

**Pentecost  
Sunday**

**15 may 2016**



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



# what's coming



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## may

### 15 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (CYM)  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.  
9:30am, Believe Group [cancer support group], Courtyard Meeting Room.  
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.  
8pm, **Pentecost Vespers**, Church.

### 16 Monday, Weekday

7pm, **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** Fredericksburg Prayer Service, Christ Lutheran Church.  
7:30pm, Catholic Divorce Survival Guide, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 17 Tuesday, Weekday

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
Noon, Senior Bingo, Parish Life Center.  
5:30pm, **Pizza and Mulch the Parish event**, meet behind Parish Life Center.

### 18 Wednesday, Weekday (Saint John I, Pope, Martyr)

### 19 Thursday, Weekday

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

### 20 Friday, Weekday (Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest)

9am, St. Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House.  
7pm, Bunco, Parish Life Center.  
8pm, **Free Organ Concert**, Church. *All are welcome. Reception following the concert.*

### 21 Saturday, Weekday (Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs)

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.  
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

### 22 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Troop 1410)  
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.  
11:30am, **New Family Welcome Meeting**, Church.  
CYM Dinner and Youth Group meeting following the 5pm Mass.

### 23 Monday, Weekday

7:30pm, Catholic Divorce Survival Guide, Courtyard Meeting Room.

### 24 Tuesday, Weekday

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

### 26 Thursday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest

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

### 27 Friday, Weekday (Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)

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

### 28 Saturday, Weekday

10:30am, Confirmation Mass, Church.  
2pm, Confirmation Mass, Church.  
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.  
**Corpus Christi Procession following the 7pm Mass.**

## nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✠ The **second collection** this weekend is the **Diocesan Retired Priests' Collection**. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served our diocese so faithfully over the years. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
- ✠ A **special Evening Prayer (Vespers) for Pentecost** will be celebrated **tonight, May 15, following the 7:01pm Sunday Mass**. Join us for a beautiful solemn Vespers led by our youth choir as we close the Easter Season and return to Ordinary Time.
- ✠ Fredericksburg's annual observance of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is hosted this year by **Christ Lutheran Church, Monday, May 16 at 7pm** (two blocks from Saint Mary on Augustine Street). Please join our city's prayer.
- ✠ We will have **so much fun on Tuesday, May 17, starting at 5:30pm** behind the Parish Life Center as we have our spring mulch event, followed by pizza and age-appropriate beverages! Looking for a family service night? This is perfect. Bring your tools (wheelbarrows, especially). Thanks so much!
- ✠ Join us as we celebrate the arts at Saint Mary with our next free **Organ Concert Friday, May 20 at 8pm** in the Church, with master organist Benjamin LaPrairie from the Basilica in Washington DC. Reception follows.
- ✠ Mark your calendars: Our **PARISH PICNIC** at Holy Cross Academy is Sunday, **June 12** in the afternoon.

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<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm All Night Adoration, First Friday Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm,</i> <i>Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i>  Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Lino Rico Rostro Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio  Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Sacred Music, David Mathers Secretary, Mary Fitch
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<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
<b>HEALTH MINISTRY</b>	845-3031 Lois Sullivan, RN, FCN
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
<b>MARRIAGE</b>	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
<b>JOIN US</b>	New Family Registration meetings held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.  
Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

## this week's bulletin:

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# from our pastor



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

I have lately found myself in the middle of a conundrum. It is a good word, actually, it is defined as "a confusing and difficult problem or question." It has to do with how we address the reality of noise as well as noisy children at Mass.

It is noticeable, how much louder we have become at Mass. For many this is distressing, especially the older members of the parish who grew up with the understanding that the Lord's house was a place of reverence and prayer. Only the lightest whispers were ever allowed, and then only if somebody was in danger of death. This was also the way I was raised. There was no such thing as a mobile phone, so anything having to do with beeping, chirping or rock-and-roll sounds coming from pocketed devices wasn't part of the picture. The only things we could bring to church as children were religious picture books, I guess. Actually, I don't think my parents even brought us to church until we were old enough to know it was a special place.

Today's world is a confusing and difficult place, and I guess the church isn't excluded, as much as we would like it to be a refuge from all that. At Saint Mary we have tried several things, and I write about it a couple of times a year in the bulletin. Here I'm not talking about the normal level of sound that just comes with a roomful of people. There are some Sundays that there is a hum of conversation during Holy Communion audible over the singing!

