

Pentecost Sunday

24 may 2015



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



what's coming



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24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Memorial Day Weekend: no SCRIP, Coffee Shop nor CYM activities are scheduled.

25 Monday, Weekday (Saint Bede the Venerable, Doctor; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin)

Parish offices are closed for Memorial Day.

There will be no 6:30am Mass nor evening Novena due to the Memorial Day holiday.

26 Tuesday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:30pm, Local Week of Prayer for Christian Unity prayer service, Fredericksburg Baptist Church.

RSVP deadline for Mass with Renewal of Wedding Vows, all married couples invited to attend.

27 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

28 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, 100.

7pm, **Preschool Celebration**, Church, Reception following in Parish Life Center.

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

29 Friday, Weekday

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

7pm, **Mass with Renewal of Wedding Vows**, Church, Reception following in Parish Life Center.

RSVP by Tuesday, May 26.

30 Saturday, Weekday

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

31 SUNDAY, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Special Collection for victims of Nepal Earthquake this weekend.

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (American Heritage Girls).

8:30am, Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion.

CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, PLC.

SCRIP sales after all Masses, except 2pm Mass.

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1 Monday, Saint Justin, Martyr

2 Tuesday, Weekday (Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs)

10am, CCW Board Meeting, Parish Life Center, 100.

3 Wednesday, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.

4 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, 100.

6pm, **BBQ with Biking4Vocations and 7:30pm Mass** - all teens invited!, Church and Parish Life Center.

6:30pm, Prayers and Squares, Parish Life Center, 100.

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

7pm, Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center, 202.

5 Friday, Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

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

6:30pm, Prayers and Squares, Parish Life Center, 100.

8pm, First Friday Mass followed by All-night Adoration, Church.

6 Saturday, Weekday (Saint Norbert, Bishop)

Please note: Due to Ordinations at the Cathedral, there will be **no Confessions at 3:30pm** today.

2pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center, 204.

6pm, KoC Monthly Family Dinner, Parish Life Center.

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✂ This **Memorial Day Weekend**, Coffee Shop and SCRIP after Masses are canceled. Also, our regularly-scheduled fourth Sunday New Family Welcome meeting will not be held, the next meeting will be June 28. If you need to register quickly, please stop by the parish office for information.

Also there will be **no 6:30am Mass nor evening Novena** on Monday, Memorial Day. The Parish Office will be closed and there are no Religious Education classes.

✂ **RSVP deadline is Tuesday, May 26** for our annual Marriage Renewal Mass on May 29, at 7pm.

✂ There will be a **special collection for the victims of the Nepal earthquake** the weekend of **May 30 and 31**. Donations can also be mailed to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket the weekend before or after. All checks should be made payable to the parish with "Nepal" in the memo line.

✂ All **teens are invited** to a cookout on **Thursday, June 4** to welcome seminarians biking through the Diocese for vocations. Cookout @ 6pm, followed by a short talk, Mass at 7:30pm and ice cream.

✂ **Our newly ordained parishioner, Father Joseph Farrell**, will celebrate his first Mass with us on **Sunday, June 7**. Please join us for Mass and a reception in his honor following the 830am Mass.

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;
students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

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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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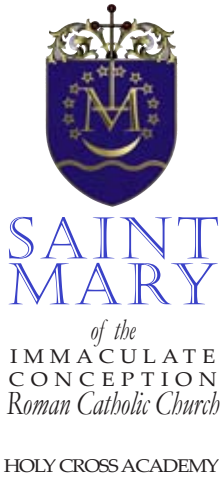
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from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Some of the last words of Jesus in the Gospel of John, which we heard on Saturday of last weekend, are:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

"I have told you this in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but I will tell you clearly about the Father. On that day you will ask in my name, and I do not tell you that I will ask the Father for you, for the Father himself loves you—because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God."

This "coming to believe" seems to be very important to Jesus in these last moments of his time on earth before he ascends into heaven. In a parallel moment, before he is arrested and crucified, John's Gospel has Jesus saying similar words:

"May they be one, as you Father and I are one, so that the world may believe that you sent me..."

Clearly, what is to be believed is Established Already. Our growth, the coming to terms with What is Established, is the work of this present age ushered in by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of Jesus upon the earth. It is what you and I are to do now. There is no other job description for us since we are fully initiated into the *one body, one spirit in Christ* through the sacraments.

We do this by living out our sacramental vocation: loving God and one another, and serving the *least of these our brothers and sisters* in the Spirit of Christ, the spirit which is poured out already into our hearts.

