what's coming



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

april

23 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Coffee Shop after morning Masses sponsored by Catholic Youth Ministry 11am, New Family Welcome & Registration, Parish Life Center 12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 100 6pm, CYM Dinner & High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

24 Monday, Easter Weekday (Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr)

7am, Adoration, Church 10:15am, Legion of Mary Our of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center, Room 100 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes in Parish Life Center 6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 7:30pm, RCIA/RICA Classes, Church

25 Tuesday, Saint Mark, Evangelist

7am, Adoration, Church 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 6pm, Religious Education Classes, Holy Cross Academy 6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 7pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 204

26 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

9:45am, Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible, Courtyard Meeting Room 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 6:30pm, YouCat, John Paul II House 6:30pm, Confession & Adoration

27 Thursday, Easter Weekday

9:45-12 noon, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100 9:45am, Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible, Courtyard Meeting Room 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 7:15-8:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rooms 203(Spanish), 204, 202, & 100

- 28 Friday, Easter Weekday (Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest)
- 29 Saturday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- 30 SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after morning Masses sponsored by Troop 1410 12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 6pm, CYM Dinner & High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

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- 1 Monday, Easter Weekday (Saint Joseph the Worker)
 - 10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center, Room 100 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 7:30pm, RCIA/RICA Classes, Church
- 2 Tuesday, Saint Anthanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 6pm, Religious Education Classes, Holy Cross Academy 6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 7pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 204

express announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

- Save the date for our 9th Annual Parish Night Out on May 5th! Enjoy a great night of fun with parish family and friends at the Jepson Alumni Center, with dinner and dancing to the music of the Andrew Thielen Big Band. Call Marty at 540-373-0259 or the parish office and reserve your table!
- Complete some of your shopping by purchasing SCRIP gift cards! Set up an account today and earn rebates for HCA. Email Christi Greenwell at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code.
- Subscribe to the Saint Mary website, stmaryfred. org and receive important updates via email. The subscription box is on the homepage. Enter your email address, click "subscribe."
- Divine Mercy Chaplet will be following the Spanish Mass (approximately 3:15pm)

contact us www.stmaryfred.org

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 Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am, Noon

Sat., 9am MASS First Friday 8pm

Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 6:30-8:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass

Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSION Mon., 6:30-7pm; Wed., 6:30-8:30pm;

Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 PARISH OFFICE

stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm;

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

Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Colin Davis Deacon Alberto Bernaola

Jim Florio, Operations & Facilities Manager Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Parish Secretary, Tatiana Beltran

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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.

ST. MARY 373-7553 PRESCHOOL 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.

New Family Registration meetings held in the **JOIN US**

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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Dear Folks,

A blessed and holy Divine Mercy Sunday to you. I just want to express my gratitude to you and thank the Lord for the hard work of uncountable folks to make the celebration of Easter so beautiful and reverent. Since I am new to our parish family, I was excited to see how the St. Mary of the Expo Center Masses would work. And boy did they work! So many folks are taking responsibility to make it happen that I was able sit back and see the grace unfold. Bishop of the able sit back and see the grace unfold. Bishop IMMACULATE Loverde once described a pastor's role as one who 'directs the symphony.' It was never more evident to me than this past two weeks.

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Most especially, this year Donna Green and Matt Mueller stepped up to make sure that music was covered and excellent during our Triduum and at the Expo Center. Given unexpectedly long transition between music directors, this is especially important. I can not thank Donna enough! And consider the many hours that the choir spent practicing and preparing.

Or Consider Chris Lanzarone: who was the central organizing force behind much of the week. He was at the Church until well after midnight as the vigil Mass wrapped up, and then was back before 6 am to get the Expo Center ready and stayed all day to the last.

Or Fr. Cummings who served as master of ceremony. I never had to worry about where to be because he knew and was gently directing the servers, priests and deacons to the right spots at all times.

There are honestly too many folks to mention them all. Every member of our parish owes a debt of gratitude to these generous souls. Finally, I share with you an extraordinary note that I recently received "from the pews of St. Mary." I would love if you have a moment of grace that you are willing to share, please send it to me so that it can be put in the bulletin. Look right next to my column for this gracious and inspiring note which is fitting for Mercy Sunday.

