

**Fourth Sunday
of Easter**

26 april 2015



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



what's coming



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

april

26 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Vocations Sunday

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Troop 1410).
CYM Flower Sale after all Masses, proceeds go to WorkCamp.
11:30, New Family Welcome meeting, Church and Parish Life Center.
Noon, ESL Classes, Parish Life Center, 203.
2pm Spanish Mass for Vocations with Bishop Loverde, followed by reception in Parish Life Center.
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, PLC.
SCRIP sales after all Masses, except 2pm Mass.

27 Monday, Easter Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program.

28 Tuesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest)

7:15pm, Introduction to Renewed Life in the Spirit, Parish Life Center.

29 Wednesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church)

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Women's group, Courtyard Room.

30 Thursday, Easter Weekday (Saint Pius V, Pope)

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

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1 Friday, Easter Weekday (Saint Joseph the Worker)

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms Group), JP II House.
6:30pm, Prayers and Squares meeting, Parish Life Center, 204.
8pm, First Friday Mass and All Night Adoration, Church.

2 Saturday, Easter Weekday (Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.
2:30pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, 204.
6pm, Knights of Columbus Monthly Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.
SCRIP on sale after 5pm Mass.
CYM Flower Sale after all Masses, proceeds go to WorkCamp.

3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Catholic Business Network of Central Virginia).
CYM Flower Sale after all Masses, proceeds go to WorkCamp.
CBNCV Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses, Parish Life Center.
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, PLC.
SCRIP sales after all Masses, except 2pm Mass.

4 Monday, Easter Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program.

5 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

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

6 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Women's group, Courtyard Room.

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

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✠ The **second collection** this weekend is for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Please give generously and help strengthen the Church at home. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

✠ Tickets are almost sold out! We have only three spots left. **Join us on pilgrimage with our Oblate Sisters as we go to South Africa** to dedicate their convent which we helped to build! We will visit the Sisters' missions in South Africa and Namibia. For information, call Fr. Rooney or find the information on our parish website. July 14-25, 2015. stmaryfred.org/pilgrimage-to-south-africa/

✠ On **May 7**, join us for an **Interreligious Prayer Service** where we hope to re-establish relationships in our community—Noon at St. George's Episcopal Church. We will hear from Muslim, Jewish and Christian Leaders and will gather to pray in one another's presence.

✠ Mark your calendars for Thursday, **May 14**. How does **mulch and pizza** sound? See page 9 for details.

✠ Mark your calendars: Our **PARISH PICNIC** will happen at Holy Cross Academy on Sunday, June 7 in the afternoon.

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm All Night Adoration, First Friday Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
CONFESSION	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm,</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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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

I hope you got a chance to read the article we reprinted last week on the glorified body and the resurrection of the dead. I think I first read about the qualities of the glorified body when I was a kid and it seemed too good to be true. It seems to be the stuff of superheroes. Which of course is exactly true if you consider our saints to be superheroes.

The three properties I found the most fascinating were *agility* (the ability to suddenly go somewhere at the speed of thought), *subtlety* (as when Jesus, after the resurrection, appeared to the Apostles able to pass through doors, not limited by space) and *clarity*, or brilliance (like Jesus at the transfiguration, bright as the sun).

Well, I don't know if you noticed, but since the Easter Vigil Mass this year, all the paintings of the saints in the sanctuary of the church are finished. Finally. At times I have made cracks about the unreliable artist who never seemed to get them finished. People would scowl when I would say these things, thinking I was badmouthing somebody, not knowing that the artist was me.

So here's a quick review. First of all, they are oil on wood panel, and the background, in the tradition of iconography is 24k gold leaf, depicting heaven. The halos of the saints (or their *nimbuses*), symbols of holiness in art history, are white gold leaf.

We wanted people from the Old Testament, New Testament, family of Jesus and our parish family to be represented. Since the generous donations of the 12 panels (\$60K) were a significant source of funding for the pipe organ and the rededication of our church 22 November 2010, we also wanted also to have saints who have music as a part of their story.

