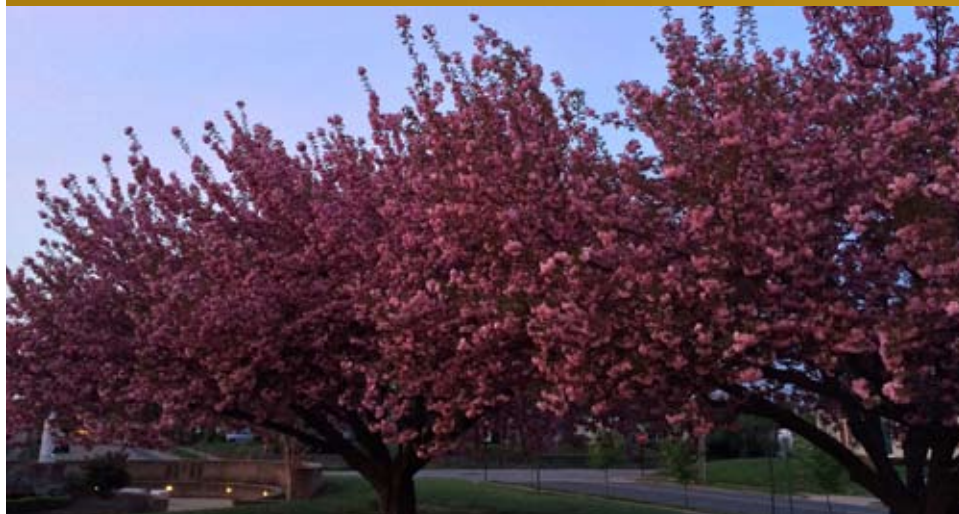


**Fifth Sunday  
of Easter**

**3 may 2015**



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



# what's coming



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### 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Saint Anne's Sisters in Faith).  
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.

### 7 Thursday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, 100.  
Noon, Interreligious Prayer Service, St. George Episcopal Church.  
6:30pm, Prayers and Squares, Parish Life Center, 100.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.  
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Ctr, 204.

### 8 Friday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms Group), JP II House.

### 9 Saturday, Easter Weekday

8am, Beautify our Church grounds: Come prepare flower beds.  
9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
SCRIP on sale after 5pm Mass.  
CYM Flower Sale after all Masses, proceeds go to WorkCamp.

### 10 Sixth SUNDAY OF EASTER

Happy Mothers' Day! Mothers' Day Novena begins.  
Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Saint Anne's Sisters in Faith).  
SCRIP sales after all Masses, except 2pm Mass.  
CYM Flower Sale after all Masses, proceeds go to WorkCamp.

### 11 Monday, Easter Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program.  
8:15pm, Taize Prayer Service, Church.

### 12 Tuesday, Easter Weekday (Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr)

10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.  
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 13 Wednesday, Easter Weekday (Our Lady of Fatima)

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

### 14 Thursday, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Saint Matthias, Apostle)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, 100.  
5:30pm, Beautify our Church grounds: Pizza and Mulch, Church grounds.  
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.  
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Ctr, 204.  
7:30pm, Parish Council, Courtyard Meeting Room

### 15 Friday, Easter Weekday (Saint Isidore)

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms Group), JP II House.  
Day One: Holy Spirit Novena

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✠ The **second collection** this weekend is for **Parish Building fund**.
- ✠ 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 10 for details.
- ✠ Mark your calendars: Our **PARISH PICNIC** will happen at Holy Cross Academy on Sunday, June 7 in the afternoon.
- ✠ Tickets are limited, 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/](http://stmaryfred.org/pilgrimage-to-south-africa/)

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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, 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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

this week's bulletin:

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## from our pastor



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

I would like to comment a bit on how beautiful our First Communions have been this year. I realize that we have heard from a few people who are very upset that we have changed the practice from previous years, but the overwhelming response has been one of great happiness, and thanks, for an opportunity to receive Communion in a liturgy that is reverent, connected intimately with the family, and in the context of the community. It is interesting—I also have heard from a great number of parishioners about how this First Communion year is so meaningful to them, it was almost as if it has happened for the first time this year for the parish. To see the children at Mass is a source of great hope for us.

Well, there is a lot written about how the celebration of the Sacrament should happen on Sunday, and in the context of the community, and I can only say that massive Saturday First Communion liturgies developed out of convenience for the clergy and staff and somehow became "tradition." It was getting it done. In most parishes where groups were smaller, this was observed always during a Sunday Mass, much in the same way as we are doing it this Easter Season, maybe as many as 16 or 20 children and their families would make the Mass a little more crowded, but the parish survived it. My older brother, Fr. John, has a small parish, average to his diocese, and as is the custom, he will celebrate First Communion with five children this year at a Sunday Mass. You might say that is a perfect world.