Apparently some have now said that Saint Mary is unwelcoming to families. By many others, I'm criticized for not saying enough about it. I understand the particular challenges parents have, and have repeatedly said nothing about it because I don't want to alienate anyone. Now it seems that since I have stayed silent about it some parishioners have decided they can help me out by shaming parents as they leave Mass for not being more in control of their children, leaving notes on their cars, letting them know they have failed, etc.

So I have a few observations and suggestions, this is about the best I can offer.

1. *It is too loud in church, it seems to be getting louder.* Lately when I have presided at

Mass, *more Masses than not*, I have had to stop momentarily, realizing that I'm not even thinking about the prayers. The priest, if anybody, has to be thinking about the prayers, right? Instead, I find myself wondering why nobody is doing anything about the distraction. Then I start thinking about how everyone else in the church must not be praying either. Can it be a Mass if nobody is praying? All these things are going through my head and I'm just still saying the words. I have to stop for a moment, reset my own thoughts, refocus, and hope that everyone else can, too. It is not an effort to shame anyone, I am just trying to focus. Especially sometimes during a homily. It's like the slate wipes clean and I have to figure out where I was.

2. In charity, we have to find ways to *encourage one another with kindness, and behave appropriately*. Parents, please realize that you are surrounded by people, like you, who are trying to pray. People who are trying to pray, be patient. Refocus. Mostly it is just a momentary thing. Provide encouragement. If you are accusing or reprimanding anyone after Mass, stop it, particularly if you think it is somehow helpful.

3. For those who find themselves going regularly to the same Masses, *get to know the people who are around you*. A simple encounter and a little conversation can bridge the divide in a challenging moment. Introduce yourselves to families with small children, and as you get to know one another maybe parents will allow you to help them in difficult moments. Maybe even a friendship can develop. Above all, approach one another with reverence.

4. Finally, and I know I've said this so many times before, *do not use the cry room unless your child is crying*. It is not a play area. It is not a room provided for you to get away from the crowd. If nobody is crying, it should be completely empty. It is not general seating for overflow crowds. In this way there is a place where crying people (I guess this would include adults who are crying, too) can go, get past it, and return to the assembly where they belong, with us.

Hope this helps a little, I leave it to you.

God bless you. Fr. Dom

# holy cross academy



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## Mary's May Crowning

Last Friday, our school community came together to honor our Blessed Mother at our annual May Crowning. We prayed the rosary together, remembering the intentions of our parish community.

After our rosary, Sophia Sirks, one of our 8th graders, crowned Mary as our Queen, in all our names.

Our 8th graders wrote and prayed together their Consecration to our blessed Mother:

*"Mary, Mother of God, we thank you for guiding us in the faith as 8th graders at Holy Cross*

*Academy. Take us by the hand and lead us to your beloved Son, Jesus. Help us to put our best foot forward and walk in his grace and to be a blessing to others. Assist us in our decisions and actions, and help us to be strong in living out our Christian faith on our journey to high school. Amen."*

We invite you to visit our website, [www.holycrossweb.com](http://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 or to let us tell you all about Holy Cross Academy, our parish school.



# education

# religious education

This is the last week of classes for the school year.

Classes resume the week of September 12–15.

**Registration begins June 1.**

Parents are expected to be with their children at the first Religious Education class.

## First Communion 2016

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

Roman Adams  
Daniela Alvarez Portillo  
Alexa Banks  
Kaitlynn Berna  
Nolan Boligitz  
Connor Bray  
Luke Chaves  
Christopher Crossland  
Abigail Davies  
Dominic Eastman  
Braden Elchenko  
Angelo Figueroa

Sofia Fogel  
Beatrix Foreman  
Jesus Garcia  
Luke Gardner  
Luis Gonzalez  
Carlee Helmandollar  
Justin Hernandez  
Bryan Hernandez  
Kylah Jaeger  
Addison Kistler  
Elijah Lambert  
Genevaret Laya  
Conlan McNally  
Alex Melendez  
Lizette Meza-Arce  
Reina Miranda  
Jose Montesinos  
Istra Muggeridge



Kalie Osorio-Bonilla  
Jonathan Ouellette  
Molly Rathgeb  
Ricardo Romero  
Miguel Smith  
Piper Grayce Sullivan  
Benjamin Thompson  
Ingrid Ticas  
Paola Ticas  
Elizabeth Vezina  
Mikayla Vezina  
Lauren Willis  
Sophie Wright

