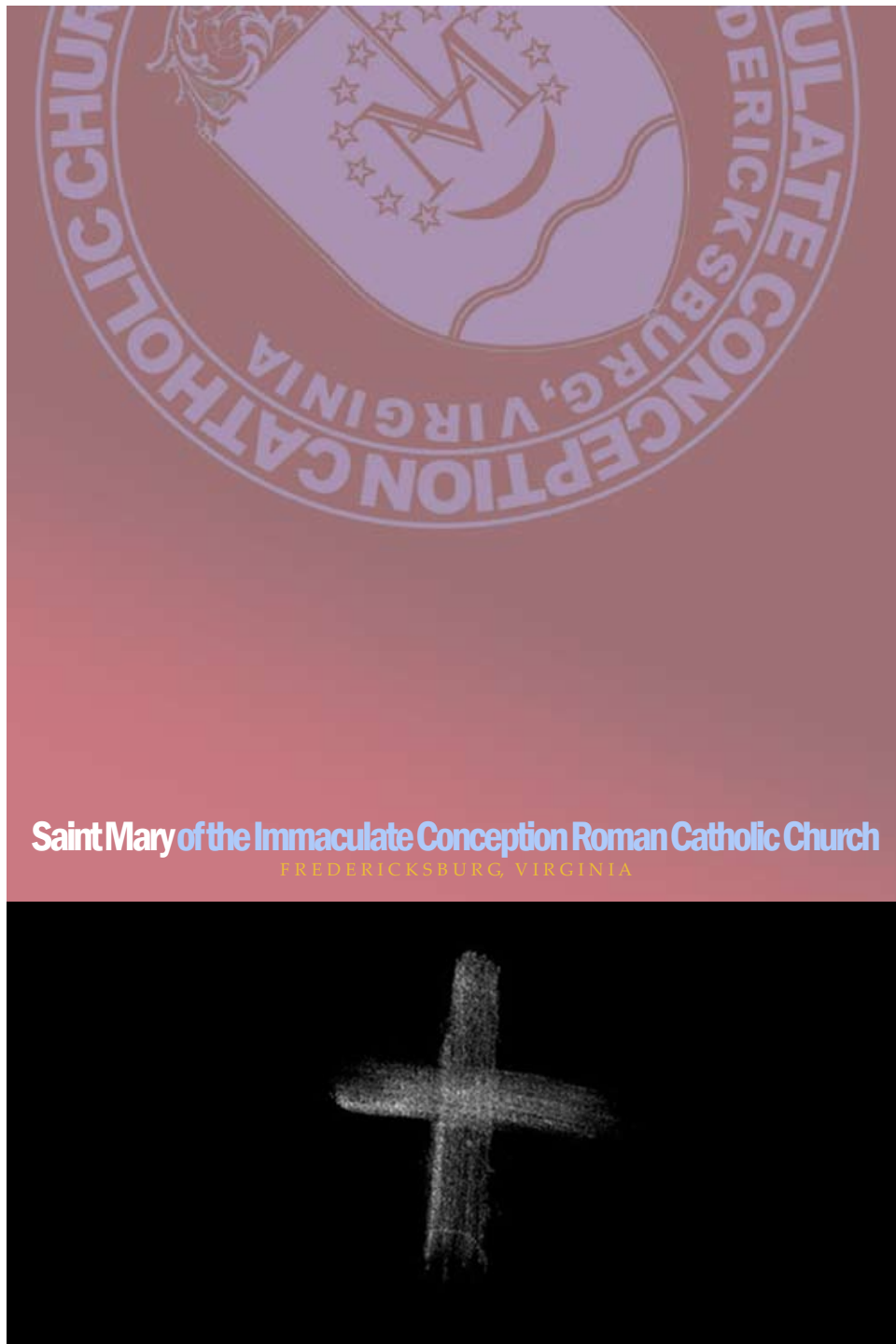


**Fourth Sunday  
of Lent**

**15 march 2015**



# what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

## march

### 15 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.  
7pm, Rescheduled Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, 202.  
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center, 204.

### 20 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.

### 21 Saturday, Lenten Weekday

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
10:30am and 2pm, CONFIRMATION Masses, Church, and receptions in the Parish Life Center.  
SCRIP sales after 5pm Mass.  
7pm, BUNCO, Parish Life Center.  
9pm, HS Youth Group Lock-in, Holy Cross Academy.

### 22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Small Groups "**BETRANSFORMED**" Preparation begins for Week 6.  
Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (CYM).  
3:30pm, *Intentional Disciples* Final Discussion Group with Fr. Rooney, Courtyard Room.  
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, Parish Life Center.  
SCRIP sales after all Masses.

### 23 Monday, Lenten Weekday (Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop)

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program, Church. All invited to class at 7:30.

### 24 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

7pm, Additional parish confessions, Church.

