

**Third Sunday
of Lent**

8 march 2015



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



what's coming



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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, Church.
8:15pm, TAIZE Ecumenical Prayer Service, 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

Noon, Fredericksburg Micah Churches Lenten Prayer & Lunch, Fredericksburg United Methodist.
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.
9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center Room 100.
7pm, Confirmation Rehearsal I, Church.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House, upstairs.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center, 204.
7:30pm, Parish Council, Courtyard Meeting Room.

13 Friday, Lenten Weekday

10am, Saint 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, Iglesia.

14 Saturday, Lenten Weekday

SCRIP sales after 5pm Mass.
Manna Food Drive after all Masses. Please bring nonperishable food for the Fredericksburg Food Bank.

15 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Manna Food Drive after all Masses. Please bring nonperishable food for the Fredericksburg Food Bank.
Lenten Small Groups "BETRANSFORMED" Preparation begins for Week 5.
Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (CYM).
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.
SCRIP sales after all Masses.

16 Monday, Lenten Weekday

Noon, Bingo for seniors, Parish Life Center.

17 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday (Saint Patrick, Bishop)

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

18 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

Noon, Fredericksburg Micah Churches Lenten Prayer & Lunch, St. George's Episcopal Church.
6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Bible Study continues, Courtyard Meeting Room.

19 Thursday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center Room 100.
7pm, Confirmation Rehearsal II, Church.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House, upstairs.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center, 204.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✠ The **second collection** this weekend is for 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 for your support. Thank you for your generosity.
- ✠ **New Altar Server training continues** for all students 5th grade and older on Wednesday and Thursday, **March 11 and 12 at 4pm**, in the church. Attendance at these remaining 2 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.
- ✠ Don't forget Fredericksburg's **Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Services and Lunch**, every Wednesday at noon. This week we meet at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, and Rev. Joe Hensley, the new pastor at St. George Episcopal, is preaching.
- ✠ **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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from our pastor



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**JOIN US for LENT in
FREDERICKSBURG**
Ecumenical prayer
at 12 noon, Lunch
following:

11 March
Rev. Joe Hensley
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. Aaron Dobynes
(Shiloh Old Site
Baptist Church)
leads prayer at
**Fredericksburg
Baptist Church**

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

I have a Lent assignment for all of you this week. In the spirit of the new evangelization, consider reaching out to someone in your life who has grown indifferent or even disillusioned with the Catholic faith that they received. Maybe it is a spouse, or a child—or a parent, it happens. Give them a copy of this letter, if it is easier than distilling it into your own words, though that personal witness is always most effective if it comes from your heart and not through an email.

Last week we were challenged with the image of Jesus, transfigured, bright as the sun, a glimpse of God in his glory. Each of us is asked to consider that this same light is within each of us by baptism, whether we realize it or not. We can cover it up, but we can't put it out. We live in a world where we always pray for more, and more, and more. All these things that we want. But when compared to this light within—well, everything is only a shadow. The fact is, we just don't think about it enough to realize that we have already received *everything*. Already. If you have received everything, all that's left is thanksgiving, which in Greek, is the basis of the word *eucharist*.

So we already have it all. Through the sunglasses of the world that dim the light, we can be convinced that we are all still so needy. Even when it comes to liturgy. This is to all of you who have left the church because "I just don't get anything out of it:" Liturgy isn't about *getting*, any more. It is about giving, we who have already received everything through the Last Supper and the Cross, Baptism and the new Pentecost of Confirmation. So here is a story that I've been reflecting on a lot lately.

At one time in my life, I found myself in Florence for a week. Florence is one of those cities that isn't highest on many peoples' list because it is exhausting. You run from one thing to another to see it all, you can never see it all. But I had been there a couple of times before, and this time had the luxury of leisure, and my goal was to discover one thing new each day. It was a Sunday, and I decided to try out a smaller church—not the big tourist experience of the cathedral choir where nobody sings, but a real neighborhood parish church in an old, poorer part of town. I was attracted to this beautiful church because I had walked into it one day and there was a shaft

of light that struck the crucifix hanging over the altar in a way that I had never seen before. It stayed with me.