## Catechist writes:

"I'm a catechist entrusted to provide Religious Education to the precious children of our parish. I am very grateful to be an instrument to Teach God's Lambs His Truths, Laws and Good News. It is a true honor and privilege to serve as catechist for my second year. The spiritual rewards I personally receive are even more enhanced when I observe children making the connection. Smiling faces with hands raised, waving eagerly to be selected to answer a question, read or participate in a ceremony. It's exhilarating to my heart and theirs. Praise be to God! The seed is planted for a strong foundation. Hallelujah!" —*Elaine Mead, 4th Grade, Tuesday at 6pm (HCA)*

# youth ministry

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## Confirmation 2016

### Rehearsals:

(mandatory for all candidates)

- **Teams 1 – 11** will meet in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday, May 24, 7:30pm.
- **Teams 12 – 22** will meet in the Parish Life Center on Thursday, May 26, 7:30pm.

### Confirmation Masses:

Saturday, May 28.

- **Teams 1-11** will attend the 10:30am Mass.
- **Teams 12 – 22** will attend the 2pm Mass.



## Last High School Youth Group

Our final High School Youth Group of the school year is **May 22**. All seniors who have been actively involved in our program are especially encouraged to attend for this awesome night. We will end the year with some games, praise and worship and a senior send off. You don't want to miss it!

## Annual WorkCamp Raffle

Our WorkCamp Raffle will commence the weekend of **June 4 and run through June 19**. Each weekend, we will raffle off a

pair of beautiful Adirondack chairs that our teens have made. Please see our WorkCamp teens after every Mass on these weekends to purchase tickets. All tickets are included in each raffle, so purchase your tickets early and get three chances to win!





# loved by god

## Pope Francis Addresses the Power of the Holy Spirit

By Carol Glatz Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Listen to the Holy Spirit because he is giving people the good news that God loves them and can renew, purify and transform their lives, Pope Francis said.

The Holy Spirit is the living water that "quenches the thirst in our lives because he tells us that we are loved by God as his children, that we can love God as his children and with his grace we can live as children of God, like Jesus," the pope said May 8 at his weekly general audience.

Speaking to more than 80,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis continued his audience talks about the affirmations of faith in the creed, focusing on the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit is an inexhaustible well of the life of God in us," he said.

Every human person in every epoch and from all walks of life "desires a full and beautiful life, a life that is not threatened by death but that may mature and grow in fullness," the pope said.

"Mankind is like a wanderer who, across the deserts of life, thirsts for water that's alive, gushing and fresh, able to fully slacken his deep desire for light, love, beauty and peace. Everyone desires this," he said.

It is Jesus who gives humanity this living water through the Holy Spirit, the pope said, "so that our lives may be guided,

animated and nourished by God."

"When we say a Christian is a spiritual person, what we mean is this: A Christian is someone who thinks and acts according to God, according to the Holy Spirit," he said.

But, he asked, "do we think and act according to God or do we let ourselves be led by so many other things?"

All Christians must reflect on this question and honestly answer in their hearts whether they are listening to God or are distracted, he added.

The living water of the Holy Spirit, the pope said, is a gift from the resurrected Christ "who dwells in us, purifies us, renews us, transforms us so that we can share in the life of God who is love."

That is why St. Paul affirmed in his Letter to the Galatians that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control," he said.

The Holy Spirit brings people into divine life as children of God where they can live, as "true children, in a relationship of intimacy, freedom, and faith in the love and mercy of God," he said.

Living as children of God lets people see with Christ's eyes,

and see others as "brothers and sisters in Jesus to respect and love," he said.

The pope said if people were to listen to the Holy Spirit, they would hear him say, "'God loves you.' And we, do we truly love God and others like Jesus did?"

"Let us be guided by the Holy Spirit, allow him to speak to our hearts and he will tell us this: that God is love, he's always waiting for us, he is a father who loves us like a real dad and only the Holy Spirit can tell our hearts this," he said.



*Pope Francis greets newly confirmed young people as they bring up the offertory gifts during a recent Mass in St. Peter's Square, in which the Pope confirmed 44 people from 22 countries. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)*

Before praying the "Our Father" in Latin, the pope interrupted the organ player to reiterate and emphasize the message he wanted people to walk away with at the end of the audience: "We have to listen to the Holy Spirit who is inside us!"