I would propose to you that we also know a perfect world here, it just looks different. We have 240 +/- children and seek expressions that are meaningful and still consistent with the solemnity and integrity of Communion. In past years we have scheduled three (four last year) Masses with 60 children each. Our church will never be big enough; the fact is, people were pretty mean about it. The Masses were so loud—even as the children came forward to receive First Communion—the level of conversation was so loud that it eclipsed the singing. Each year grew worse. And *most* everyone counted it as their Sunday obligation, as few children were brought back the next day to be recognized and congratulated by the parish. Everyone knows this is the case, and it couldn't continue, even if only in the conscience

of your pastor. Change was necessary, and as it was, it was changing for the worse by the year.

When I was first ordained and assigned to All Saints, the largest parish in the diocese 21 years ago, we celebrated First Communions at Sunday Masses. Even then, it was already the norm in most dioceses and I recall them to be days of graciousness and prayerfulness.

But I guess the issue that we don't like to address is the issue of change. It is natural to hold onto what we have if we find it comfortable. We project our own memories on our children, assuming that they will somehow miss out if it isn't exactly the same. Sometimes we even keep an old coat in the closet that we really like or spent a lot of money on though we've gained weight and can't wear it anymore without looking ridiculous (I have a few of these coats, actually). "We will lose the weight someday," we say. But in the meantime we buy a new coat we *can* wear, so we don't freeze to death on the really cold days.

I was talking to a priest who is responsible for closing / consolidating some parish churches in Manhattan. Beautiful places far too expensive to maintain; they are crumbling. One church is twice the size of our Cathedral in Arlington, and has 80 members who are fighting and fighting to keep it open. Sure, I wish we could move it brick by brick, statue by statue right here—we don't have anything like it in our diocese. But at what cost can we afford to do it? At the end of the day, my friend said, it isn't the change that is the problem. It's the stained glass window that my grandparents donated ("*See—there is their name*") or the baptismal font that our family was baptized in. It isn't the change at all, it is the loss. There has to be, he said, something that we can see, touch, occupy that is a better solution, but we also must be open to see it when it comes. When we lose someone that we love, if we only see our loss we grieve until we ourselves can't grieve anymore. But there is a better life to come, one we haven't known yet.

Ultimately, it's a good thing that we know what is important, not a *what* but a *Who* that we believe in, and that he continues to call, and to lead, if we will follow his call. Jesus went to a lot of trouble knowing that growth, the process of perfecting, requires change. Let us listen to his voice together. God bless you.

*Fr. Dom*

# holy cross academy



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## Science, Careers, and Giving

We are very proud of our students who represented HCA at the **diocesan Science Fair** last week. Two of our students placed first in their categories. Special congratulations to 8th grader Tanya Vorder Bruegge for her 1st place win in the Earth & Space division with her project, "Are the Stars Going Out?" and to 7th grader Maddie Weber for her 1st place project in Microbiology "Liquid or Bar Soap?" Our students make us very proud.

Our 6th grade classes are exploring future options as they learn about and research the many careers that will be open to them one day. They recently put on a **Career Fair** and shared their research with our school community. We all had the opportunity to learn what it would be like to be a television reporter, a teacher, a Navy Seal or a ballet instructor. We heard demonstrations from police officers, fire fighters, photographers and fashion designers. What a wonderful way for our students to learn about the opportunities that await them as they work hard to realize their dreams.



Please bookmark this **Tuesday, 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.

If you would like to learn about our school and what we can do for your child, please call our office at 540-286-1600. We are currently registering all grades for the 2015-2016 school

year. We extend a special invitation to families who want to learn about our kindergarten program here at HCA. 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. You can learn a lot about us by visiting our website, [www.holycrossweb.com](http://www.holycrossweb.com).



# education

# religious education

## First Communion 2015

We are grateful to God and filled with joy as the following children were welcomed to the Table of the Lord last weekend:

### **Congratulations to the following First Communicants from April 25 and 26.**

- Juliana Alton
- Ella Barcas
- Izait Bautista
- Marco Bautista
- Elizabeth Bersani
- Sean Carpio
- Melissa Carranza
- Jordan Dominguez
- Isabella Dono
- Julia Etu
- Addison Everett
- Larkspur Forman
- Christian Galvan
- William Gutierrez
- Christopher Gutierrez
- Fred Klein
- Cecilia Lucas
- Samuel Meza-Arce
- Austin Ortiz
- Victoria Quintero
- Gabriel Rangel
- Hailey Ryder
- Jasmine Servin
- Alexander Peter Surette
- Emily Grace Surette
- Juliana Valez
- Kendal Watts



## Recruiting Catechists

For more information about volunteering for Religious Education please call [540-373-6491](tel:540-373-6491) and ask for Karen Sturtevant or Aristides Lucas.