What if...

...we have already received *everything* God, in his mercy and love, gives through Jesus?

...there is nothing more we need to ask for?

...we were to live our lives as if we have already received the fullness of truth, the totality of grace (Baptism), the real presence of Jesus (Eucharist) and the gifts to be true disciples to carry forward the ministry of the love of God in Jesus (Eucharist)?

In other words, if we really *believed* that we have received everything already, wouldn't our lives

be lived as expressions of gratitude, as perfect as we were able to express that to God for his goodness to us?

Wouldn't our prayer go more like this:

God, you have given us everything. Thank you. Help us to discover the depths of your love which you have already placed in our hearts.

So let's consider a short reflection about Pentecost. In the upper room where all the apostles have gathered in fear, praying and waiting to hear what the next step is, suddenly a noise, a roar. Flashes of light and heat, flames of fire resting upon you and your friends. *What is happening to us? you ask.* In a moment, a flash, all that you have learned about Jesus the past years (was it just three, or has it been many more?) makes sense, there is an insight that helps you to recognize a divine Love that has continued in a gold thread from the beginning of time to the last person who will live, a love that connects and sustains, a love that touches all hearts. *A love that touches your heart.* In this moment you recognize that there is nothing more important than this love within you, this life that you have been given—not for yourself, but that you might be a witness to this love. *There is nothing more important.* You suddenly have the courage to step outside, to begin to share with others, even perfect, beloved strangers, to share the goodness of God. *Here, you say, look, at my life and see the love of God. Put your fingers in the holes in my hands, and your hand in my side.*

And believe.

We don't get just *some* of the faith at Baptism. We get it all. Nor do we get a little bit of Jesus in Communion—we receive him entirely. And we don't just get one or even a few of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. We get the whole Person, with his bond of love and mercy, his reconciliation that unites, his presence in us that consecrates all that we meet. If this weren't true, why would we take all these Sacraments so seriously? They aren't symbols, or rites of passage, they are the real deal. And we have received it.

I tell you, if we prayed with faith the size of a mustard seed, the Holy Spirit would change our world. We just need to pray in faith, with the conviction that God will fulfill his promises and re-order, and heal the scarred face of our earth.

God bless you. *Fr. Dom*

holy cross academy



Thank you Father Don!

Our Holy Cross community showed our appreciation to Fr. Don for sharing his many gifts with us. During this past year, Father has led our parish and school community in discerning our charisms so that we can better use them for God's glory and the good of all his people. It is fitting that our students recognized Father's gifts and thanked him for all he does for us. This is what some of them had to say:

- Fr. Don is selfless.
- He uses his time to make sure that we put forth our best efforts.
- Father speaks from his heart and always touches our hearts.
- He gives us his heart so that we can grow with God and get closer to God.
- Father uses his mind to create the beautiful paintings in our Church.
- He uses his gift of leadership to help us to grow spiritually.
- He shows us what it means to live like Christ.
- Father uses his words to help us get closer to God.
- He uses his legs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to show us the path to Jesus.
- Fr. Don uses his hands to give peace to our school and community.

Thank you, Fr. Don, for using the many gifts that God has given you to help all of us to know and love him and to share his love with one another.



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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.

education

religious education

First Communion 2015

Congratulations! We are grateful to God and filled with joy as the following children were welcomed to Communion last weekend:

Vincent Abramaity
Gabriela Arredondo-Bravo
Rebecca Avellino
Keltzy Bahena
Connor Brown
Giovanny Castillo
Brayan Cordova
Maxwell Crane
Azucena Cruz Avila
Jazmin Cruz Avila
Edi Raul Equila
Gladys Escorza
Jhonny Fuentes Umanzor
Cindy Fuentes Umanzor
Saira Fuentes Umanzor
Nayeli Garcia
Owen Garcia Hernandez
Kalyssa Glanzmann
Allison Guadarrama
Leo "Gutierrez, Jr."
Alexi Guzman
Jeffery Hall
Antonia Huertas
Lesly Jimenez

Liam Kerner
Teighan MacDougall
Takoda MacDougall
Alvin Martinez
Santiago Millan
Paul Molina-Ramos
Kristian Molina-Ramos
Ava Morello
Luke Pecher
Luis Angel Reyes
Javier Sanchez
Diego Sandoval
Garrett Talkington
Susana Torres Carranza
Tatum Uhlman
Isabelle Valentine
Christy Vu Pham
Kyle Williams
Trevor Willis

Registration for Religious Education Classes

Registrations for Religious Education classes **begin on June 1**. It is important that parents register their children early. We urge parents to continue Religious Education **after First Holy Communion** (*Can you imagine what would*

happen to your child if she or he stopped formal education after second grade and resumed when it was time for seventh grade?) **and Confirmation** (*What kind of future would your child have if she or he had only a grade eight education?)* **Register early!**

Religious Education Volunteers Needed

For the next school year we need **Catechists, Assistant Catechists, Prayer Aides, Substitute Catechists** and **Office Volunteers**.