"What does he tell us? That God is good, that God is a father, that he loves us and always forgives us," he said to applause.

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CONCERTS *at* SAINT MARY  
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# Organ Concert

Friday, May 20, 2016  
at 8:00pm

## Benjamin LaPrairie



**Music of Bach, Reger,  
Vierne, Widor and Near.**



Benjamin LaPrairie serves as associate director of music at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. He is regularly heard accompanying Sunday, and televised Masses throughout the year, including the 2015 Canonization Mass of Junípero Serra, celebrated by Pope Francis, and the recent Funeral Mass of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

**The concert is free.**

*A free-will offering will be accepted.*

*Meet the artist at a delightful reception following the performance.*

**For more information:**

**[dmathers@stmaryfred.org](mailto:dmathers@stmaryfred.org) or 540-373-6491 x 217.**

*Saint Mary's is 5 minutes from I-95, exit 130A. Fredericksburg is a delightful historic city filled with many fine eateries, shops and attractions.*





# parish life happening here

## **Tonight: Pentecost Solemn Vespers after the 7:01pm Sunday Mass, May 15**

Celebrate the final liturgy of the Easter Season at our Evening Prayer (Vespers) of Pentecost. This prayer-filled liturgy of psalms and canticles celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit lasts about 25 minutes and **will follow tonight's 7:01pm Mass, starting at about 8pm.**

Our Youth Choir will lead the music, and the Paschal Candle, lit for all 50 days of the Easter Season, will be extinguished for the last time at the close of the liturgy.

## **Fredericksburg's annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, May 16**

For over 100 years, the world has come together during the Christian Unity Octave in January to pray the prayer of Jesus on the night before he died, and rose: that all may be one as he and the Father are One, so the world may believe that the Father sent him.

Well, many places have re-scheduled the annual prayer service closer to Pentecost because of the uncertainty of weather in January! **We will meet this year at Christ Lutheran Church, two blocks from Saint Mary on Augustine Street, at 7pm on Monday, May 16.** We know that the Holy Spirit is the only One who will make this happen: let us make sure that we are together when he comes! Join us for this special prayer event.

## **Senior luncheon**

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on **Tuesday, May 17.** Doors open at noon and lunch is served at 12:15pm. All Seniors in the parish are invited. For additional information, call Maria D'Amico at **540-785-3580.** Entertainment will be provided until 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish.

## **CCW guest speaker**

The next meeting of the Council of Catholic Women will be held on **Tuesday, May 17 at 10am** in the Courtyard Meeting Room. Come hear our guest speaker, Deacon Alberto Bernaola, who will talk about the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please stay for refreshments and a short business meeting following Deacon Alberto's talk.

## **Join us for pizza and beer and mulch, mulch more Tuesday, May 17.**

Join us for our second annual MULCH event on **Tuesday, May 17 starting at 5:30pm (rain date, Saturday, May 21).** We will have several truck loads of mulch delivered: you bring your shovels, rakes, wheel barrows and gloves and we will mulch the entire parish campus in two hours flat (well, we did it last year!). Then the pizzas and beverages are delivered and we rest together from our labors.

All are welcome, we will have age appropriate beverages for younger folks in the crowd, too. Just come.

Members of the Gardening Committee are invited to join us the Saturday before,

May 14, as we get the beds ready for mulch: planting, weeding, trimming. For more information please contact Kayla Weaver at [kayla.coan@gmail.com](mailto:kayla.coan@gmail.com).



## **Emergency Preparedness and Resource event**

Please join us **Saturday, June 4,** as we offer an opportunity meet local emergency responders and community organizations that respond in disaster and emergency situations locally here in Fredericksburg. There will be presentations on how to create your own home emergency preparedness kit, smoke and carbon dioxide detector maintenance, and emergency radio operation. Local information and resources will also be on hand. The event has been organized by Alexis Green, Gold Award Candidate from Girl Scout Troop 384. Come and support her project and learn more about those in our community who provide services when the unexpected happens.

parish life

# save the date



june 12, 2016

## 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 the Council of Catholic Women: Eileen Geary, [eileengeary@yahoo.com](mailto:eileengeary@yahoo.com), 540-371-1844

**To help cook, set up or clean up**, contact Knights of Columbus: Paul Scott, [psscotts@aol.com](mailto:psscotts@aol.com), 540-891-9331