## CLDA General Meeting

On April 16, we hosted a Catechetical Leaders of the Diocese of Arlington (CLDA) meeting. The topic was "How DRE's Can Identify and Nurture Vocations in Our Religious Education Programs." The panel included Reverend Richard Bennett, C.Ss.R., Sister Frances Carol Eder, O.S.F.S., Reverend James R. Gould, and moderator Reverend Paul F. deLadurantaye, S.T.D.

The two things most often mentioned was **the need for**



**continuous Religious Education and exposure to Consecrated Life for parents and children.** One panel member mentioned

that many of us have only an 8th-grade level in Religious Education.

# youth



## 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

# parish picnic



june 7, 2015 **save the date**

## 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, or lawn chairs.

There will be shaded seating under the dining tents but don't forget the sunscreen! Additional 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](mailto:eileengeary@yahoo.com).

**To help cook, set up or clean up**, contact Knights of Columbus, Paul Scott.  
540-842-7857, [pscottsis@aol.com](mailto: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: Vision.

**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

# community come and see

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:bmah761569@aol.com). **This will be the last meeting until we resume in September.**

## 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 (please leave a message) or email [epalacios@stmaryfred.org](mailto: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](http://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



*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 what's new

or to apply, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-378-4150.

## Young Adult Men's and Women's Bible Study groups

Looking to deepen your faith and a community of young adult Christian men to hang out with? **Men's Bible Study starts Thursday, May 21 from 7-9pm.** Each week, we will gather and dive into scripture together and discuss ways it can apply to our lives. We will meet at Ryan Feather's home. For directions or questions, please email Ryan at [ryanfeather21@gmail.com](mailto:ryanfeather21@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there! **The Young Adult Women's Bible Study meets biweekly** at Anne Devine's home. We will continue our discussion of Revelation on **Monday, May 4 at 7:30pm.** For directions or questions, please email Anne at [annemdevine@gmail.com](mailto:annemdevine@gmail.com). We hope you can join us! **The Young Adult bible study groups welcome all young adults aged 21 to 39.**

## CCW updates

Thank you very much to all our parishioners who donated items for our yard sale and thank you also to all who purchased as well as to those who helped. **It was a very successful sale; we took in \$2,468** which will be included in our end of the year charitable donations. **May 19 is our next CCW general meeting.** We're very pleased to announce that Leo Chavarria, St. Mary Director of Youth Ministry, will be our guest speaker. Leo's topic will be "How Grandparents can help their Grandchildren Rediscover their Faith". Election of officers will be held during the business portion of the meeting. **Congratulations**

### CONCERTS AT SAINT MARY

#### Jeffrey Palmer, countertenor

with Bo-Jeong Shim, violin and David Mathers, piano

*Friday, May 22 at 8pm*

Countertenor Jeffrey Palmer has been performing on the concert stage since his very early childhood spent in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He has sung in theatres and halls across the globe including Bath Abbey and the Bath Theatre Royal in the UK, the Hefei Grand Theatre in China, and San Francisco's Kanbar Center and New York's Lincoln Center. While steeped in the integrity of sacred and operatic countertenor (male soprano) repertoire, Palmer is constantly seeking to create new and exciting projects with artists of all mediums. Jeffrey will present a program song from a range of sacred song, light opera and musical theater, art song and international folk song. Joining him is outstanding violinist Jeong-Bo Shim, soon to be a graduate of The Juilliard School.




**The concert is free; donations will be accepted.**

For more information, contact David Mathers  
[dmathers@stmaryfred.org](mailto:dmathers@stmaryfred.org), 540-373-6491 x217

**to Anna Granninger** who was the winner of the beautiful Prayers and Squares quilt. **The Women's Council will be serving food again this year at the Annual Parish Picnic.** If you would like to volunteer for an hour to help serve, please contact Eileen Geary at [eileengeary@yahoo.com](mailto:eileengeary@yahoo.com) or 371-1844. Thank you! **The next Bunco will be Friday, May 22, from 7-9pm.** Come join the fun!

## Wellness walking

The Health Ministry Wellness walking group is well on its way. Join us on the trail at the Rappahannock River/Canal **every Saturday at 7am until June 27.** The easiest place to park is at Old Mill Park, 2200 Caroline Street. Enjoy the relaxing sound of the river and the beautiful spring blooms. Learn more about this trail at [spotsylvaniagreenways.org](http://spotsylvaniagreenways.org).

