena Institute. His topic "The Kingdom of God Is Among You" will lead us to reflect on the spirituality of gifts. He will deliver the weekend homilies **February 28 and March 1**, and at 7:30 pm (following Mass) on **Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3**. Deacon Mark's missions are crafted to have an evangelizing effect on the members of the parish. Using scripture, the rich teaching of the Church, and reflections on his own journey of faith and the lives of disciples who have influenced him, Deacon Mark attempts to present Jesus' invitation to each one of us to become his disciple in ways that are personal, fresh, engaging, and often surprisingly amusing.

Third Parent Gathering

The third gathering is on **Thursday, March 12, 2015 - 6:30-8pm** with **Dr. Michael Horne**, Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Arlington. The topic: **"Raising Strong Families: Preparing Your Kids to Live Virtuously in the World."** With the changing cultural and technological landscape, children today have more obstacles than ever in their attempts to live a virtuous and chaste life such as potential exposure to pornography. This talk will provide parents with the information and tools they need to protect their kids, strengthen families, and understand the challenges to living chastely.

Operation Rice Bowl

This week, visit Nicaragua and read the story of Melvin Sanchez Ramirez, www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-2/.



Hungering for a bountiful earth

This week CRS Rice Bowl takes us to the coffee highlands of Nicaragua, where we're called to protect both the goodness of creation and the livelihoods of struggling families. How will this week's fast remind us of the sacredness of God's creation and our duty to protect it? Download the CRS Rice Bowl app or visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information and ideas for family activities. Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

Reflections

Spend 5 minutes a day reflecting on this week's calendar entries from Sunday, March 1 to Saturday, March 7.

Try a Recipe

Be sure to try the delicious recipe from Nicaragua, "Gallo Pinto." Watch its preparation at CRS Rice Bowl's Global Kitchen with Fr. Leo Patalinghug at www.crsricebowl.org/recipe-archive/.

youth ministry



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!

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The Light is ON for You. *Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Wednesdays in
Lent from 7-9pm



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Want to make things right?
Now is the time.

Lent is the season where we prepare ourselves to renew and restore our relationship with Jesus and the Church as we prepare to celebrate Easter. To help prepare yourself to receive the joy of God's mercy, explore information here to help you feel more confident and ready, including: **frequently-asked questions, how to go to Confession, links to Catholic parishes, their locations and more.**

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Going to Confession

1. The priest gives a blessing or greeting.
2. Make the Sign of the Cross and say, "Bless me father, for I have sinned. My last confession was..." (give weeks, months, or years).
3. Confess all your sins to the priest. (If you are unsure or uneasy, tell him and ask for help.)
4. Say, "I am sorry for these and all my sins."
5. The priest gives a penance and offers advice to help you become a better Catholic.
6. Say an Act of Contrition, expressing your sorrow for your sins.
7. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, then absolves you from your sins.

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Al Ir a Confesarse

1. El sacerdote le dará la bendición o un saludo inicial.
2. Haga la señal de la cruz y diga: "Bendígame padre, porque he pecado. Mi última confesión fue hace..." (indique semanas, meses o años).
3. Confiese todos sus pecados al sacerdote. (Si no está seguro de cómo hacerlo o se siente incómodo, dígaselo al sacerdote y pídale ayuda.)
4. Diga: "Me arrepiento de estos y de todos mis pecados".
5. El sacerdote impone una penitencia y ofrece consejos para ayudarlo a convertirse en un mejor católico.
6. Recite el Acto de Contrición, expresando arrepentimiento por sus pecados.
7. El sacerdote, actuando en la persona de Cristo, le absuelve de sus pecados.

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**The Light Is
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During Lent, all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington will be open for Confessions and quiet prayer every Wednesday evening.

Visit Saint Mary and experience the simple generosity of God's love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To find Confession times at other parishes and for additional resources visit TheLightIsON.org.

¡La Luz está ENCENDIDA para ti! *Celebra el Sacramento de la Reconciliación*

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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: today!

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 Family Dinner

The March Family dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on March 7 from 6 to 8:30pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes chicken enchilada casserole, rice & beans, avacado-corn salad, and churros (sweet Mexican fritters). The profits will be donated to REAP (Religious Education Assistance Program). 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.**

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.

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

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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 hcasecretary@holycrossweb.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.

ESL Class Schedule

Please note that there will be **no ESL classes** on March 8, March 29, and April 5. The rest of the schedule remains unchanged.

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? 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. Contact Grand Knight Br. Fred Nunez, 540-220-8124, nunezf97@outlook.com.

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.

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

Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,

Thank you for your generosity at the Christmas Collection this year. With your support, Catholic Charities Family Counseling office in Fredericksburg will be able to provide over 200 counseling sessions to children in our local community who would otherwise be unable to afford the services they need. We are so grateful for all of your support as we seek to serve those in need here in Fredericksburg. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely,
The Staff of Catholic Charities

community happening here

You are invited to join a new ministry! 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."** We included it earlier

this year in our Parish Renewal Handbook.

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.

We will be using an application designed to engage congregations electronically in ministry called Flocknote®. It's very simple: **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.