Our annual  
**PARISH  
PICNIC**  
is Sunday,  
June 12 from  
3-7pm on  
the fields at  
Holy Cross  
Academy.

save the date

**VOLUNTEER  
TODAY!**

## PICNIC @ 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-L:** bring chips to share;

**M-S:** bring a dessert to share;

**T-Z:** bring a non-perishable snack.

## 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

## ACTIVITIES

Face painting

Pony rides

Cotton candy

Sno cones

Popcorn

Magic by Michael Taggart

Music by Vision

Majest Martial Arts demo





# parish life happening here



## Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to follow the 7pm Corpus Christi Mass, May 28

This year we are planning a beautiful Corpus Christi procession around the parish campus **following the 7pm Mass on Saturday, May 28.** Such processions throughout Christian history have been practiced as public witnesses of faith and blessing. We will set up an altar outside for prayers along the way, and return to the church for solemn benediction. Please join us.

## Volunteers needed

The **Prayers and Squares ministry** is in need of volunteers. You don't even need to know how to sew! We need quilt sitters and stringers. **Quilt sitters** volunteer for certain Masses to display the quilts and ask people to "tie a knot and say a prayer" for the person or

persons the quilt is for, usually 15–20 minutes of your time at the end of Mass. **Stringers** get together with other Prayers and Squares members to put the threads through the quilt so that we have strings to tie and offer prayers for the person. We meet generally once a month. Please consider being a part of this worthwhile ministry by contacting Barbara Walor at [dhs321@comcast.net](mailto:dhs321@comcast.net) or call her at 540-786-9324. Thank you!

## Another parish tradition: Marriage Renewal Mass and Reception Friday, June 10.

Join with couples at a special Mass of thanksgiving for the gift of Marriage and renew the vows you made on the day you began your life together. However many years, you are welcome! And after Mass, join us for wedding cake and punch, and share stories with old and new friends. Bring a wedding photo

to the reception!

Please RSVP for this event to the Parish Office so we may know how many of you are coming! Let us know no later than Wednesday, June 1st.

## Otra tradición parroquial: Renovación del Matrimonio Misa y recepción, Viernes, 10 de junio.

Asistan con las parejas parroquiales en una misa especial de acción de gracias y renovar los votos que hicieron en el día de su matrimonio. Y después de la misa, vengan para pastel de boda y un refresco, y compartir historias con amigos nuevos y los de mucho tiempo. Traigan un foto a la recepción!

Confirme su asistencia a la oficina de la parroquia para que podamos saber cuántos de ustedes están llegando! Háganos saber no más tardar del miércoles 1 de junio, por favor.





# people of thankfulness



## Saint Mary's Master Catechists

Master Catechist: Furman McCormick and Chris Kaila recently completed the 2 year Master Catechist Training Program offered by the diocese. The Master Catechist Training Program is open to experienced catechists who are ready to deepen their involvement in the catechetical ministry of the Church. After completion of a two-year program, candidates

are certified as Master Catechists, qualified to provide catechetical training in parishes. In the program, candidates grow in their faith through instruction, days of prayer, peer mentoring, and spiritual direction.

## Travel with the Saint Mary Choir to Italy

Join the Saint Mary Adult Choir and Fr. Rooney as they make a Pilgrimage tour of Rome, Florence, Assisi and Orvieto, **January 25-February 3, 2017**. The choir will sing for Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and other churches and cathedrals and tour important historical sites, including the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, the necropolis beneath St. Peter's (the location of St. Peter's tomb and that of many ancient popes), the Roman Colosseum, Orvieto's stunning Gothic cathedral, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Florence's Duomo and Academia museum and more. A general papal

audience is part of the itinerary. There will also be plenty of "on your own" time. There are a number of spaces on the Pilgrimage open to non-singing members of the parish, and the choir would love it if you would join them—they are loads of fun! Peter's Way Tour, an experienced tour provider, will be our guide, and the accommodations will be excellent. If you are interested and would like more details, **contact David Mathers** at the Parish Office or [dmathers@stmaryfred.org](mailto:dmathers@stmaryfred.org) by **May 15**.

## Successful Baby Shower

On behalf of Mary's Shelter, Birthright, the Paul Stefan Home and Catholic Charities Baby Closet, thank you! The Council of Catholic Women delivered diapers, wipes, clothing and other necessary items to the moms and children in need who are served by these organizations. We truly appreciate the generosity of our parish community!