Mass was pretty normal. A not-so-great duo of guitar players strumming out some strange Italian folk song (?) that everybody seemed to know. Here, the congregation sang like crazy. It was a monastic church, I realized, since there were a dozen priests from the community concelebrating in white hooded habits. That shaft of light was back, this time splashing right onto the top of the altar as we prepared to celebrate Jesus' sacrifice.

I also noticed that there were these huge woven baskets placed across the front of the sanctuary filled with rolls. The church, in fact, smelled like a bakery—that kind of hard, rustic bread that you can only find in Italy—my liturgy police siren went off. Should I leave? What if they consecrate regular bread against the rules? Maybe I should go. But the light on the altar kept me there.

Mass proceeded like normal. Couldn't understand a word of the homily and loved every minute of it anyway. The light on the altar was so beautiful. The guitar duo persevered, people sang, we received Communion according to the rules. Then a most interesting thing happened. It was as though I suddenly heard the words in my own language (of course, I can understand Spanish which isn't that much different): "*So you must let your light shine among others.*"

Before the final blessing the monks gathered around the baskets of that amazing bread as the presider, with holy water, blessed the rolls. The monks carried the baskets to the doors of the church. It was so bright outside, it seemed, looking out from the darker interior. As we left, the monks handed a roll to everyone who had been at Mass. One of them gave me a roll (my mouth was watering) and said, "*Now, give to the hungry what you have received.*"

I have never experienced a more perfect catechism of what the Mass is about. How beautiful is the plan to which Jesus has called us, it must have a lot of love behind it to have entrusted us with so much, just with the hope that we will realize it and respond with the same kind of love. Let's not presume for more, let's be thankful.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

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8th graders outscore faculty

HCA's basketball teams had great seasons. All of them finished with winning records and demonstrated superior school spirit. We are proud of our teams and their representation of our school. Our Varsity girls' team finished their season with a 3rd place in our regional Catholic Schools tournament. Our Varsity boys brought home the 2nd place trophy that they have proudly displayed in our school lobby.

Our 8th grade Varsity players challenged the faculty and staff to a basketball contest recently. The teachers and staff dusted off their basketball skills and met their students on the court. Everyone enjoyed the game, especially the younger students who proudly cheered for their

teachers. Although the 8th graders outscored the faculty handily, everyone left the court with a smile and the memory of a good time.

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

First Confessions

In preparation for First Communion, 179 Religious Education children celebrated the sacrament of Confession for the first time. The Services consisted of an opening song, a welcome from the priest, Gospel reading, examination of conscience and individual confessions. Fr. Rooney told the children that Jesus already knows all our sins; what we must do, of our own free will, is to tell him we are sorry. At confession we tell Jesus our sins, promise to amend our lives and receive absolution. After each child's first confession they placed their lambs around the steps of the altar so we can remember to pray for them when we come to Mass.

Parent Gathering Series

Our next Parent Gathering Series is **Thursday, March 12, from 6:30 to 8:00pm** in the Parish Life Center and features Dr. Michael Horne. His topic will be "Raising Strong Families: Preparing Your Kids to Live Virtuously in the World." Technology and secularization have made parenting challenging. Dr. Horn will guide parents on how to protect their families against the negative ways of the internet so families can live virtuously, even in the virtual world. ipsiences.edu/alumnialumni-newsour-alumni-michael-horne-psy-d/

youth ministry



Confirmation Rehearsals

Below is a reminder of the rehearsal times:

- Teams 1-10 will meet **Thursday, March 12 at 7pm** in the Parish Life Center.
- Teams 11-21 will meet **Thursday, March 19 at 7pm** in the Parish Life Center.

If sponsors are available they should attend. If sponsors cannot make it we ask that a parent stand in for them so that they can explain what they are to do the day of Confirmation.

High School Lock-in: March 21-22

All high school teens are welcome to join us at Holy Cross Academy for tons of games, movies, food, and plain ole goodness all in one night! **RSVP by Monday, March 16.** Cost is a permission slip, \$10, and a snack or drink to share.

Operation Rice Bowl

Visit Niger this week by reading about Habibou Alassane, his wife and nine children, www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3/.