### 25 Wednesday, The Annunciation of the Lord

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

### 26 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center 100.  
6:30pm, Parent Gathering Series with guest speaker Sr. Clare Hunter, Parish Life Center.  
7pm, Additional parish confessions, Church.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House, upstairs.  
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Center, 204.

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nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✠ The **second collection this weekend** is for **Catholic Relief Services**. 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. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection.
- ✠ Saint Mary's **Manna Project food drive is this weekend**. Non-perishable food items and financial donations for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank are welcome. Thank you for your generosity.
- ✠ Don't forget Fredericksburg's **Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Services and Lunch**, every Wednesday at noon. This week we meet at St. George Episcopal Church, and Rev. Richard Carbaugh, the pastor at Christ Lutheran, is preaching.
- ✠ The snowed-out **Baptism Class** has been rescheduled for Thursday, **March 19, 7pm**, in the Parish Life Center, 202.
- ✠ **SCRIP is on sale** this weekend.

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<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	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
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	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
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<b>ST. MARY PRESCHOOL</b>	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE</b>	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
<b>HEALTH MINISTRY</b>	845-3031 Steven Haughton, RN, and Beth Palacios, RN
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
<b>MARRIAGE</b>	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
<b>JOIN US</b>	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



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Snow days are a disaster! I hear from teachers at Holy Cross and other area schools, the kids are all mixed up. Days on, days off, no rhythm or rhyme to the process. Class work is disjointed, not following easily from day to day. As much as some of us might not like to admit it, we are people of routine. If we fall out of the habit it is hard to get back on track.

Masses here at church have been the same. Broadcast threats of storms that never quite materialized kept a lot people home, preferring not to go out and take a chance. One weekend attendance was less than half the normal attendance and the weather never really materialized, the roads were clear, it was our doorsteps or driveways that were slick. On the other hand, on another weekend we did have a *lot* of weather.

There is a truism that goes like this: "It is not wise to do something foolish." But sometimes it is foolish to be so controlled by others, particularly media who sell a lot of advertising if they can prove that a lot of people tune into their scary weather predictions. It has reached the level of foolishness, I think, how we have lost our nerve, or our courage to try. One lady told me she stayed home last weekend because she heard on the radio that there were icy patches, only realizing later that they were talking about the mountains in West Virginia.

It is also hard on a parish when Masses are not even near half-full. And I'm not talking financially (though these weekends do represent a huge hit). I'm talking about the momentum we have built spiritually, gathering for prayer, building ourselves up as a community, growing in our penance and special practices as a parish family, praying together. It seems that, out of the forty days of Lent, we've already had a *lot* of holidays. Two of the first three Sundays of Lent were very light. People stayed home from Forty Hours and our parish mission. What may have been progress early on in the season of Lent may stalled: what can be done?

Like kids in school, we are easily distracted and it takes a lot of energy to get back on track, but we still have a couple of weeks left: take the time you need to save Lent, if you need to. When I need to pay closer attention to work that isn't get-

ting done, I rely on a daily list. (People harass me for the way I use lists all the time; I have lists of lists.) But sometimes the physical action of writing it down will help to assure that it gets done.

Add prayer to your Outlook calendar. Ask your wife or husband or kids to help you to get it done. Express a priority for these things with those you love and ask them to complete them with you. Mass, and prayer, service, almsgiving for the poor, fasting, little sacrifices here and there—these are all things that we can do with one another to strengthen our resolve and improve our focus, and refocus. They will help us to be prepared for that moment when we recommit ourselves to the promises of baptism that we made years ago, or were made for us, that we must own again at Easter to move forward.

Here is a quick list of some ideas, they are called the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Our confirmation candidates should be well aware of these by now. Here's a checklist—mark all the ones you can realistically complete before Holy Week and check your progress before you go to bed at night. You might be surprised how natural these are to who you are!

## *Spiritual Works of Mercy*

- ☐ To instruct the ignorant.
- ☐ To counsel the doubtful.
- ☐ To admonish sinners.
- ☐ To bear wrongs patiently.
- ☐ To forgive offences willingly.
- ☐ To comfort the afflicted.
- ☐ To pray for the living and the dead

## *Corporal Works of Mercy*

- ☐ To feed the hungry.
- ☐ To give drink to the thirsty.
- ☐ To clothe the naked.
- ☐ To shelter the homeless.
- ☐ To visit the sick.
- ☐ To visit the imprisoned.
- ☐ To bury the dead.

All seven of the first group are possible, practically on a moment-to-moment basis of our daily life. The second group requires some preparation and homework. Still, all of these are close to home and our parish does these things everyday. Maybe you could get involved in any number of ways that allow us to complete these commands.

God bless you. *Fr. Don*

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

**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**



# holy cross academy



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## Working it out!