Thank you, and God Bless you. Pax et bonum (peace and all goodness),

Fr Mosimann



15th Annual Holy Cross Academy **Spring Golf Classic**

Have you heard about our upcoming Golf Tournament? Spring is in the air! Doctors tend to say that one should get out and enjoy some fresh air. They also remind many of us to take our iron and enjoy our greens! Well let's take that great advice and plan to enjoy a round of golf on May 15th at the Holy Cross Academy Spring Golf Classic held at the Gauntlet Golf Club in Fredericksburg. A day of golf includes all green and cart fees, breakfast, refreshments and lunch on course, and plenty of chance raffle items to win! Spread the word to all family and friends! All proceeds from the event will be put towards our building expansion. Visit our website for event details, including sponsorship and prize donations.

Teacher Opening

Holy Cross Academy is currently interviewing for an Art teacher for grades K to 8 for the 2017-2018 school year. The position is part-time. Salary is based upon experience. If interested, please send a resume to Sr. Susan Louise at principal@ holycrossweb.com.

From the pews at St. Mary

Dear Father Mosimann,

I was abused and abandoned as a child and as a result I felt broken and hurt most of my life. I had even contemplated suicide a few times and told myself would anyone really miss me even God?

One day I picked up a church bulletin and read they needed people to spend a holy hour in adoration. I could do that I thought just sit quietly alone in Gods silence and never expected anything much to come from it.

I can't even begin to share with you the healing, peace, and love I would receive just spending one hour devoted to Our Lord and Savior in the blessed Sacrement. Thank you and who ever else is responsible for extended the adoration hours at Saint Mary's. I look forward to spending time with our Lord even more now.

God bless you, St. Mary Parishioner

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Christ is Risen!

May the peace and joy of the Risen Christ be with you and your family today and always. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia! Our HCA community wishes each of you the continued blessings of this beautiful Easter season.

As part of their preparation for Easter, our kindergarten children and fifth graders visited Greenfields Nursing Home on two separate occasions. The kindergarten children brought delight to the faces of the residents when they sang their songs and shared their cards with them. The Greenfields staff provided the children with an Easter egg hunt. The residents enjoyed seeing the children squeal with delight as they found their brightly colored eggs.

When they visited, our fifth graders performed a talent show for the delighted residents. Everyone smiled widely as the children played the guitar and piano, and shared several songs with them. The children had made baskets which they proudly presented to the residents.

We know how much the residents enjoyed the visit from the children. This visit is also a source of delight for our children as they reach and share their joy with others in our community. At Holy Cross, we continue to find ways to serve those near and far who need us in any way.







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Religious Education Classes:

Classes resume this week, April 24-27.

First Holy Communion Rehearsals

On Monday, May 1 at 6pm in the church, is First Communion rehearsal for Grade 2 and Year 2 First Communion students who attend class on Mondays at the 6:30pm session.

On Tuesday, May 2 at 6pm in the church, is First Communion rehearsal for Grade 2 and Year 2 First Communion students who are Home Taught or attend class at the 4:45pm sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

On Tuesday, May 2 at 7pm in the church, is First Communion rehearsal for Grade 2 and Year 2 First Communion students who attend class Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the 6:30pm sessions or on Tuesdays at the 6pm session at Holy Cross Academy.



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High School Youth Program Open to Newly Confirmed!

This is an invitation to all of our newly Confirmed and rising 9th graders to join us for High School Youth Group and YOUCAT programs. We are opening our doors so that you can stay connected and continue to grow in your faith. Youth Group meets Sundays from 7-8:30pm, YOUCAT meets Wednesday's from 6:30-8pm.





WorkCamp Contractors Still Needed

For our Local WorkCamp in Spotsylvania (June 24-30) we will need to provide contractors to lead the WorkCampers in the various tasks and jobs they need to do. Contractors do not have to be professionals in the industry, but if you are that certainly helps. Adults who are proficient in home repair skills and can work well with young people are exactly what we are looking for. If you are interested in getting involved with WorkCamp as a contractor please contact the Youth Ministry Office. Contractors are only needed form Monday – Thursday of the WorkCamp week.

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May Family Dinner

The May Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sat, May 6 from 6-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes deep fried chicken tenders, mashed potatoes & gravy, cole slaw, baked beans, and cookies. The net proceeds will be donated to The Knights of Columbus 4034 Charities . The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults:\$7, Seniors (60&up):\$6, Teens:\$6, Children (7-12):\$5, Children (under 7): Free. THE MAX COST PER FAMILY is \$25.