Hungering for a season of hope

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we're reminded that life's joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season—when food is in short supply—and we commit to acting for the common good.

Try a Recipe

Be sure to try the delicious recipe from Niger, "West African Peanut Stew." Watch its preparation at CRS Rice Bowl's Global Kitchen with Fr. Leo Patalinghug www.crsricebowl.org/recipe/west-african-peanut-stew/.

Reflections

Spend 5 minutes a day reflecting on this week's calendar entries from Sunday, March 8-15.

God of all people, we offer you our Lenten journey. May we learn to walk as one human family, remembering in a special way those who are poorest and most in need. Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts. Through these actions, we show our love for your Son, Jesus, and answer your call to love one another. Amen.

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please, join us

We are now accepting registrations K-8 for the 2015-16 school year!



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to receive
daily reflections
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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 from 7-9pm.

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.

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Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday evening during Lent. Join us in the Church for Stations 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 6–7:30pm. 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.

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.

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'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 5-6:30pm, an orientation at 6:45pm, a dinner at 7pm, 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. **Women's Retreat**

Dates: March 13-15, 2015.

Contact Len or Sylvia Fontenot for more info: 540-663-2261 or email lensyl1966@verizon.net. To register go to www.loyolaonthepotomac.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.**

Senior Bingo

Come join fellow senior parishioners for testing your luck at BINGO! The event is scheduled for **March 16 from noon till 2pm** in the Parish Life Center. A light lunch of a sandwich, salad and cookie will be provided. Admission is free and small prizes will be awarded to bingo winners.

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Since this is the first time we are having Bingo, please call the church office no later than **March 11 to respond** so we can prepare accordingly. 540-373-6491.

CCW March meeting

The CCW March meeting, which falls on **St. Patrick's Day** this year, features two guest speakers regarding lay members of religious orders. Elaine Stanislawski will be speaking about the Lay Carmelites and Barbara McCoy will be speaking about the Third Order Franciscans. Don't miss this interesting and informative meeting.

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 hcasecretary@holycrossweb.com.

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 Cavierzel and Kathleen Wilson. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more details or to register.

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.

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.

CCW Nominating Committee notice

It's that time of year and the Council of Catholic Women is seeking ladies interested in serving the parish as a member of the Governing Board for 2015-2016. This offers you the opportunity to minister to all of the women of St. Mary. The Board members meet monthly and are active in the general monthly meetings as well as other activities of the Council. As stated in the Bylaws, The CCW will "support, empower and educate all women of the parish in spirituality, leadership and service". CCW is an organization in which each woman can find an opportunity for service and for friendship and fellowship. If you think you may be called to serve the Parish through a leadership role in the Council of Catholic Women, please email Joyce at tjotoole@verizon.net or call 540-371-2365.

Fish Fry

The St. Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold a Lenten Fish Fry on **March 27 from 4-7pm in the St. Jude Church Activity Center**. Enjoy a traditional penitential meal of deep fried cod, tilapia and catfish, fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, beverage and Irish Soda Bread. \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Sit in or take out. Tickets sold only at the door. Half of the net proceeds will be donated to the St. Jude Parish Building Fund.

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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:*

Ireland
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AUGUST 2015

*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!**

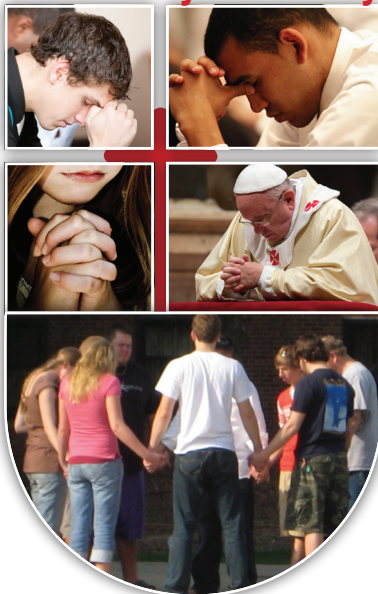
liturgy called in love

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:

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, Christopher Kelly, Hollie Santay