## Saint Mary Parish Night Out 2016

**Thank You** to all who made our Parish Night Out "8" a great success. We hope to see you again next year!

**Save • the • Date**  
**The Andrew Thielen Big Band will return again next year for our Parish Night Out "9" to be held on Friday May 5, 2017. Heck, just buy the tickets now. You know you'll have a great time!**

## the community give



### Dear Saint Mary Parishioners,

The faculty, staff, parents and, most especially, the students of Holy Cross Academy are very, very grateful to all of our Saint Mary parishioners who supported our fundraising efforts through The Community Give. **We set a goal of \$20,000 and more than doubled that with donations of \$45,530.** In addition, we were awarded **\$5,000 in prizes.** All of this money will go directly to our School Expansion Fund. On Friday evening, we found out that **we are also the recipients of The Community Foundation Enrichment Fund** which will be invested in our name and will pay interest to us every year. This is the never-ending gift!

Along with our very successful auction, these Give donations are a substantial addition to our School Expansion Fund. We still have to raise a lot more money before beginning construction, but we think that we have made a **VERY GOOD** start. Again, we offer our thanks to all of you!

Our expansion will not only provide a cafeteria, chapel, world language classroom, and full-sized computer lab, but it will also allow us to enlarge our reading resource room, math resource room, library, science lab, guidance office, art room and music room. We will be providing our Middle School students with a lovely indoor-outdoor hallway and all our children will benefit from the outdoor patio space. Building a separate cafeteria will free up the gym for athletic activities. We also project enhancing our school entrance and installing a new gymnasium floor, an authentic athletic surface.

**Thank you for your support as we embark on our much-needed and long-awaited school expansion.**

Please know that we pray for our Saint Mary parishioners every day.

**Thank you!**



# parish life given in love



## Plant Give-Away, May 21

Grow for Your Neighbor (GFYN) is a program that provides fresh produce to the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank and offers 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.

St. Mary will once again support the Grow For Your Neighbor program during the June to September growing season. We are looking for volunteers to assist! Last year, Saint Mary volunteers collected in excess of 2,000 lbs. of fresh produce. This year, opportunities include receiving donations at 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 8:30am–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.

**To kick-off the growing season, we will be conducting a plant give-away** to inspire gardeners to plant a little extra for the food bank this year. Plants will be offered for distribution **after most Masses the weekend of May 21**. If you are new to gardening, we will have several examples of container gardening, manageable by any novice gardener, on display.

If you would like to volunteer please visit [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and enter [rcaporali@stmaryfred.org](mailto:rcaporali@stmaryfred.org) to locate the Spotsylvania Farmers Market signup. For more information, please contact the Parish Office 540-373-6491 or visit [www.growforyourneighbor.com](http://www.growforyourneighbor.com).

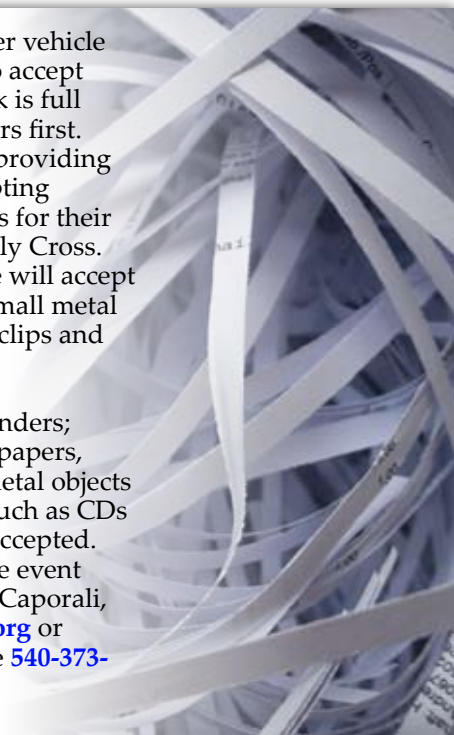
## SHRED Event, June 4

Do you have any old files and paperwork taking up space at your home or office? Plan to join us on **Saturday, June 4 from 10am–1pm** for our Shred Event to dispose your confidential documents.

Recycling is an essential part of any commitment to sustainability, we here at St. Mary are responding by offering this community-wide event. The event will be open to all in the parish, small businesses, non-profits and area residents. Deliver materials to the back parking lot, behind our Parish Life Center where you will be greeted by our Youth from Young Catholics for Change from Holy Cross Academy who will assist with unloading your vehicle.