Starting from the top left, you see Miriam, sister of Moses. She sang and played her tambourine when the Israelites came miraculously through the Red Sea, which is for us a sign of our Baptism. Next to the right is King David, of the family line of Jesus, who also played his lyre and danced at the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem. The third panel is the prophet Isaiah, holding the scroll that Jesus proclaimed

at the beginning of his public ministry, "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me...today this passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*"

As Isaiah is pointing to Jesus on the crucifix from the left, from the Old Testament side, so on the opposite side (top row) we see John the Baptist, the prophet from the New Testament who is pointing back to him. Next is the mother of Mary, Saint Anne, Jesus' grandmother. We thought it would be great to represent the elderly in our family in this way. Finally, another musical saint, Saint Cecelia (holding a little pipe organ) is the upper right panel. She is the patron saint of musicians, and we dedicated the church on her feastday, Nov. 22.

Bottom far left is Saint Joseph, to whom we entrusted all our parish renovations these past years, and to whom we entrust our families. On the lower far right is Saint Leonie Aviat, the founder of our Oblate Sisters of Saint Francis DeSales. At the dedication of the church, we installed her relic in the base of the altar stone.

The remaining middle four panels were chosen because they are the patrons of the four parishes which have been born from Saint Mary: Saints Jude, Patrick, William of York, and Matthew the Evangelist.

Finally you may notice that they are much more colorful, almost richly dressed despite the reality that most were not wealthy. They are dressed in their Sunday best, wearing their wedding garments to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb in our later days. It is the Mass! We gather as the bride of Christ, the Church, and celebrate with them already having a taste of the beauty of heaven that we hope to share with them one day.

You may notice I worked back into their garments a lot of the gold of the background. In a small way I wanted to indicate their brilliance, the ordered way of beautiful patterns, how the glory of God literally shines through them for us to see. Their garments almost dissolve in the light of heaven as they become witnesses of the beauty of Jesus, in heaven just as they were on earth. So may we also be!

God bless you.

Fr. Don

holy cross academy



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2012*



Celebrating high grades and good character

Student leadership is an important part of Holy Cross Academy. We are very proud of our students who were inducted into the **National Junior Honor Society** last Friday. To be admitted into NJHS, students have to demonstrate scholarship in maintaining a high academic average and give evidence of leadership, service, character and citizenship. This is both an honor and a challenge to continue upholding high grades and strong evidence of good character. Throughout the year, our NJHS students provide leadership to our school community and give themselves in service, especially to the younger students at HCA. We are very proud of our Middle School students and the leadership and good example that they provide to all of us.

Registration is open for all classes. We extend a special invitation to families who want to learn about our kindergarten program here at HCA.

You can also learn about our school and what we can do for your child, by making an appointment to come see our school. Please call our office at 540-286-1600. We are currently registering all grades for the 2015-2016 school year. Please 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.

May 5 is the Community Give

Please bookmark May 5 to show your support for our school as part of the Community Foundation's The Community Give program. It was a big success last year and we look forward to another wonderful show of support for HCA. **Learn more about the Community Give on page 9 in this week's bulletin.**

religious education

Recruiting Catechists

Over 900 students from Kindergarten–12 attend Religious Education classes once a week. You can help in their formation by becoming a catechist, prayer aide, or office volunteer. Classes are held Monday–Thursday, primarily in the Parish Life Center from 4:45 to 6pm and from 6:30 to 7:45pm. On Thursdays only the first session is held. On

Tuesdays a session is also held at Holy Cross Academy from 6 to 7:15pm.

As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "There are so many reasons I enjoy being a catechist!! Thank you for giving me the chance." **For more information, call 540-373-6491 and ask for Karen Sturtevant or Aristides Lucas.**

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 22–26. This year's theme is "Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus." **Registration begins May 4.**



Photograph by
Lori Fowlkes.