KOVAR 2017

KOVAR is a 100% volunteer effort of the Virginia Knights of Columbus. KOVAR has no employees and its Board of Directors take no salaries. 100% of collected funds bemefits people with mental disabilities in the form of donations and loans. The Knight's of Columbus will be collecting during all masses at St. Mary's and Holy Cross Academy during April 29-30th; Stafford Lakes Giant on April 30th; Central Park Walmart and Eagle Village Giant on May 5-6th; and, Town & Country Giant on May

Our New Bother Knights

Council 4034 welcomes Brother Ricardo Barton, Brother James Harshbarger, Brother Dan Kinion, Brother Keith LeJeune, and Brother Shane Pitts. A special welcome to all of these new Brother Knights in joining our Knights of Columbus Council.

Trail Life Troop VA-4034

Trail Life VA 4034 assisted American Heritage Girls (AHG) VA 0128 in sponsoring the annual Arlington Diocese Young Scout Retreat on Mar 18th. The retreat is for AHG, Trail Life, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, and Camp Fire Girls, grades K-5, from all of the diocese. Older boys from our troop led several stations while younger boys participated in the retreat. This year's theme explored The Our Father prayer. Trail Life had a slow March, but is geared up for a busy April including a ropes / high adventure course and an Honor Flight tour at the Marine Corps Museum. For more information, visit www.traillifeusa.com or www.americanheritagegirls. org. Questions? Email troopmasterva4034@gmail.com for Mark Gardner (Trail Life) and ahgva0128@yahoo.com for Maureen Siegmund (American Heritage Girls).



The Shroud of Turin

Talk and Replica Coming to Holy Cross Academy April 29 - 1pm

Don't miss this great opportunity to experience the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in a way that can make this an unforgettable event in your life.

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? Bring others including teens on up and your cameras.



The Knights of Columbus Council #4034 is comprised of Catholic men and their families, united in service with our Church, schools and neighborhoods. Along with our community non-profit organizations, we have a common core objective to help and serve those in need.

We are part of the Parish Life Ministry at Saint Mary and this is our 60th year of support.

Website: kofc4034.org

Facebook: fb.com/kofc4034

E-Mail: Info@ kofc4034.org

Business meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Fredericksburg Columbus Club.

Dinner: 6:30–6:45 Rosary: 7:10 Meeting 7:30–8:30

There is always time to be a Knight For more information, Contact our Council's Membership Director at: MembershipDirector@ kofc4034.org

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Senior Luncheon Bingo

Come on out to the Parish Life Center on Tues. April 25 at noon and join us for a light lunch and Bingo. We've had so much fun at the last bingos, 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

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The Paul Stefan Foundation

Saving Babies, One Mom at a time. They extend their caring arms to lovingly assist young women and their pre-born babies by providing homes of safe haven where they will receive the spiritual, physical, emotional, and psychological support and nourishment necessary for their further growth and development. It is their hope that those they love and serve today will continue to grow in a profound way to love and respect the dignity of all human life, and to one day answer the call to serve those most vulnerable. They could use our help, please visit their facebook and

website. They could use your help. **fb.com/paulstefanhome. org** or at **paulstefanhome.org.**'

Need SCRIP Volunteers

We are also seeking additional volunteers to help sell after Mass. We are especially in need for volunteers who can help sell after the 10:30am Mass at the Church and the 5pm Mass on Sunday, but volunteers for any Mass will be very appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Christi Greenwell at greenwell1956@cox.net or 703-994-2142.

Care Packages for St. Mary's Young Adult Catholics

This fall St. Mary's families will once again "launch" young adult members to college and service in the military. As they move forward, St. Mary's hopes to send our children small care packages offering prayerful support and encouragement to sustain their Catholic faith in their new environments. We need donations and volunteers! With so many young adults leaving the Catholic faith, please consider getting involved and supporting our family members. Email Beth Merriman at bethmerriman1@verizon.net to find out how you can help or donate to this initiative.

The Global Prayer Ministry is Reaching Out!

With faith in the power of prayer, the Global Ministry acknowledges the Power of Praying Together. The Ministry works through social media to connect people to pray for a common interest. Simply text "Prayer" to 845-76 to join!

As a member of Global Prayer, you will receive the week's intention from the Coordinator each Wednesday and Friday. Then, at noon on Friday, wherever you happen to be, we ask that you spend 10 minutes or so with our online community, praying for the week's intention.

Our prayers are now being expanded beyond global faith concerns to include prayers for the health and healing of our local parishioners and faith community. We are reaching out for you to join us and become part of the Global Prayer Ministry with others throughout our Parish and community. For those that do not text but wish to join, you can do so via the internet. Please visit: **new.flocknote.com**/ StMaryCatholicChurchFre1/ GlobalPrayerMin.