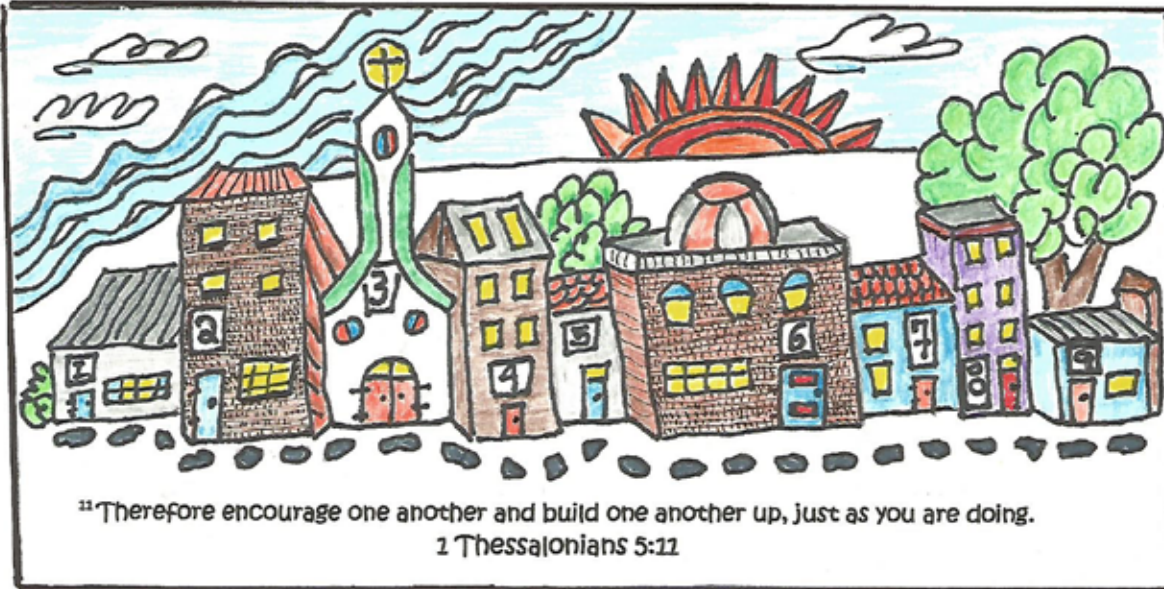
There is a 5 box limit per vehicle and we will continue to accept materials until the truck is full or 1pm whichever occurs first. The Youth will also be providing refreshments and accepting donations to raise funds for their Missions projects at Holy Cross. Accepted materials: We will accept office based material, small metal fasteners such as paperclips and staples.

Please remove 3 ring binders; hardcover books, newspapers, magazines, plastic or metal objects and electronic media such as CDs and DVDs will not be accepted. Questions regarding the event can be directed to Rick Caporali, [rcaporali@stmaryfred.org](mailto:rcaporali@stmaryfred.org) or contact the parish office 540-373-6491.





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<sup>22</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

A Prayer for the City of Fredericksburg

For the Mayor and City Council

For those working in the Court systems

For those suffering from hunger and lack of needed resources

For all those charged with establishing policies for our citizens

For those suffering mental illness who have nowhere to turn.

For those working in public service and health care and for those they care for.

For the school board, university, community, trade schools and students

For those suffering abuse as well as their abusers.

For merchants, industries, and service workers

For those new arrivals seeking peace and safety

For the unemployed or underemployed

For houses of prayer and worship

For the safety of all our citizens

For those who have lost hope

For the homeless

For the prisoner

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## Weekly Offertory

May 8 Offertory	\$35,325.
Catholic Comm. Campaign	4,658.
Special Parish Needs (add'l)	3,125.
Poor Box (Vincent de Paul)	409.

## The Second Collection next weekend is for our Parish Building Fund.

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 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.

## Pro-Life reflection

"Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever." —Hebrews 13:8.

The teaching of Christianity on the sanctity of life does not flow from some historical circumstance, political ideology or changing opinion. It is based on the person of Jesus Christ, Who does not change. He is the perfect reflection of the Father, the source of all life. That is why the Church holds that its pro-life teaching is "unchanged and unchangeable" (*The Gospel of Life*, 62).