If you don't have a smart phone you can text back your email address instead of clicking the link. After you fill out the information and provide your email address, you will get an email from FLOCKNOTE explaining what to do next. Here is a sample of the message that will be returned:

Thx for your request to join everyone! Powered by flocknote.com.

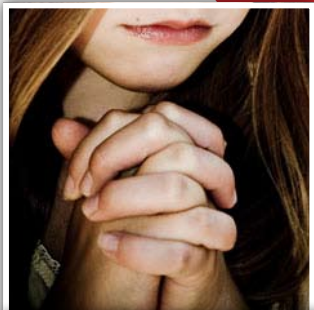
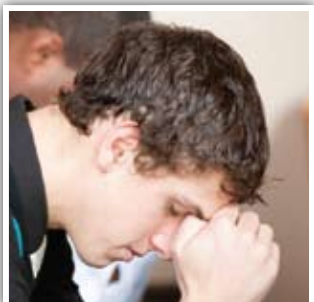
Msg and data rates may apply. 6msg/mo. Reply HELP for help, STOP to cancel. 888-398-5454 Please click this link to give a little more info and join more of our groups: fn2.co/K35mrR1

or you can just reply here with your email address.

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

Imagine the power of prayer of our Saint Mary Parish family: thousands of intercessors praying simultaneously with one another wherever we are. **Please join and pray with us.**

Global Prayer Ministry



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!**

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Weekly Offertory

22 February Offertory	26,471.
Aid to Churches in Central & Eastern Europe	7,368.
Black & Indian Missions	4,961.
St. Vincent dePaul Poor Box	655.

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 March

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in March is Stafford Junction, a faith-based nonprofit organization tasked with improving the lives of children and their families in low-income neighborhoods in Stafford County through programs focusing on education, nutrition, and healthy living. With the intervention of Stafford Junction, the crime rate in the Olde Forge neighborhood dropped by more than 50% within two years. Stafford Junction is a mission project of our parish and children's donations will assist the parish in providing much needed support for their programs. For more information visit their website at www.staffordjunction.org.

Little Sisters of the Poor collection: March 7-8

During the weekend of March 7 and 8, a second collection will be taken to help the Little Sisters of the Poor, who have provided a home and compassionate care for Virginia's elderly poor since 1874. The Sisters will be present at all the Masses to explain their mission and to ask

We welcome back the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The miraculous image of Our Lady returns to Saint Mary for one extra visit: Tuesday, March 10 from 1-9pm in the church.

A digital copy of the original tilma of St. Juan Diego in the basilica in Mexico City, this image communicates the loving presence of Mary, our Mother, through some beautiful signs. You, too, can experience these graces, signs and wonders through Mary's mediation and respond to our bishops' call for a culture of life in our country.



for your support. Because their residents are of limited financial means, the Little Sisters depend upon the charity of friends and benefactors to operate their Home. Your generosity will enable the Sisters to continue welcoming the needy elderly and providing them with the love and dignity they deserve. For more information, visit their website at www.littlesistersofthepoorvirginia.org.

Choose Life reflection for March 1

"Christians know that suffering cannot be eliminated, yet it can have meaning and become an act of love and entrustment into the hands of God who does not abandon us; in this way it can serve as a moment of growth in faith and love." — Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*, 56

We pray for all families concerned with how to provide for their

loved ones, especially expectant mothers: May they turn to the Lord, trusting in His providence, and experience the support of the Christian community.

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)

Easter flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office.

Order gift cards online to Support HCA & St. Mary!

Set up an online account today at www.shopwithscrip.com to order gift cards from your favorite retailers. When you order cards through the SCRIP program, the retailers give a percentage back to the school and church. The best way to start is by placing an order online for your gas and/or grocery purchases. Your order can be picked up in the office or after Masses on the weekend. **We are excited to announce that we now have FOOD LION in our inventory!** 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. Questions: Email Torie Baldwin at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com.

Helpful hints & 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 don't show up on bank scanners and bank employees have to manually enter the amount at the bottom of the check. Please use 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.

Saint Mary prayer list

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

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, Tracy Biddulph, Carole Page

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 Ebanal, 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

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings

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2 MONDAY

6:30 + Alice Snellings
9am + William Novick
7:30pm Sister Susan Louise
Dn 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38

3 TUESDAY

6:30 Kristine Chase
9am + Victor Bridi
7:30pm John Paul Baksy
Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

4 WEDNESDAY

6:30 In Honor of the Holy Family
9am + Joyce McVay
Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

5 THURSDAY

6:30 + Hazel Sapp Lemmon
8:15* + Leonardo Coppola
9am + Billy Parks
Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

6 FRIDAY

6:30 Susan Boyer
9am + Eleanor Mitchell
8pm All Souls
Gn 37:3-4; 12-13; 17-28;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

7 SATURDAY

9am + Minh Hang Duer
5pm + Harry Erhing
7pm For the Parish
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8 SUNDAY

7am Robert Derouin
8:30 + Karen Williams
10:30 + Dominic Tam Nguyen
10:30*+ Dora Aldred
12:30 Huynh Hieu Lee Family
2pm + Maria Garcia Najera
5pm + Victor Bridi
7:01 Faith Gales
Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25;
Jn 2:13-25

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