Catechists are assigned a class to catechize. **Assistant Catechists** assist the catechist. **Prayer Aides** help children with their prayers during classes. **Substitute Catechists** are asked to take a class when a catechist will be absent. **Office Volunteers** assist in office during classes. For more information please call [540-373-6491](tel:540-373-6491) and ask for Karen Sturtevant or Aristides Lucas.

youth



Last HS Youth Group

Our final High School Youth Group before our summer break is **Sunday, May 31**. We will have a special night of praise and worship, games and **a surprise!** we especially encourage all of our seniors that have been involved in the program to attend. See you there!

DIYers needed for WorkCamp!

Can you roof, paint, do carpentry work, maybe other

do-it-yourself projects? Then WorkCamp is in need of YOUR TALENTS! We are still in need of **3 more contractors** that can help **the week of June 20-26 (specifically June 22-25)**. You would be assigned to help a crew of 5 teens and 1-2 adults to work on a particular persons home. Projects range from: wheelchair ramps, installing windows, roofing, interior framing, and much more. If you are interested or would like more information contact the Youth Ministry Office for more information.

Biking4Vocations

On Sunday, May 17, two priests and three Seminarians began a pilgrimage to bring attention to the priesthood and to vocations. At the end of their pilgrimage, they will have traveled 1,400 miles through 11 states, 14 dioceses and countless parishes. On **June 4**, the seminarians will be stopping by Fredericksburg. Come meet these pilgrims, listen to their talk, and enjoy their fellowship. All teens and CYM invited. **Cookout at 6pm, Seminarians talk at 6:45pm, Mass at 7:30pm** followed by Ice Cream Sundaes.

pentecost?

*Catechism of the Catholic Church,
Paragraphs 731-741*

On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.

On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.

We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.

The Holy Spirit - God's gift

"God is Love," and love is his first gift, containing all others. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. The communion of the Holy Spirit in the Church restores to the baptized the divine likeness lost through sin.

He, then, gives us the "pledge" or "first fruits" of our inheritance: the very life of the Holy Trinity, which is to love as "God [has] loved us." This love (the "charity" of 1 Cor 13) is the source of the new life in

Christ, made possible because we have received "power" from the Holy Spirit.

By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." "We live by the Spirit"; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit."

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory.

The Holy Spirit and the Church

The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit."

Thus the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the

mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity (the topic of the next article):

All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father's and his own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us, . . . and makes all appear as one in him. For just as the power of Christ's sacred flesh unites those in whom it dwells into one body, I think that in the same way the one and undivided Spirit of God, who dwells in all, leads all into spiritual unity.

Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body. (This is the topic of Part Two of the Catechism.)

These "mighty works of God," offered to believers in the sacraments of the Church, bear their fruit in the new life in Christ, according to the Spirit. (This is the topic of Part Three.)

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with sighs too deep for words." The Holy Spirit, the artisan of God's works, is the master of prayer. (This is the topic of Part Four.)

remembering our military

Memorial Day Prayer for all in Military Service

O God, we beseech You, watch over the souls of all who are exposed to the horrors of war, and to the spiritual dangers inseparable from a military life. Bless them with such a strong Faith that no human respect may ever lead them to deny it, or fear to practice it. Do by Your grace fortify them against the contagion of bad example. Keep them always in Your friendship. May nothing in life or death ever separate them from You.

Mother of God, be with them on land, or sea, or in the air, during life and at the hour of death, and grant that they may die in the grace of your Son. May their Guardian Angels protect them.

Amen.



Join us August 2–12 for our parish trip—this year, IRELAND.

\$3,500 complete, includes roundtrip airfare. If you are interested, there is still time to make reservations, and a few great seats left! Contact Margaret Ford at Fredericksburg Travel, 373-6900 for arrangements or call Margaret or Fr. Rooney if you have any questions.



parish life don't miss it

save
the
date

june 7, 2015 • parish picnic

on the fields at Holy Cross Academy

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.

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

PICNIC AT A GLANCE

GAMES: Extreme Air Bungee Jumper • Wrecking Ball • Jurassic Adventure • 5 in 1 3D Sponge Bob • Bungee Run/ Gladiator Joust • Fire Rescue Obstacle Course • Big Kahuna Dry Water Slide

FEATURING: Face painting • Pony Rides • Cotton Candy • Sno Cones • Popcorn • Magic by Michael Taggart • Music by Vision • A demo by Majesty Martial Arts

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

Fredericksburg area Churches will observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 2015



The Fredericksburg **Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity** prayer service will be **Tuesday, May 26, 7:30pm**, at Fredericksburg Baptist Church. The homilist will be Fr. Don Rooney.

The World Council of Churches and the Vatican Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity has worked together for many years to prepare the century-old observance of the Graymoor Friars of the Atonement. This year the theme chosen for the Week is "Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'"

The Week of Prayer is normally observed between January 18 and 27 each year, but the clergy of Fredericksburg's Micah Churches, of which Saint Mary is a partner, decided to reschedule the Week for our community nearer to the celebration of Pentecost when better weather might more likely encourage more people to participate.

Please join us with your voices and your hearts as we pray for the vital work of Christian unity in our world today.

New parishioners meeting

There will be **no New Parishioner Meeting on May 24** due to the holiday weekend. Since there is no meeting this month, you are welcome to visit the parish office if you need to register before June.

Mass with Renewal of Wedding Vows

On **May 29, 7pm**, there will be a Mass with a Renewal of Wedding Vows. Please bring your wedding photo to the "wedding" reception following the Mass. Please let the office know if you are coming by Monday, MAY 25, and if you are celebrating a 25th or 50th anniversary.

HCA 80's Prom FUNdraiser for Athletics

Please join us Saturday evening,

May 30 from 7-11pm for HCA's 80's adult prom (fundraiser for athletics). We are hosting an end of the year party that will not disappoint. Come dressed in your best (or worst) 80's ensemble and get your friends together to come sing and dance a long to some of your favorite 80's songs. **Tickets are \$20 per person, advance purchase only**, and will be sold in the HCA lobby at drop off and dismissal. Tickets are also available, beginning May 11 in the school office. Go out to dinner before the event or buy snacks for your table from our concession stand. (Tables seat 10 and can be reserved for \$200).

Featuring: Throwback to horrific hairstyles • bright, neon colors • crazy outfits • lots of hairspray • 80's décor • wine coolers (sangria), wine & beer for purchase • soda and water are free • food for purchase • music that makes you feel like a teenager again • mullets •

aqua net • mix tapes • Thriller • hair bands • prom pictures • photo booth • prom king, queen, princes and princesses • a night full of fun, friends and memories!

Give the Gift of Life

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a blood drive on **Wednesday, June 3, 2015**. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be parked at St. Mary's from 1-6 pm. To schedule call [1-800-RED CROSS](tel:1-800-RED-CROSS) or go to redcross.org. Walk-ins are welcome. Bring a photo ID. Questions: call Rick Reschick at [540-850-5587](tel:540-850-5587).

Adult Rel. Continuing Ed. summer classes

"Mary: a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" class: (DVD by Edward Sri) Starting **June 8**, this class will meet in the Courtyard Meeting Room on **Monday mornings at 9:45am for 8 weeks**

and be led by Suzette Young. Register for books at the church office by May 26. Book fee will be \$15.

"James: Pearls for Wise Living" class: (DVD by Jeff Cavins) Starting **June 22**, this class will meet in the Courtyard Meeting Room on **Wednesday mornings at 9:45 for 10 weeks** and be led by JoAnne Baker. Register for books at the church office by June 8th. Book fee will be \$15.

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.

Upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **September 18-20** in Herndon 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Thrift Shop is located in Greenwich Plaza off Lafayette Boulevard and open **Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm, 540-898-9066**. The shop is supported by your donations of furniture, clothing and household goods. Monetary donations may be placed in the Poor Boxes near the three exits in the church.

Citizenship Workshop

Catholic Charities-Hogar Immigrant Services will hold a naturalization workshop on **June 13, 2015** at Fredericksburg Baptist Church at 1019 Princess Ann Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Hogar's legal team will be there helping applicants fill out their application. The cost is \$40.00 and it includes a consultation with an attorney, filling out the naturalization application, passport pictures and certified mail. On that day, please bring your "green card" and passports. If you have any questions please call [571-208-1572 ext.106](tel:571-208-1572) or go to hogarimmigrantservices.org.

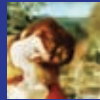
Taller de Ciudadania

Este 13 de Junio del 2015 abogados de Caridades Catolicas – Hogar Immigrant Services estarán en la Iglesia bautista de Fredericksburg en 1019 Princess Ann Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 llenando la aplicación de ciudadanía. El costo es \$40 dólares y eso incluye la consulta con el abogado, llenar la aplicación, las fotografías y el envío por correo certificado. Usted tiene que traer su tarjeta de residencia y todos sus pasaportes. Si tiene preguntas por favor llamar al [571-208-1572 extensión 106](tel:571-208-1572) ó ir a hogarciudadania.org.



Please Mark your Calendars for this Happy Celebration! August 1, 2015

Mary's



Shelter

6th Annual Summer Soirée



Fredericksburg EXPO Center
Doors open at 5:30pm

Save the

Date

8-1-2015

For More Info & to Register Visit
marysshelterva.org

540-374-3407

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Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul 147.

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.

Pro Life Reflection for May 24

"When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. Moreover, the Lord invites each of us to behold ourselves and each other with the same wonder and awe."

— 2014-15 Respect Life Program flyer, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

We pray for all people: May the Holy Spirit lead us to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the gift of every person's life.

SCRIP gift cards

Due to changes with the SCRIP gift card company, we can no longer hold American Express gift cards in our inventory. You may still order the cards by going online to www.shopwithscrip.com and placing a family order for them. Once your order is placed online you may drop off your payment at the church office or at the Scrip table. We place an inventory replacement order every other week during the summer months. The next order date will be June 2 and orders will

Special Collection the victims of the Nepal earthquake May 30 And May 31

A Special Collection will be taken up on May 30 and May 31 to assist all those affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Nepal that killed over 7,500 people, injured over 16,000, and left hundreds of thousands homeless.

The toll on human life continues to rise as rescue workers reach the affected areas. These funds will be used to directly respond to the immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care as well as the long-term needs to rebuild the communities in the regions affected after widespread destruction.

Your generosity is most appreciated and all checks should be made payable to the parish with "Nepal" in the memo line. Donations can also be mailed to the parish office.

be ready to go home by June 5. Ordering online is a great way to order during the summer months too! Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA!

There will not be SCRIP sales on memorial day weekend.

Email Torie Baldwin at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase. **Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!**

Children's Offertory Envelopes For May

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.

First Friday, June 5 and All Night Adoration

Our First Friday evening Mass at 8pm on June 5 will be followed by All Night Adoration until 9am Saturday morning. Come and adore this gift of love in the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up today.

Unscheduled Masses

Masses were offered in March and April for the following unscheduled intentions: +Bob Willis, +Angela Jimenez, the Priests of the Parish, +Frank Clancy, Sr., +Margaret Clancy, +Frank Clancy, Jr., Rita Clancy, +Patricia Porcelli, Donna Burch, Rev. Fr. Richard Gardiner, Glen

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Saint Mary prayer list

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

Barbara Leone, Debbie Lloyd, Chris Balut, Linda Kaila, Rose Sisco, Jeff Shinrock, Donald Estes, Phyllis Woolverton, Helen Kozyra, Sr., Thomas Schulskey, 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, 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, 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, Betty Ann and Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Marianne Ford, the Carlos Ortiz Family, John Haas, Jack Titus, Karen Jones

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

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25 MONDAY

9am John Paul Eastman
Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-21

26 TUESDAY

6:30 Loretta Canizares
9am Christine Sullivan
Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

27 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Joe Rooney and Family
9am + Carmen Arevalo
Sir 36:1,4-5,10-17; Mk 10:32-45

28 THURSDAY

6:30 Lisa Herr
8:15* Tommy and Mary Murphy
9am Hilda Lamb
Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

29 FRIDAY

6:30 Roberto Canizares
9am The Nguyen Bao Family
Sir 44:1,9-13; Mk 11:11-26

30 SATURDAY

9am Rob D'Lugos
5pm + Billie Stewart
7pm + Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schirmer
Sir 51:12-20; Mk 11:27-33

31 SUNDAY

7am For the Parish
8:30 + Anna Trong Nguyen
10:30 Reed Sturtevant
10:30* + Bob Willis
12:30 Edward Holzworth
2pm + John Higgins
5pm + Lisa Storm
7:01 + Dolores Urban
Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8:14-17;
Mt 28:16-20

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*