First Communion 2015

The children among us receiving Eucharist for the first time are perfect teachers at this moment for all of us. Let us renew in our hearts how we felt when we, ourselves, received First Communion. Each time you receive Jesus in the Eucharist, talk to him with confidence and love. Tell him how much you love him. Talk to him as your best friend, and one who loves you with a perfect love. Ask Jesus what he wants you to do with your life. What does he want you to change? If it's possible, ask him if he might want you to become a priest or religious sister or brother. Take time to listen to what Jesus is telling you in your heart.

Congratulations to the following First Communicants from April 18 and 19.

- Alexander Beamon
- Katerina Brokesh
- Jade Clark
- Gabrielle Etrata
- Nathan Fowlkes
- Kobe Freeman

- Alexandra Garcia
- Francisca Garcia
- Jessica Gioia
- Antonio Gomez
- Kandy Guevara
- John Paul Guthrie
- Aidan Hernandez
- Brittani Jardinez
- Alexander Jovanovic
- Alyssa Kopp
- Bao-Anh La
- Emma Lopez

- Diego Mar-Soto
- Elpidio Martinez
- Manuel Martinez
- Tristan Pena Martinez
- Gianna McDermott
- Edwin Mendoza
- Victor Morales
- Madison Patton
- Layla Perry
- Arath Alejandro Ramirez-Flores

- Patricia Ramirez-Flores
- Karina Resendiz
- Marisol Resendiz
- Mia Roberto
- Briseyda Rubio
- Cadiana Schwartz
- Cristobal Vega
- Alexander Watters
- Joanie Wiederman
- Morgan Williamson
- Seth Williamson

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Annual WorkCamp flower sale

Starting this weekend until Mother's Day weekend, our WorkCamp teens will be outside after all Masses selling fresh flowers to raise funds for camp. Spruce up your yards and help our teens get to camp!

parish life

fun and fellowship



Celebrate the start of summer with the entire parish.

Please join us for another FANTASTIC parish picnic. There will be food, fun and fellowship—rain or shine! There is no charge—this is our gift to the parish each year. Be sure to bring a blanket to sit on.

There will be shaded seating under the dining tents. Parking will be available at GEICO with a shuttle service to the school.

Help is needed!

Hamburgers, turkey burgers, hot dogs, sausages, baked beans, potato salad, and drinks are prepared by the Knights and served by the CCW. Side dishes and desserts provided by parishioners.

To help serve food, contact Council of Catholic Women, Eileen Geary.
540-371-1844, eileengeary@yahoo.com.

To help cook, set up or clean up, contact Knights of Columbus, Paul Scott.
540-842-7857, pscottsis@aol.com.

Our annual
PARISH PICNIC
is Sunday, June 7 from
3–7pm on the fields at
Holy Cross Academy.

PICNIC AT A GLANCE

AMAZING games and rides.

LIVE MUSIC in concert.

TASTY food and drinks, 3-6pm.

AND everything you bring:

If your last names starts
with a letter from:

A-L: bring chips to share

M-S: bring a dessert to share

T-Z: bring a non-perishable snack

parish life

he is risen! alleluia!



April 4-5, 2015.
Photographs by
Lori Fowlkes.

community happenings



Spring is here— Saint Mary's grounds needs your help!

Come and help us beautify our Church grounds with the cleaning of flower beds and spreading of mulch!

We need your help; along with your wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes on **Saturday, May 9, 2015, at 8am** to prepare the flower beds and on **Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 5:30pm** to put down the mulch. Please bring your family, small groups or friends along for a fun way to serve the Lord by beautifying our Church grounds and sharing in community and hospitality (pizza and beverages) when we finish.

If you are interested in volunteering for one or both of the days or wish to obtain more information, please contact Kayla Weaver at 540-840-4559 or kayla.coan@gmail.com.