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

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings

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9 MONDAY

6:30 + Dorothy Malmquist
9am + Jeremy Strader
2 Kgs 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30

10 TUESDAY

6:30 + Barbara Meyer
9am + Justin Armitage
Dn 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35

11 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Fr. Lino Rico Rostro
9am + Maureen McCarton
Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19

12 THURSDAY

6:30 + Stella Stofko
8:15* James & Laurie Calvin
9am + Virginia Clay
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

13 FRIDAY

6:30 + All Souls
9am + Eleanor Mitchell
Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

14 SATURDAY

9am + Maria E. Agravante
5pm + Packie Croarkin
7pm + John C. Adams
Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

15 SUNDAY

7am For the Parish
8:30 + Joseph DiPretore
10:30 Vinh & Thao Families
10:30*Alison Vigil
12:30 Khang Nguyen Family
2pm + Elizabeth Moritakis
5pm + Benny Davis
7:01 + Elaine Wheeler
2 Cor 36:14-16,19-23; Eph 2:4-10;
Jn 3:14-21

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

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Weekly Offertory

1 March Offertory	33,373.
Parish Building Fund	8,150.
Aid to Churches in Central & Eastern Europe (add'l)	540.
Black & Indian Missions (add'l)	2,470.
St. Vincent dePaul Poor Box	112.

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 for your support. Because their residents are of limited financial means, the Little Sisters depend

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.



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 8

"Every child conceived by in vitro fertilization is truly deserving of respect and love: Each is a human person, regardless of the manner of conception. The problem is that the way they are brought into the world does not live up to their dignity." ("Life Matters: Reproductive Technologies," Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities)

We pray for those who long for a child of their own that Our Lord may assure them of His loving care for their lives.

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 SCRIP cards online

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.

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**Catholic Relief Services
Collection: March 14-15**

Help Jesus in Disguise—"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). We are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. The six worldwide organizations supported by the Collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support, and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. This Collection offers an opportunity for each of us to **help Jesus in disguise**. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Ayudar a Jesús con otro rostro—"Yo les aseguro que, cuando lo hicieron con el más insignificante de mis hermanos, conmigo lo hicieron" (Mt 25:40). Hoy se nos recuerda que Jesús se identificó con nuestros hermanos y hermanas más pobres. La Catholic Relief Services Collection sirve a Jesús en las víctimas del tráfico humano, en aquellos que sufren por leyes injustas y en los que necesitan cuidado pastoral y ayuda humanitaria alrededor del mundo. Las seis organizaciones mundiales que reciben financiamiento de la Colecta proporcionan ayuda humanitaria inmediata, apoyo pastoral y auxilio en casos de desastre a nuestros sufridos hermanos y hermanas alrededor del mundo. Esta Colecta nos ofrece la oportunidad a cada uno de nosotros de **ayudar a Jesús con otro rostro**. Por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la Catholic Relief Services Collection.

**Welcome to SHARE
at St. Mary Parish!**

Order Deadline: 16 March
Food Pick-Up: 28 March

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 January:**Value Package**

(\$21 + 2 hrs community service)

- Forester Farmer's Market Chicken Drumsticks, 2 lbs.
- Hormel Applewood-Smoked Black Label Bacon, 1 lb.
- All Beef Hot Dogs
- Fresh Eggs, Frozen Peaches,
- Cornbread Mix and Waffles!
- Plus, Potatoes, Onions and the best produce on the market

Chicken Breast

(\$19 + 2 hrs community service)

- Seasoned, fully cooked 2-5 lb bags in each box for a total of 10 lbs. Ready for a quick dinner, a delicious hot sandwich, or to slice and add to a salad.

Easter Spiral Ham

(\$30 + 2 hrs community service)

- 8 lb. Average Weight *Retail value \$40-48*

Eli's (Chicago's Finest)**Cheesecake**

(\$16 + 2 hrs Community Service)

- Retail Value \$28-30

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. = \$ _____

Chicken Breast (\$19)

_____ x \$19. = \$ _____

Easter Spiral Ham (\$30)

_____ x \$30. = \$ _____

Eli's Cheesecake (\$16)

_____ x \$16. = \$ _____

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.