Sometimes in Math you just have to get down on the floor and work it out! At least in Kindergarten you do. HCA Kindergarteners enjoy exploring one-to-one correspondence using their linking cubes. They are learning about odd and even numbers and discovering how they can link them together and take them apart.

As the students progress through the grades, they enjoy problem solving and finding different solutions to the same problem. They have learned to "put on their thinking caps" so they can stretch their imaginations and their thinking skills. Math classes at HCA are exciting as we are all learning to stretch our minds to learn new concepts and explore the world of mathematical reasoning.

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](http://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

## Parent Gathering Series

Our next Parent Gathering Series is **Thursday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8pm** in the Parish Life Center and features Sr. Clare Hunter, F.S.E.



Sister Clare Hunter is Director of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Arlington.

Her talk, "Living Out Love: The Catholic Church and Homosexuality," will address the misconceptions and truths about the Catholic Church's understanding and teachings on the issues of same-sex attraction and the sacrament of marriage. Sister will also share advice on what parents can do when their child comes to them with confusion about homosexuality, or expressing that they may be struggling with a same sex attraction.

## Operation Rice Bowl

Visit Lebanon and learn about the crisis in Syria at [www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-4/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-4/)



## Hungering for peace

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to Lebanon to be present to a people who themselves are on a journey. Here we meet a family of Syrian refugees, a family perhaps not so unlike our own. We are challenged through our almsgiving this week to reach out to those who are forced to flee their homes, who are seeking shelter in a land of peace.

## Try a recipe

Be sure to try the delicious recipe from Lebanon, "fattet laban." Watch its preparation at [www.crsricebowl.org/recipe/fattet-laban/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/recipe/fattet-laban/)

## Reflections

Spend 5 minutes a day reflecting on this week's calendar entries from Sunday, March 15-21. [www.crsricebowl.org/reflections/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/reflections/)

*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.*

# youth ministry



## Team 11-21 Confirmation Rehearsal

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.



# education please, join us

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



## HOLY CROSS ACADEMY SAINT MARY PRESCHOOL



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 about the wonderful opportunities we provide for our students.

Named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2012.

Five teachers named Diocesan Teacher of the Year since 2007.

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On the weekend of February 20-22, 31 teens and 9 adults went away on retreat to become better disciples of Jesus. Our weekend focused on what it means to be an intentional disciple of Christ in our world today. Here are some photos from the weekend.

# community happening here

*Join us for the Novena at the end of Masses every day, or include this in your prayers at home as we entrust our parish and school to good Saint Joseph.*

## Join our Novena to Saint Joseph March 11-19

"O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings

through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return

the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

Saint Joseph, we place our parish of Saint Mary and our school Holy Cross Academy under your watchful care and protection. Grant us all we ask of you today so that we may grow in holiness and that our works may prosper and grow.

We offer this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen."

*On March 4, Fr. Don Rooney led the Micah Lenten Prayer Service at Christ Lutheran Church, followed by lunch. Lenten noon prayer services have grown in popularity each year as we rotate through Fredericksburg with different clergy at different churches. The photo above shows the crowd that literally filled Christ Lutheran.*



## 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. 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.



## 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](mailto:joycebodoh@gmail.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.

## 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



# community happening here



## *Saint Mary* *Council of* *Catholic* *Women*

### 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.

### CCW Nominating Committee notice

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is seeking ladies interested in serving as a member of the 2015-2016 Governing Board. This offers you the opportunity to minister to all of the women of Saint Mary. Board members meet monthly and are active in the general monthly meetings and other Council activities. Our Bylaws state that the CCW will "support, empower and educate all women of the parish in spirituality, leadership and service." In the CCW, each woman can find an opportunity for service, friendship, and fellowship. If you think you may be called to serve through a leadership role, please email Joyce at [tjotoole@verizon.net](mailto:tjotoole@verizon.net) or call 540-371-2365.

any questions, please contact Mrs. Jeffers at [hcasecretary@holycrossweb.com](mailto:hcasecretary@holycrossweb.com).

### 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 the **Knights of Columbus** 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](mailto:nunezf97@outlook.com).

### ESL Class Schedule

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

### 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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women) for more details or to register.

## TICKETS ON SALE



## Saint Mary Parish Night Out 2015

this  
could  
be you

Saturday, 25 April 2015

UMW Jepson Center

Cash Bar 6:30pm

7pm Dinner & Dancing

Tickets are \$75 each.

Information? Call Marty

Bridi 540-373-0259

Entertainment by the

Andrew Thielen Big Band

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## Registration Now!

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

The tournament 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](http://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](http://www.Golfing4Jake.com), contact one of our committee members at [Golfing4Jake@comcast.net](mailto:Golfing4Jake@comcast.net), or call 301-928-5390.