On May 5, our community will come together for the Community Give. It's 24 hours of unprecedented non-profit giving—and it's your chance to make a real difference, right here in our community.

Each donation of \$25 or more creates an entry for that organization into hourly drawings.

TheCommunityGive.org

Holy Cross Academy

Let's GIVE—It's About the Children! We need YOU to join us May 5! We are using 100% of all donations to go towards an expansion fund at Holy Cross Academy. How wonderful that our school is growing and so many feel that Catholic education is important! **Your gift of \$25 (or more) to Holy Cross Academy via TheCommunityGive.org** can help us reach our goal and win up to \$10,000 in grant prizes!



St. Vincent de Paul

Help us help those in need! Please help our all-volunteer organization help those in need in our community. Please visit www.bit.ly/StVincentGIVE15 (link is case-sensitive) and make **your donation to St. Vincent de Paul**. Please encourage your friends to donate throughout the day on May 5.



community happenings

May family dinner

The May Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Saturday, May 2 from 6 to 8:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes deep fried chicken tenders, baked beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, and pineapple upside-down cake. Profits will be donated to Catholic Charities. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. 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.**

Exploring God's world

Looking for something to do on Mother's Day Weekend? Come out and enjoy the amazing world around us with your fellow parishioners! Join us for a nature hike to marvel at God's creations

at Government Island (191 Coal Landing Road, Stafford 22554) on **Saturday, May 9**. A portion of the walk is paved, but there is also a wooden walkway and easy dirt path. Bring some water, comfortable shoes and your binoculars! **Adult Birding Hike at 8am** and a **Family Hike geared toward kids at 9:30am**. Please contact Julie Appleton at jrmappleton@gmail.com for more information. **Please RSVP** so we know how many people to expect and can contact you for cancellations due to inclement weather.

Gratitude from Greenfields

Greenfield Senior Living presented the Saint Mary Outreach Committee with a certificate of appreciation for the monthly visits we make there. They are so grateful for the time we spend with the residents and the

knowledge that we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. What a special bond that's made! **If you're interested in learning more about our nursing home visits**, please contact Julie Appleton at jrmappleton@gmail.com for more information.

Book Club's May selection

The parish book club will read Gilead, a winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, for its meeting on **May 12 at 10am** at the John Paul II House. The work by Marilynne Robinson carries strong Christian themes, but as one reviewer said, "Despite the meditations on faith, even readers with no religious inclinations will be captivated." For more information: Kathleen Mahoney, 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com. **This will be the last meeting until we resume in September.**



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



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

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



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

community happenings

Volunteer with the Health Ministry

The Health Ministry at Saint Mary needs volunteers! For more information please contact our parish nurse at [540-845-3031](tel:540-845-3031) (please leave a message) or email epalacios@stmaryfred.org.

Volunteers in this ministry will be required to complete VIRTUS training offered through the Diocese of Arlington. There will be a class at Saint Mary Parish on **May 16 from 9:30am-1:30pm** and registration is required. Please visit www.VIRTUS.org and select "Arlington."

Upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid

down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **September 18-20** or **November 6-8** in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or [703-378-4150](tel:703-378-4150).

Casino night

Casino Night at SMHS is **Friday, May 1, from 7-10pm** and is sponsored by St. Patrick's Battlefield Council Knights of Columbus and St. Michael the Archangel High School PTO. The evening will include casino tables, horse

races, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, appetizers and cash bar. Tickets are \$25/person. Dress in "Rat-Pack" style and get an extra \$100 "Funny Money" to play with that night. For tickets, contact Anne-Marie Theriot, amtheriot@gmail.com.

Pray for Syrian Christians

Join Archbishop Jean-Clement Jeanbart, archbishop of Aleppo, Syria, to pray and show support for the persecuted and displaced Christians of Syria on **Friday, May 1 at 7pm** at the **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land**, 1400 Quincy Street, NE, Washington, DC. For further information, contact Aid to the Church in Need (www.acnusa.org) or the Franciscan Monastery (www.myfranciscan.org). RSVP: mail@myfranciscan.com.