*Lord Jesus, give us the constancy and fidelity of perseverance to our pro-life commitment until the end of our journey. (Pro Life Reflections for Every Day)*

## Unscheduled Masses in April

Masses were offered in April for the following unscheduled intentions: Theresa Tolley, +Sister Jeanne Agnes,

+Katherine Mary Collis, +Nita C. Green, Holy Souls in Purgatory, +Jeffrey Michael Arre, +Kevin Wallace, +Teresa Heaney Sullivan, +Edward Ditz, Jr., Grace Sherry and Janie Sherry.

## Mystic Monk Coffee

Purchase coffee, mugs and other products from Mystic Monk Coffee, using the link below and earn an **18% rebate for our Parish**. Subscriptions also earn rebates and save you money! [www.mysticmonkcoffee.com/store/?aid=181](http://www.mysticmonkcoffee.com/store/?aid=181)



## 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.**

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit by Saint Augustine

*Breathe in me O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy;  
Act in me O Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be holy;  
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit,  
That I love but what is holy;  
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy;  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
That I always may be holy.*



# liturgy called in love

## "Amigos en Cristo + Friends in Christ" Programa De Becas 2016

De la IGLESIA Santa Maria de Los Dolores en Fairfax, concederá becas para jóvenes hispanos. Comprometidos con el avance y la educación de los jóvenes, el programa otorgará becas de hasta \$1,000 cada una para la educación post-secundaria para hispanos en la Diócesis de Arlington. Los factores considerados en la adjudicación de las becas incluyen el liderazgo demostrado, la participación activa en actividades cívicas o religiosas y el rendimiento académico. Para obtener mayor información llame a Martha or Mike Mellor, **703-323-3674** o por correo electrónico [amigosencristosmos@gmail.com](mailto:amigosencristosmos@gmail.com). Para obtener una solicitud dirigirse a la página web. [stmaryofsforsrows.org](http://stmaryofsforsrows.org). Toda solicitud debe ser recibida antes del 15 de Mayo, 2016.

## Summer Institute for students

*Light the World!* is a Summer Institute that will take place at The Catholic University of America on June 12-18 for rising Juniors and Seniors. Explore how our faith is lived within the context of Art, Science, Sport, Business, and Politics. Email [lighttheworld@cua.edu](mailto:lighttheworld@cua.edu) for more information and application materials.

## SCRIP gift cards

Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Torie Baldwin at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase. **Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!**

## Saint Mary prayer list

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Veronica Johnson, Hal Ehrhart, Lillian Held, Prudy Tarpey, Mike and Mary Lou Gray, Martha Clemens, Holly Smith, Byers Family, Hunsley Family, Mike Harwich, Janie Sherry, 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, Providence and Thomas Moeller, David Davenport, Brian Yednock, Gretchen Schuster, Dick Fadden, Elise Velez, Jim Canty, Maureen Flanagan, Regina Gaudreau, Jessica Gaudreau, Denise Pooler, Meg Martin, Gerard Fitzpatrick, Jamila Alarcon, Betty and John Gil, Daniel Burke, John Druiett, Margaret Gralton, Cheryl Wood

**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 M. 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

*Deacon Alberto will preach at the 12:30pm and 2pm Masses.*

### 21 May—SATURDAY

5pm	Fr. Holmes
7pm	Fr. Lino

### 22 May—SUNDAY

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

## Daily Mass intentions and readings

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#### 16 MONDAY

6:30 All those in our Mother's Day Novena  
9am All those in our Mother's Day Novena  
Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

#### 17 TUESDAY

6:30 Melanie Rigney  
9am Melissa Siena  
Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

#### 18 WEDNESDAY

6:30 Marie Rooney  
9am +Mary Lambert  
Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

#### 19 THURSDAY

6:30 +Eliera Barrios  
HCA +Pat St. Clair  
9am Prudencia Chism  
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

#### 20 FRIDAY

6:30 Mary Ann Holzworth  
9am +Anthony Vautier  
Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

#### 21 SATURDAY

9am Sr. Miriam Elizabeth  
5pm Fr. Don Rooney  
7pm +Bon Van Than  
Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

#### 22 SUNDAY

7am For the Parish  
8:30 +Peg McKeown  
10:30 +Lenard Majeski  
10:30\*John F. Carneal, Jr.  
12:30 Our Military Living and Deceased  
2pm +Margarita Azcue and Ruben Mantilla  
5pm +Dorothy Fogarty  
7:01 John Vu  
Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5;  
Jn 16:12-15

*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