Cursillo Weekends

Upcoming weekends are announced for the Arlington Diocese Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends for spring! They will be held at Missionhurst Retreat House in Arlington, VA. For women, the dates are May 18-21. For men, the dates are April 27-30. Cursillo can be a life changing experience that begins with this 3 day weekend and carries on into your daily walk of faith. Many who attend the Cursillo continue to meet with others to review and renew their faith weekly or monthly to live a life focused on Christ and to serve Him in their daily life. For more information, please call or email Tammie or Doug Chute 540-785-0570, tammiechute@ hotmail.com

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FIAT & Quo Vadis Camps Registration Open

These camps are an opportunity for young people to grow closer to God and discern their vocations, they are not the only means. If your son or daughter is exploring his or her vocation, please contact Fr. Jaffe in the Office of Vocations and he would be happy to help in any way he can.

FIAT Girls' Camp: Sunday, July 9 - Thursday, July 13 Quo Vadis Boys' Camp: Sunday, July 30 - Thursday, August 3 All details about these camps can also be found at the above links. Should you have any questions beyond what is there, please contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlington-diocese.org or 703-841-2514.

Loved the Wedding. Invite Me to the Marriage. Love, God.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones — and focus just on each other. The next weekend is Sep 15-17, 2017 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington- Hogar Immigrant Services are currently in urgent need of two volunteer teachers for a new ESOL site we are starting in Fredericksburg next month! The classes will begin May 2 and will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8pm.



Ultreya Held Here

Ultreva will be held for the Greater Fredericksburg Area Cursillo Groups! Come gather Saturday, May 13 after the 9am Mass at St. Mary, followed by a Rosary to our Holy Mother, continued with a gathering in the Father Don Rooney Room from 10-11:30. All are welcome! In addition, please note, there is a Women's Ĉursillo, the weekend of May 18-21 at Missionhurst, all active Catholics are invited to attend! Please contact Tammie Chute if interested. 540-785-0570 or tammiechute@ hotmail.com

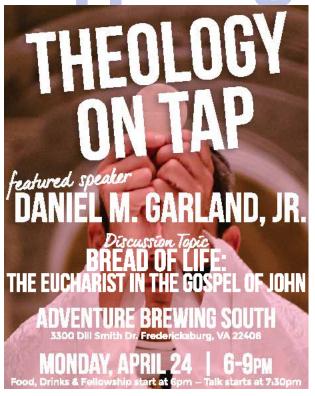
Great Train Race

Registration is open for the 23rd running of the Great Train Race & Caboose Run in downtown Fredericksburg! The event will be held on Sunday, May 7. This one-mile road race is for youth 18 & under and features the George Dashington 1/2 mile for ages 6-12 and Caboose Run, a 400 meter race for kids 5 & under. Participants in all events 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 area. Holy Cross Academy is sponsoring the 7yr old boys in the mile race so look for our banner and booth at the finish line! Register at gtrfredericksburg.com and be sure to list your school name on the registration form.

Young Adult Retreat

Register now for the 2017 Young Adult Retreat starting on Friday, May 12th and ending on Sunday, May 14th. The retreat, taking place at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, will be led by Fr. Mark Baron, titled, "100 Years of Our Lady of Fatima: what the Mother of God teaches us about following Her Son." For more details, go to arlingtondiocese.org/Family-Life/Young-Adult-Retreat-Weekend or email Brendan Gotta at yam@arlingtondiocese. org.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN? Saturday, April 29 at 6:15pm (A

WHERE?

St. Jude Activity Center 10725 Courthouse Road Fredericksburg, VA 22407

\$12/person
Build your own team of 4-8
Players & Rule Trivia Night!

WHAT ELSE? Tacos - Prizes - Cash Bar

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DAINT MARY PARISH PARIS

CASH BAR 6-11PM

DINNER 7PM & DANCING 8-11:30PM \$75/PERSON

INCLUDES DINNER & DOOR PRIZES

Please join us again this year for another great evening of music, fun, and fellowship with friends and parishoners.

Please respond early and we will save your favorite table. This is a great value for the cost...dinner, dancing, fantastic music... and don't forget the door prizes the night of our event....last year we gave away wine and champagne packages, movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates, Riverside Dinner Theater passes and more! So please again join us...

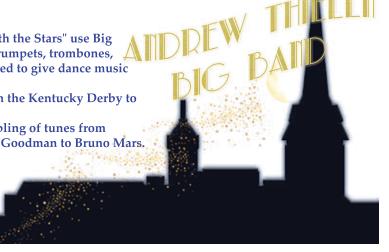
Our Parish Night Out is not complete without YOU!!!