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.

Fostering excellence in academics in a Christ-centered environment dedicated to the development of the whole child since 1998.

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operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

19 April Offertory 40,967.
Building Fund (add'l) 3,375.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul 95.

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.

Second collection for May 2 and May 3 is for Parish Building fund.

Children's Offertory Envelopes For April

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of May will be donated to the Children's and Teen's Programs of Empower House (formerly the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence). These programs provide ongoing support for children ages 5 to 12 affected by domestic violence and teens affected by dating violence and domestic violence.

Choose Life reflection for April 26

"What joy fills My Heart when you return to Me. Because you are weak, I take you in My arms and carry you to the home of My Father." (Diary, 1486)—© Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. Used with permission.

We pray for those who suffer: may they find their strength in the hope of the Resurrection.

Order SCRIP cards

Easter is here! Do you need a new outfit for this special season? We can help with gift cards to Belk, Macy's, Kohl's

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

First Friday—May 1 All Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"St. Joseph worshiped Jesus as no saint before had done. From his deep, calm soul he poured out a very ocean of love—tenderest love, humblest love... No angel might love Jesus as Joseph loved Him, as Joseph was bound to love Him. No temporal love but Mary's could be more like an eternal love than the love of Joseph for the Child, because of its likeness to the love of the everlasting Father." (Fr. Faber)

All Night Adoration will follow our **First Friday 8pm Mass on May 1**, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. Please sign up to come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Join the Carmelites for Morning Prayer

Members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Carmelite Community, Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, will be visiting our parish on **Saturday**

Mothers' Day Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your mother, living or deceased—or your grandmother, godmother or someone who is like a mother to you. **Beginning May 10, Mothers' Day**, a Novena of Masses will be offered for all the intentions placed in front of the altar. These intentions will remain before the altar throughout the Novena. Mothers' Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Parish Office.

morning, May 2, to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and attend 9am Mass. We would love to have the parishioners of St. Mary Parish join us for Morning Prayer which will begin at approximately 7:50am. The Rosary, led by members of the parish will follow as usual.

Unscheduled March Masses

Masses were offered in March for the following unscheduled intentions: +Gina Lenox, +Lisa Storm, Joseph Stanislawski, +Joseph Cascio, +Mr. Masovich, +Dennis Hahn, Josephine Hahn, Connie Sielicki, +Samuel Johnson, +Daniel Murphy, Dr. & Mrs. Gonzalo Guacena, Marcel Astier, Perla Guacena, Kathleen Lovato, +Frank Clancy, Jack Doherty, +Eva Niksic, Barbara Michalski, +Josephine Fialho, Ines & +Bob Willis, and +Bishop Keating

let us pray

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

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

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

Global Prayer Ministry**Saint Mary prayer list**

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

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

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

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings**april****27 MONDAY**

6:30 Virginia Mercado

9am Christopher and Jackie Murphy

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

28 TUESDAY

6:30 + Charles Brown

9am + Carmen Arevalo

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

29 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Brian Petrusky

9am + Norberto de la Pena

Acts 12:24-13:5; Jn 12:44-50

30 THURSDAY

6:30 Bobbie Jo Denton

8:15* Emily Davis

9am + Phyllis Vanasse

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

1 FRIDAY

6:30 + Alvin Mason Lewis, Sr.

9am + Edwin Sherry

8pm Coptic Christians

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

2 SATURDAY

9am + Mary Kaye Stein

5pm + Gloria Triana

7pm Veronica Quaile

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

3 SUNDAY

7am + Karen Williams

8:30 + Maria Ann Van Thi Ngyuen

10:30 + Those Who Died in April

10:30*+ Bill Sampson

12:30 + The Husselman Family

2pm Alice Noori

5pm For the Parish

7:01 Mirko and Theresa Zaunick

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24;

Jn 15:1-8

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