# community make a difference

On May 5, our community will come together for the Community Give. It's 24 hours of 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**Many other groups in the community are also seeking donations in the Community Give program.**

- Birthright—[birthrightoffredericksburg.com](http://birthrightoffredericksburg.com)
- Interfaith Council's School Dressing Days—[interfaithcommunitycouncil.org](http://interfaithcommunitycouncil.org)
- Mary's Shelter—[marysshelterva.org](http://marysshelterva.org)
- Micah Ecumenical Ministries—[dolovewalk.net](http://dolovewalk.net)
- Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter—[brisbencenterv.org](http://brisbencenterv.org)



## **Spring is here— Saint Mary's grounds need 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. Come 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](mailto:kayla.coan@gmail.com).

## let us pray

**Fun and fellowship at the Tea**

The Council of Catholic Women's Ladies Tea was held on Saturday, April 25. **We wish to thank all** those who came and were so generous with their compliments. We enjoyed decorating and serving and hope no one went away hungry. We hope you enjoyed our two lovely 'Victorian Ladies', our two precious 'servers,' and most especially our harpist who gave so generously of her time and talent.



Photos by Len Fontenant.

**Saint Mary prayer list**

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

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, Suzi Eggleston, Melvyn Schreckinger

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****may****4 MONDAY**

6:30 + William Marlow

9am + Coralee Lavonne Wilkins

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

**5 TUESDAY**

6:30 + Pamela Jones

9am Augustine Astier

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

**6 WEDNESDAY**

6:30 + Joseph Cascio

9am The Cox Family

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

**7 THURSDAY**

6:30 + David McLaughlin

8:15\* + Margaret Dougherty

9am + Jason Lazor

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

**8 FRIDAY**

6:30 + Josephine Normandia

9am + Herbert E. Rossman

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

**9 SATURDAY**

9am Sylvia Chase

5pm Mary Fitch

7pm + Ralph Kilpatrick

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

**10 SUNDAY**

7am Mother's Day Novena

8:30 Mother's Day Novena

10:30 Mother's Day Novena

10:30\* Mother's Day Novena

12:30 Mother's Day Novena

2pm Mother's Day Novena

5pm Mother's Day Novena

7:01 For the Parish

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;

1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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

26 April Offertory 33,107.  
Catholic Home Missions 5,999.  
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul 131.

**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.

**Our Second Collection next weekend is the Annual Special Parish Needs Collection, and all donations made in this collection stay in the parish. This year the Special Parish Needs Collection will assist the parish in building a deck in the large area near the back door of the Parish Life Center, adjacent to the children's playground, for the use and**

enjoyment of our preschool children and the children in our Religious Education program (estimated cost \$25,000.00).

## Pro Life Reflection

*"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Lk 1:42). May is marked by the beautiful ceremony of the May crowning. We present to Mary, the mother of Life, bouquets of flowers that represent life. By doing this, we honor Mary for saying yes for the Life of God in her womb. Mary, we ask you today to intercede for all those who find it difficult to accept the gift of new life, whether within their own womb or in someone else. Help them say "Yes!"*

## 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.

## Shop with SCRIP

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



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## Mothers' Day Novena

Remembering our Moms in the intentions of nine days' Masses is the greatest gift we can give, whether our Mothers are living or deceased — also our grandmothers, godmothers or anyone who has loved you like a mother. Let us remember them all as we gather for Masses. **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.

## Electronic Offertory

*Faith Direct* enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. With *Faith Direct*, the parish will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) **Our parish code is VA635.**

## Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

**Order Deadline: 4 May**  
**Food Pick-Up: 16 May**

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 May:

### Value Package

(\$21 + 2 hrs community service)

- Pollock Fillet – 2, 1-lbs. packs
- Chicken Drums – 1.6 lbs.
- Deli-style Ham – ½ lbs.
- Bird's Eye Chicken & Penne Pasta Meal – 1 ½ lbs.
- Beautiful onions, fresh potatoes, and the best produce we can find in the market, just for you & your family!

### Ribeye Steaks

(\$26 + 2 hrs community service)

- Six 8-oz. USDA Choice Steaks (3 lbs. total)

### Super Healthy Breakfast Sandwiches

(\$12 + 2 hrs Community Service)

- 12 Egg White, Canadian Bacon & Cheese On Whole Grain English Muffins.

### Eli's Cheesecake

(\$15 + 2 hrs Community Service)

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. = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Ribeye (\$26)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$26. = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast Sandwiches (\$12)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$12. = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Eli's Cheesecake (\$15)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$15. = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**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.