

what's coming



**SAINT
MARY**
of the
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

may

7 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses sponsored by Trail Life
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary PLC Rm 100
CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group in the PLC

8 Monday, Easter Weekday

10:15am Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center Room 100
4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
7:30pm RCIA / RICA Classes in the Church
8:15pm Taize Prayer Service in the Church

9 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6pm, Religious Education Classes, Holy Cross Academy
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

10 Wednesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest)

4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, YouCat, John Paul II House

11 Thursday, Easter Weekday

9:45-12 noon, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100
4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
7:00pm Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center Room 202
7:00pm, Nar-Anon Meeting, Father Don Rooney Room
7:00pm, Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 204
7:15-8:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rooms 203(Spanish), 204, 202, & 100

12 Friday, Easter Weekday (Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr)

7pm, Bunco, Parish Life Center (\$5 to play, light refreshments provided)

13 Saturday, Easter Weekday (Our Lady of Fatima)

9am, First Communion Mass, Church
11am, First Communion Mass, Church

14 SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses sponsored by AHG
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary PLC Rm 100

15 Monday, Easter Weekday (Saint Isidore)

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

16 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

10am, CCW General Meeting, Don Rooney Courtyard Meeting Room
4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6pm, