

**Third Sunday
of Easter**

10 april 2016



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



*Adoration of the Mystic
Lamb, detail of the Ghent
Altarpiece by Jan van Eyck.*

what's coming



SAINT
MARY

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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

april

10 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (CYM)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
3:30pm, Health Ministry presentation on "Praying in Color," Courtyard Meeting Room.
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

11 Monday, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church and Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Catholic Divorce Survival Guide, Courtyard Meeting Room.
8:15pm, **TAIZE Prayer** Gathering, Church.

12 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

10am, Saint Mary Book Club, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, "As by a New Pentecost," Week 1 of a 7-week series on the Holy Spirit, Church. Details p. 7.

13 Wednesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr)

14 Thursday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

15 Friday, Easter Weekday

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.

16 Saturday, Easter Weekday

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.
1pm, **Shroud of Turin Talk**, Church. *All are welcome.*
2pm **Mother/Daughter Tea**, Parish Life Center.
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

17 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (American Heritage Girls VA4034)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

18 Monday, Easter Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA class, Church and Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Catholic Divorce Survival Guide, Courtyard Meeting Room.

19 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
Noon, **Senior Luncheon**, Parish Life Center.

20 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

21 Thursday, Easter Weekday (Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

22 Friday, Easter Weekday

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.
7pm, Bunco, Parish Life Center.

23 Saturday, Easter Weekday (Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr)

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.
5pm, **Holy Cross Academy Auction** - Holy Cross Academy.

24 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (St. Mary Preschool)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ **The second collection** this weekend is for our Parish Building Fund.
- ✂ You are invited to a **prayer gathering** in the ecumenical tradition of the Taizé community in France this **Monday evening, April 11, at 8:15** in the Church. *All are welcome.*
- ✂ **The Shroud of Turin replica** is coming to Saint Mary on **Saturday, April 16. Join us at 1pm** for a talk and the opportunity to see a full size replica of the Shroud.
- ✂ Preparations are underway for **Holy Cross Academy's 8th Biennial Benefit Auction and Dinner to be held on April 23, 2016!** The goal of this year's event is to begin the expansion plans of the school, to include a cafeteria, chapel, and rooms dedicated to music, art, science, language and technology. For ticket information please contact hcauction@holycrossweb.com.
- ✂ **Saint Mary Parish Night Out 2016:** Join us for an evening of dinner and dancing to the Andrew Thielen Big Band, **Friday, April 29** at the UMW Jepson Center, Cash Bar 6-11pm, 7pm Dinner & Dancing. \$75 person. Last year tickets sold out! Reserve yours now—see page 8 for details—its time to step it up, Fred!
- ✂ We are putting the finishing touches on our **2015-2016 Parish Directory** and would like to hear from you! **If you wish to OPT OUT** from having your information listed in the Directory, please contact the parish office no later than **April 22**. We only need to hear from you if you DO NOT want your information published. If you participated in the program, Lifetouch has your information and intention on file.

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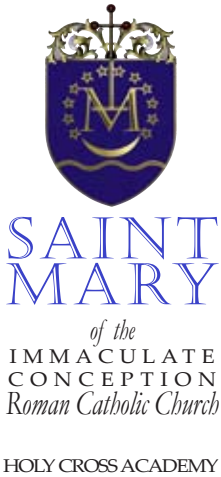
SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm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

this week's bulletin:

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from our pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

Time for our parish to turn our thoughts to what we can do with our wonderful school, Holy Cross Academy. Our staff and faculty recently finished the year-long "Design for Excellence," a re-accreditation program that the diocese requires every five years, and received evaluations at the top in every category. We thank our Sisters, teachers and aides in the school for such a quantity of work that often goes unnoticed, and unrecognized.

As you know, in two short weeks we will have our every-other-year Holy Cross Auction—you've probably seen the promotions for it as we've been running it in the bulletin for several months. This auction provides extraordinary possibilities for capital improvements and investment in equipment that our annual budgets could not begin to include. As it is, our parish subsidy covers about \$350-400 tuition per student, and tuition only covers the expenses of children's education. So anything above and beyond is something with which the community must provide assistance.

The history of our church and school is interesting. When I first came to Saint Mary, after Holy Cross was already four years in existence, parishioners had been told that Holy Cross was not our parish school—and many at Saint Mary were not even aware that it was there. When it was built, it was designated as a regional school because the plan was to build a new parish in south Stafford County called Holy Cross Parish. When I arrived, however, residential zoning and permits had just changed drastically in Stafford County, requiring either large acre lots per house or over-55 years of age, that the growth slowed to a crawl, where it had been a boom previously. The new construction all went south to Spotsylvania and Massaponax as a result, so we decided to start the new parish there, called Saint Jude.

But people remained largely unaware that Holy Cross was our responsibility. Although still designated a "regional" school, Saint Mary has always been the only parish who has supported it. The designation was finally changed last year by Bishop Loverde, and Holy Cross Academy is now the parish school of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception parish. It has been a priority for Sister and me, all along but especially now, to make sure that the relationship between school and parish is strong—it is stronger than most parishes

where the school sits across the parking lot from the church.

So it is with great excitement that we would like to announce to you that Saint Mary is beginning the work of completing the school, by adding facilities that we always knew would be necessary in the future when we could make it happen. The school was built very quickly within one year of the announcement that the Daughters of Wisdom were going to close Montfort Academy—and as a result immediate needs became apparent. For example, there is no cafeteria—so the physical education program and school sports compete with the gym for lunch hours and the after-school program. There are regular-sized classrooms for art and music which simply aren't large enough. And our computer lab fits 30 children and 30 computers and monitors screen-to-screen into a space that is 20 x 30. By adding a cafeteria, and larger spaces for music, art, science and technology, we will be able to enlarge our small library and provide dedicated spaces for a primary grades resource center, middle-school special mathematics and world language rooms, and finally have a chapel on the premises where groups can go and pray, or celebrate Mass as a class.

I will include the floorplan of what we hope to accomplish in the bulletin next week.

But the fundraising is beginning. Some parishioners have invited a group of other parishioners to attend a special dinner for donors to kick off the effort, but response has been very small. These things usually are, and if we have learned anything at Saint Mary over the years, it is that we don't survive on major gifts—never have—but on the modest generosity of so many whose gifts add up to enough.

There are two ways you can get involved right away: **April 23** is our **biannual Holy Cross Auction**. Come, bid on items in the auction and join the effort. And on **May 3**, donate to Holy Cross Academy as a part of the Community Foundation's **Community Give**. On May 3, the more people we have participating, the more cash awards and other incentives are available. We will have more about the Community Give in the bulletin next week. You can also find out more about local giving for the Community Give at www.thecommunitygive.org.

God bless all of you.

Fr. Don



holy cross academy



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2012*



Spring is in the air

What is it about Spring break that makes everyone want to travel? The warm weather and clear roads beckon us all to get up and go, to see and experience new things. Although everyone cannot take a trip in the Spring, all our students at Holy Cross Academy have the opportunity to see new places and learn about our world.

Our kindergarten students took a trip to Greenfield, an assisted learning center. The children participated in an Easter Egg Hunt with the residents and charmed them by their beautiful songs. Perhaps the most delightful of all was seeing the residents and the children share a few special minutes together.

Our second graders traveled to Canada in their Social Studies class. They enjoyed Canadian food, played Canadian games and created Canadian crafts. Although they could not

undertake the journey to our northern neighbor, they took in the tastes and sounds of Canadian culture.

We invite you to visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. If you would like to see what we can do for your child, please call our HCA office at 540-286-1600 or St. Mary Preschool at 540-373-7553 to arrange for a tour. **We will have an Open House on Wednesday, April 13, 6:30-8pm if you would like to come see our school.** We hope to see you soon.

education religious ed

Preparing for First Holy Communion

Many Bible stories are good reading for children preparing for their First Holy Communion. Evidence that **God can do anything** is shown in the story of Creation (*Genesis 1*), Moses Crossing the Red Sea (*Exodus 14*), Jesus Calming the Storm (*Matthew 8: 23-27*), Jesus Healing (*Mark 5*), Jesus Raising the Dead (*John 11*), and The Miraculous Catch of Fish (*John*

21). **The connection between food and God's love for his children** can be found in the stories of Manna from Heaven (*Exodus 16*), Elijah's Angelic Feast (*1 Kings 19*), The Feeding of Four Thousand (*Mark 8*), and The Road to Emmaus (*Luke 24*).

The story of the Last Supper (*Matthew 26*) will help them understand that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

CRS Rice Bowl 2016

Thank you for sharing your prayers and gifts. Please return the Rice Bowls. Every penny helps!

Catechists needed

Parishioners are invited to volunteer in the Religious Education Program. Prepare now so you can help in September. For more information call 540-373-6491 and ask for Karen.

youth ministry



Keep your kids Catholic in College

The Associates of St. John Bosco, an organization founded to help keep students Catholic in college, welcomes parents of sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school to a presentation about how to assist their children in looking for the right college for them and then transitioning to college. Join us **Thursday, May 5 at 7pm in the Parish Life Center** with suggestions on preparations for campus tours, understanding choices that will be made the first few weeks your child will be on campus, and tips on

transitioning high school students to the freedoms they will have in college. The emphasis will be on how to keep our faith central in all these decisions. Father Vaccaro, the current chaplain at the University of Mary Washington and Danielle Zuccaro, a recent graduate and the Director of the College Division of the Associates of St. John Bosco will conduct the presentation. More info on the Associates of St. John Bosco can be found at www.asjb.org.

Diocesan Middle School Bash

Join us **Saturday, April 16 from 2-10pm** for BASH, the largest gathering of Diocesan Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! This event is a celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord. We are planning for hundreds of junior high students to gather for five and a half hours of



faith, fellowship, and fun! This includes music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, and Sunday Vigil Mass. BASH is open to any Middle School aged youth that want to attend. **Permission slip available on our website.**



Hiking Trip: Prince William Forest

Join us **Saturday, April 23 from 10am-4pm** as we hike the Pyrite Mine Loop Trail in the Prince William Forest. This is open to all high school teens. Permission slip is required (see our website). **You must RSVP with your permission slip by Monday, April 18.**

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Join other HCA families for the Great Train Race

The 22nd running of the Great Train Race & Caboose Run will be held on **Sunday, May 1, 2016 and registration is now open!** The Great Train Race is a one-mile road race for youth 18 and under in downtown Fredericksburg and features the 1/2 mile George Dashington for ages 6-12 and the Caboose Run, a 400 meter race to the finish line for kids 5 and under. All participants receive a race shirt, a finisher's medal, and finish line refreshments. Proceeds are donated to FASL and directly benefit children's charities in the Fredericksburg Region. **Register online at www.gtrfredericksburg.com.**

Praying in Color

Health Ministry member Peg Larose invites you to explore the topic of "Praying in Color," a process for improving your prayer life. **Join us Sunday, April 10 from 3:30-4:30pm** in the Courtyard Meeting Room. Email the Health Ministry at lsullivan@stmaryfred.org or call 845-3031.

Book Club Selection

The parish book club will read an oldie-but-goodie for its **April 12 meeting**: *The Cardinal* by Henry Morton Robinson. At its first publication in 1950, it became an immediate best seller with its story of a humble working class Bostonian who became a priest and rose to receive the red hat of a cardinal. Join the discussion at **10am in the John Paul II House**. More information: Kathleen Mahoney at 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com.

Mother/Daughter Tea

Saturday, **April 16 from 2-4pm** in the Parish Life Center, the Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring

World in a Cup, our Mother/Daughter Tea. Entertainment at the Tea will be provided by instrumentalists from our Hispanic Choir. Several ladies in Victorian attire will be joining us as well. You don't really have to bring a daughter or a mother—bring a friend or just come enjoy a delightful several hours. If you attended last year we feel sure you'll want to come again—if you didn't, you probably heard what a wonderful experience you missed! Tickets are \$10 per person and are available now from any CCW board member. Watch for further details!

CCW Guest Speaker

Noted author Melanie Rigney will be speaking at the next meeting of the Council of Catholic Women. She is a parishioner at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington and has authored 2 books about women saints, *Blessed Are You* and *Sisterhood of Saints*. Her ministry, "Rejoice! Be Glad!" is about rejoicing in the Lord. Please join us **Tuesday, April 19 at 10am** in the Courtyard Meeting Room to hear this inspired speaker.

You are invited

"Let us rediscover the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit."

—Pope Emeritus
Benedict XVI



Seven-week Series on the Holy Spirit

Join us on Tuesday evenings beginning April 12–May 24 for a seven-week series titled, "As by a New Pentecost" where we will prepare for a renewed life in the Holy Spirit, and establish or deepen our relationships with Jesus Christ. The series features DVD talks by noted EWTN personalities Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Sr. Ann Shields and others. Local team will assist. Come to awaken the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism and Confirmation. We will meet from **7:15pm-9pm** in the Church. **To register** call the Parish Office at 373-6491. Voluntary donations of \$10 to cover the cost of materials.

starts this week!

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Shroud of Turin replica coming to Saint Mary

The Shroud of Turin talk and replica is coming to Saint Mary **Saturday, April 16 at**

1pm. Considered one of the greatest mysteries of our time, the Shroud of Turin continues to amaze and baffle scientists, doctors, historians, artists and theologians. Scientists cannot explain the source of the image which contains photographic and 3-D properties on a cloth centuries old. But is this the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ?

Bill Wingard, a speaker for the Shroud, will present the case for authenticity, and you can be the judge. Come see a full size replica of the Shroud and the photographic negative images that sparked an explosion of scientific interest and debate over a century ago which continues to today. What message does the Shroud have for each of us?



Senior Luncheon with Bingo

Come on out to the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday, April 19 at noon** and join us for a light lunch and Bingo. We've had so much fun at the last bingo events, so come on out and see what you've been missing. There will be prizes too! Best of all, it's free. **Questions?** Call Maria D'Amico [540-785-3580](tel:540-785-3580).



6th Graders from Holy Cross Academy perform our Wednesday of Holy Week tradition, "The Tale of the Three Trees."

parish life happening here



A pea in the pod, a blessing from above—Join the celebration as we shower them in love!

Donation Drive for local Pro-life Charities

A donation drive to benefit four local, pro-life charities (Mary's Shelter, Birthright of Fredericksburg, Catholic Charities Baby Closet and the Paul Stefan Home) will be held **at all Masses on April 30–May 1.**

Items needed include: diapers (all sizes), wipes, formula (especially Similac Advance), bottles, new/gently used kids' clothing (especially sleepers, onesies, layette sets up to 12 months and summer clothes up to 5T), receiving blankets, bibs, socks, women's shampoo/conditioner/soap, batteries, paper towels, trash bags, laundry detergent, pillows, twin bed-in-a-bag sets, mattress covers, and bath towels (baby and adult).

Consider using SCRIP to purchase a Walmart or Target gift card, as many of these organizations have storage constraints. No cash can be accepted that weekend. Should you wish to write a check as your donation, it must be made out to the charity of your choice.

Any questions can be directed to Jessica Stewart at (540) 656-7108 or hokiegirl07@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity, on behalf of the Council of Catholic Women!



Saint Mary Parish Night Out 2016

time to step it up, Fred.

Purchase tickets now

Friday, 29 April 2016

**at the beautiful UMW Jepson Center
two blocks from church**

Cash Bar 6-11pm

7pm Dinner & Dancing

**Entertainment by the
Andrew Thielen Big Band**

\$75/person.
Last year tickets sold out.
Reserve yours now!

Call Marty at **540-373-0259**
or the parish office and
claim your table!

Activate your inner Fred and Ginger and make some NEWS!

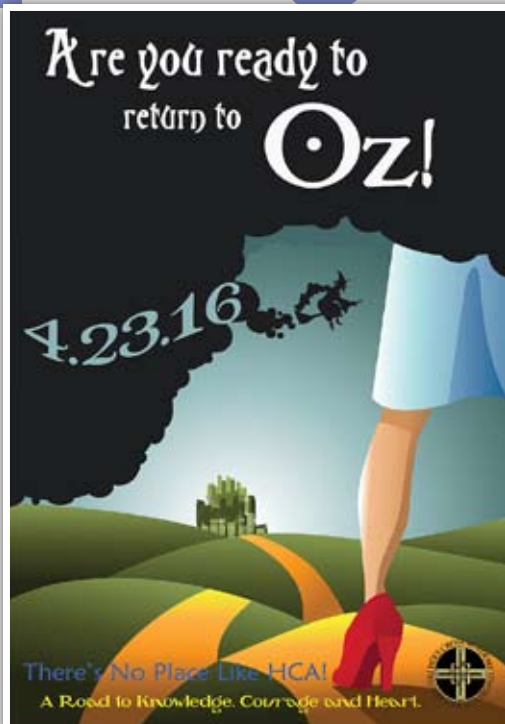
NEW memories waiting to be made with old friends

NEW friends waiting to be met

NEW menu, appetizers and three-course dinner with the same beauty and charm of the Jepson Center.

NEW door prizes: wine and champagne packages, gift certificates, theater tickets and more.

parish life happening there



Get your tickets!

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Independent Living Expo: Technology of tomorrow for the needs of today

Chances are you know someone who could benefit from Assistive Technology such as a family member or friend with an emotional, intellectual or physical disability, or maybe a relative or neighbor who would like to continue living independently at home as they age.

What is Assistive Technology? It is any item that helps someone lead a better life. It could be as low tech as a mobility walker or as complex as a robotic exoskeleton to help paraplegics walk. There are mobile apps to help individuals with anxiety, autism, depression and PTSD. Service animals are another form of "technology."



WE'VE ADDED A SECOND BUS IN SPAIN

September 24-October 6, 2016 13 days, \$3,750.

Join Fr. Don and Saint Mary to tour Fatima and Spain this fall. Dinners included, Mass in a wonderful place everyday.

We had 16 people on the waiting list—we can now add another 20 people who may wish to join us.

You are welcome.

**MADRID - TOLEDO - AVILA
SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
FATIMA - MERIDA - SEVILLE
LEON - CORDOBA - GRANADA
VALENCIA - BARCELONA
MONTSERRAT**

**Please call Margaret Ford
373-6900 for information.**

Fredericksburg's disAbility Resource Center presents the **2016 Independent Living Expo on Saturday, May 7, from 9am-5am at the Fredericksburg Expo Center.** Vendors will let you see and touch assistive technology equipment. Service providers for in-home care will be available to speak with you about their services. State and local agencies will be on hand to help you learn about the services available to you or your loved one. **Register for free at www.drcexpo.eventbrite.com.**

The disAbility Resource Center, a Center for Independent Living (CIL), assists people with disabilities to achieve the highest potential and benefit of independent living. Programs and services include independent living skills training, peer counseling, exercise classes and social events for people with disabilities. For more information, visit cildrc.org or call **540-373-2559**.

liturgy called in love

Join us the second Monday of
the month from 8:15-9pm



TAIZÉ

**Monday
April 11, 8:15pm**

**You are invited to a monthly
gathering of prayer in the
ecumenical tradition of the Taizé
community in France.**

It is our hope that this monthly prayer gathering brings together Christians of all churches as we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one."

This Unity, which embraces all people, stands at the very heart of Christ's mission. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and accomplish this plan for us.

*Praying with one voice, let
us ask God to bring healing
to our world and end the
divisions that separate
peoples.*

Saint Mary Catholic Church

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: Gretchen Maia, D.J. Smetek, Jim Evans, Megan Ramsey, Robert and Tenya Mosier, Josh Oltman, Donelda Wellwood, Keith Kovalefski, Bruce Bates, Dyke Stabler, Meredith Dean, Bernice Douglas, Paul Johnson, Alana Cross, Joseph O'Byrne, Veronica Johnson, Hal Ehrhart, Lillian Held, Prudy Tarpey, Mike and Mary Lou Gray, Martha Clemens, Holly Smith, Byers Family, Hunsley Family, Mike Harwich, Charles Dillman, Janie Sherry, Nancy Stewart, Randy Knebal, Larry Hudson, Tracey Hansen, Connie Whatcott, John Whatcott, Patrick Clarke, Jacqui Herr, Valconi Family, Joan Carroll, Larry Dillman, Jessica Ryan, Matt Marshall, John Stehle, Jerome Murphy, Christy Charlebois, Atkins Family, Paul Johnson, Sandy Martin, Ryan Mott, Tim Murray Family, Felipe and Mildred Sanchez, Dale Meyn, Raymond and Barbara Stauble, Gloria Fontenot, Paul Bartman, David Duke, Nancy Borrero, Gina Wood, David Arnold, Josephine Kreider, Ephiny Chewning, Mary Merrill, Richard Grunwald, Patrick Eggleston, Luz Dolores Butron, Susan Datta, Zachary Payne, Mary Jean & Don Williams, Sandra Infante, Maria Stine, Peter & Barbara Wood, Ronald Cullen, Mary Ulmer, Victoria Sibley, Nancy Borrero, Carmen Cardinelli, Teresa McPherson, Chris Enke, Betty Ann & Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Gerald Gardiner, Carla J. Gomer, Patricia Russo, Marianne Ford, Richard Sadler, Diane Beverly, Duska Green, Nancy Sokolowski, John Gabriel, John Haas, Jim Matarese, Tommy Davis, Marianne Ford, Olen Bullard, Michael Kraljevich, Dawn Miller, Ortiz family, Linda Kaila, Charles Boyer, Amy Gilkerson, Sadie Harder, Elizabeth Grant, Wayne Culbertson

**Please pray for all the men and women in our military
and civilian support services overseas, especially:**

Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, Dominick Joseph Petro, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Sean Plunkett, Roy Selvidge, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Geoff Mann, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew Marshall Smith, Nelly Garcia, Mindy Hakenson, Xavier Alas

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

Masses next week

16 April— SATURDAY

5pm	Fr. Don
7pm	Fr. Cummings

17 April— SUNDAY

7am	Fr. Don
8:30am	Fr. Don
10:30am	Fr. Cummings
HCA10:30	Fr. Lino
12:30pm	Fr. Holmes
2pm	Fr. Lino
5pm	Fr. Cummings
7:01pm	Fr. Holmes

Daily Mass intentions and readings

april

11 MONDAY

6:30 +Inez Strobry
9am Rita Stanislawski
Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

12 TUESDAY

6:30 +Maximo Rosete
9am Henry Eastman
Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

13 WEDNESDAY

6:30 +Souls in Purgatory
9am +C. P. Copperthite
Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

14 THURSDAY

6:30 +Souls in Purgatory
HCA +Kathleen Hennessy
9am +Rosemary Jordan
Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

15 FRIDAY

6:30 Viola Cucullu
9am +Barbara Mertens
Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

16 SATURDAY

9am +Lottie Stanislawski
5pm +Stefan Wolanski
7pm +Walter Weir
Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

17 SUNDAY

7am +Inez Strobry
8:30 +Robert Meskunas
10:30 +Juan Expedito Barrios
10:30*Kristi Carneal
12:30 +Edmund Buzicky
2pm For the Parish
5pm +Elaine MacMaster
7:01 Thao and Vinh Families
Acts 13:14,43-52; Rv 7:9,14-17;
Jn 10:27-30

*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*

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

April 3 Offertory \$26,684.
Easter Second Collection (add'l) 692.
Poor Box (Vincent de Paul) 556.

Please remember to use your Offertory Envelopes to ensure the accuracy of your end-of-year statement. The "Children's Envelope" proceeds will not be recorded on family statements.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for April

The children's charity that will benefit from offerings in April is the **Operation Purple Program of the National Military Family Association**. When you hear "Operation Purple camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! The camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes.

The Operation Purple program was created in 2004 to fill a need identified by military parents to "help us help our kids." The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. We do this through a variety of means, including the healing and holistic aspect of the natural world. The program is joint or "purple"—encompassing all Service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve.

Since its creation in 2004, the Operation Purple program has grown to serve approximately 45,000 military children and teens. The Operation Purple program also includes family

retreats at national parks and specialized family camps geared to address the needs of children and families of our nation's wounded service members.

For more information, visit their website at militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/camps/.

Pro-Life Reflection

On the first Easter Sunday afternoon, the two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus failed to recognize Jesus when He started walking with them. Perhaps it was because they were so disheartened. Often we are too absorbed in our own disappointment to see that hope is right in front of us. For many who are pregnant, despair and fear can lead to abortion. *Lord, I pray for all whose sadness tempts them to abortion. Give me the courage to reveal Your loving presence to them.*

Operation Rice Bowl reminder

Throughout Lent, your support of Operation Rice Bowl has helped offer hope to millions of people around the world who benefit from the work of Catholic Relief Services. Please return your Rice Bowl donation by April 15. To help our parish process the donations more quickly, please count your donation and make a check payable to the parish. Please write "Operation Rice Bowl" in the memo line of the check. Thank you for your generous support.

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 8, 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.

Yard Sale success

CCW's Yard Sale was a huge success; over \$3,000 was raised which will be donated to select charities. Thank you very much to: all who donated so many great items; all who accepted, sorted and priced donations; and all who worked a long day on Saturday, arriving early for set-up and staying late for clean-up. A big thank you to the members of the Knights of Columbus who picked up all the unclaimed items at the end of the sale. And lastly, thank you to all those who came to the yard sale and purchased items helping us to reach the total we did.

Job Opening

St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church in Ladysmith is seeking applications for the job opening of **Office Manager**, 16 hours/week, Monday through Thursday, time flexible in middle of day. Minimum 3 years of secretarial / office management experience. Competence with office machines as well as computers, bookkeeping, and software programs. Candidates must be highly organized and can work independently. **E-mail resume to Fr. Biber: biberj@saintmarycc.org**. Resumes will be accepted through April 18.



Grow for Your Neighbor

Grow for Your Neighbor (GFYN) is a program that provides fresh produce to the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank. It provides opportunities for families to experience the joys of gardening, to experience the intrinsic value of giving back to their community, and to foster an appreciation of nature and the value of healthy eating.

Saint Mary will once again support Grow for Your Neighbor's summer program during the June to October growing season and is looking for volunteers. Last year, Saint Mary volunteers collected in excess of 2,000 lbs. of fresh produce. This year, **volunteer opportunities include** receiving donations at the Fredericksburg Food Bank Tent at the Spotsylvania Farmer's Market on Route 3 West (commuter lot) and the pick-up and delivery of donations to the food bank. Collection days and times are Saturdays 8am–noon. Pick-up is at noon and drop off to the Food Bank must be made by 1pm.

We are looking to organize small teams of 2-3 persons, once a month for a 2-4 hour commitment—it's a perfect service opportunity for Scouts, youth groups and Outreach Ministries.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rick Caporali at the Parish Office, **540-373-6491** or by email rcaporali@stmaryfred.org.

For more information on this local community effort, please visit growforyourneighbor.com. We are planning a parish plant give-away to kick start the growing season, in hopes that we can create a **parish-wide community garden** that can be shared with our neighbors. More details in the upcoming weeks.

Welcome to SHARE at Saint Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: April 11

Food Pick-Up: April 23

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 7:30am and 8:30am. The following month's menu will be available at the time of pick-up.

Please contact Rick Caporali for more information and details,
rcaporali@stmaryfred.org.

Shopping for April:

Value Package

\$22 + 2 hrs community service
Seasonal, healthy and nutritious menu items such as:

- Turkey Drumsticks (3 drums)
- Ground Beef (1 lb)
- Deli Ham (3/4 lb)
- Pure Honey (5.5 oz)
- Bacon Cheddar Angus Sliders (15 oz)
- Beautiful onions, fresh potatoes, and the best produce we can find in the market, just for you & your family!

Seafood Box

\$23 + 2 hrs community service

- Salmon 2lb, Tilapia 1lb, Pollock 1lb

Mini Chicken Corn Dogs

\$13 + 2 hrs community service

- 6 boxes, 30 mini dogs each; 180 microwaveable pieces

Savory Chicken Wings

\$14 + 2 hrs community service

- Fully Cooked & Seasoned, 5 lbs

Menu items are always subject to change. When we must substitute, we try to give better value.

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SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$22)
_____ x \$22. = \$ _____

Seafood Box (\$23)
_____ x \$23. = \$ _____

Mini Chicken Corn Dogs (\$13)
_____ x \$13. = \$ _____

Savory Chicken Wings (\$14)
_____ x \$14. = \$ _____

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.