Don't be fooled by the name. Shows such as "Dancing with the Stars" use Big Bands. We will again have a 12 piece band consisting of trumpets, trombones, saxaphones, guitar, drums, plus two vocalists...all combined to give dance music high-octane energy for a great evening of music.

Andrew Thielen Big Band have played for audiences from the Kentucky Derby to Saturday Night Live to Betty White's Animal Foundation.

Check out their website at BigBandOnline.com for a sampling of tunes from yesterday to today...from swing to Motown...from Bennie Goodman to Bruno Mars.

CALL MARTY 540.373.0259 OR THE PARISH OFFICE 540.373.6491 TO BOOK YOUR TABLE!



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2 nights Warsaw

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Buffet breakfast, lunch, and dinner with wine daily (8 buffet breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 8 dinners (4 in typical local restaurants with Klezmer Jewish music and Folkloric Show including a welcome and a farewell dinner plus 4 dinners at the hotels)

Extensive Sightseeing:

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Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection April 9

Offertory Collection	\$38,939
Parish Building Fund	\$9,529
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$330

April Faith Direct \$56,509
Parish Building Fund \$3,897
2nd Collection for Parish
Maintenance/Development

\$3,540

Good Friday Holy Land Shrines

\$1,691

The Good Friday and Easter Collections will be reported in the April 30 bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Choose Life Reflection

So where was Thomas on that first Easter night? Perhaps he was out looking for Jesus! After all, he had to see things for himself. Yet Thomas did not find Jesus until he returned to the community of Peter and the other Apostles. We too need the community of the Church united around the successor of Peter. There we find the strength to affirm life. Lord, keep me always in union with the Church and vigorous in proclaiming life!

Al Anon Surviving the Weekend Group

All who have been affected by someone else's drinking, and members come together to learn a better way of life and how to find happiness. It's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. Al Anon meetings are every Saturday at 10am in Room 204 of St. Mary's Parish Life Center.

Nar-Anon Support Available

Are you or your family affected by a loved one's drug addiction?

Nar-Anon is a twelve-step program that offers support, strength and hope to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with substance abuse. Meetings are held every (1st, 2nd, and 4th) Thursday evening from 7-8 pm in the Fr. Don Rooney Community Room and every 3rd Thursday evening from 7-8 pm in the John Paul II House (downstairs). Our Nar-Anon meetings are open to both St. Mary parishioners and the community at large. Confidentiality honored and strictly maintained.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

"Strengthen the Church at home"

There are 88 home mission dioceses in the United States - in areas like the Deep South, Appalachia, the Rocky Mountains, the Southwest and Alaska - all characterized by a lack of resources to provide basic pastoral care for their faithful. Most are unable to adequately provide Mass, religious education, evangelization and ministry training, and often struggle with priest shortages, parishioner poverty, unemployment, difficult terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that impact the practice of the faith. This Appeal helps keeps the doors of schools and parishes open, which otherwise would be forced to close and helps educate seminarians in poor dioceses. Your help and support is vital. Please give generously and help strengthen the Church at home. It's one way our parish can be a good steward of God's gifts and make a difference. To learn more about the home missions appeal, please visit usccb.org/home-missions. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

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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 30. 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.



Saint Mary prayer list

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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, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, Nelly Garcia, Mindy Hakenson, Xavier Alas, Gary Rotsch, Anthony Howell, John Anthenor, Andrew Dowdy, Sean McCullum, Josue Bermudez, Bob Harter

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april

24 MONDAY

25 TUESDAY

6:30am George Barkoukis+ 9:00am Elizabeth Corpe+ 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

26 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Sr. Louis Marguerite 9am Quinntha Cox Komp Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

27 THURSDAY

6:30am Veronica Johnson+ 9am Josefina Catolico+ Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

28 FRIDAY

6:30am Rosemary Girth+ 8:15am* HC Saylor Ward 9am Hannah Masterson+ Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

29 SATURDAY

9am Gloria Triana+ 5pm Stefan Wolanski+ 7pm Ethel Anne Hanson Angell+ Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

30 SUNDAY

7:00am Sack Brady+
8:30am Andy Misenko+
10:30am Kay Strickland
10:30am* Garret Weatherbee
12:30pm For our Parish
2:00pm Emiliano Rios+
5:00pm John Wood+
7:01pm Mark & Karen McLaughlin
Acts 2:14-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk
24:13-35

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