## Men's Group

Looking for a chance to strengthen your faith while enjoying some good food & drink? Come join with other men of the parish to discuss issues relevant to work, family, and friendship in a casual environment at the Blue & Gray Brewing Co. each month.

Since the Church is often called a "hospital for sinners" isn't it fitting we have our own Doctors of the Church? For the next several months we're going to be reading about each of them and discussing their lives & contributions to the Church.

**We meet on the LAST Friday of the month at 7:30pm.**

Contact Mike Bostain ([mrbbostain@verizon.net](mailto:mrbbostain@verizon.net)) for more information.



*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!**

# 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](http://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, 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, Barbara Leone, Debbie Lloyd, Chris Balut, Linda Kaila, Rose Sisco, Jeff Shinrock, Donald Estes, Johnny Wharton, Phyllis Woolverton, Helen Kozyra, Glenn Nichols, Sr., Thomas Schulsky, Julie Fabula, Amelia McDevitt, Gerald Gardiner, Prov Moeller, The Girth Family, Marie Rooney, Dylan and Brandon Meade, Barbara Stauble, Michael Coughlin, Karen Danis, Marian Wilinski, Mary Ellen Normand, John Castagna, Kristy Fairbanks, Peggy Silberman, Florence DesRoches, Keith Snellings, Sr., Debra Wood, Danny Terrant, 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, Richard Romagnoli, Donna Huff, Ann Dunsmore, Lisa Herr, Madeline Doyle, Elizabeth Ames

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

### march

#### 16 MONDAY

6:30 + Christine McWhirt

9am + Virginia Lee Marenco

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

#### 17 TUESDAY

6:30 + Frank Healey

9am + Dan Lyons

Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16

#### 18 WEDNESDAY

6:30 + Malcolm Shaffer

9am + Vic Bridi

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-20

#### 19 THURSDAY

6:30 + Patricia Lawliss

8:15\* + John Kwitoski

9am + William J. Chism

2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24

#### 20 FRIDAY

6:30 + Malcolm Shaffer

9am + Rosemary LaSalle

Wis 2:1,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

#### 21 SATURDAY

9am The Kane Family

5pm + Gina Lenox

7pm + Jane and William Fuller

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

#### 22 SUNDAY

7am + Richard Salazar

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 + Jack MacKenn

10:30\* + Anne Catherine Mullins

12:30 Our Military Living and Deceased

2pm + Kathleen Hennessey

5pm + Kay Balhoff

7:01 Greg Dilick

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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

8 March Offertory 36,933.  
Little Sisters of the Poor 14,760.  
Parish Building Fund (add'l) 3,252.  
St. Vincent dePaul Poor Box 670.

**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](http://www.staffordjunction.org).

## Choose Life reflection

In Lent, the Church enters more deeply into meditation on the suffering, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Life was sacred because He made it, and by His Passion and Resurrection it is even more sacred because it is now raised to the heights of Heaven to reign with Him. *Lord, I am filled with wonder at Your love for human life – everyone, born and unborn! May our*

*laws and practices treat humans with the highest respect due them.*

## Order SCRIP cards

Set up an online account today at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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](http://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 [scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com).

## Parking Announcement

We are so pleased to see so many people attend Mass each weekend. We realize that parking is a challenge and we appreciate your understanding and patience. However, we wish to remind you that parking is not permitted in any of the fire lanes, along the curbs on the side and rear of the parking lot, since it blocks traffic and prevents fire trucks or ambulances from getting through in an emergency. Towing will be enforced if necessary at the car owner's expense. We also understand that fire trucks will actually push cars out of the way in an emergency, and any resulting damage to the cars will be the owners' responsibility.

## 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.

## A letter of thanks from Rocafuerte

**Dear and Reverend Father,**

After greeting you respectfully, on behalf of our Regional Mother, Sister Maria Klara Falzberger, I send you our deepest and sincere gratitude for all the efforts your parish has made for achieving a significant sum of money for the construction of the schoolhouse of our Sisters in Rocafuerte, Manabi, Ecuador. Our Sister Elizabeth Anne told me the good and comforting news.

Work continues forward.

Currently in Rocafuerte, and in the greater region of the coast, it should be raining. Unfortunately the lack of precious rain promises a very difficult year, especially for the poor farmers living in their fields. In contrast, in the region of the mountains, overly

heavy rains are causing flooding, the destruction of the simple houses of poor people that cannot withstand such weather, and the destruction of crops. In short, the poorest unfortunately suffer most the consequences of bad weather. There are so many who have to fight hard every day just to survive.

Heartfelt thanks, dear Father, for remembering our brothers and sisters most in need. I like to think that God will give your parish a high reward, because Jesus said, "What you do unto the least of mine, I receive as done to myself!" Receive humble prayers of the beneficiaries, as well as those of the Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales, along with our repeated thanks.

**Sister Maria Clotilde Burkart**

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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.

## 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](mailto: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.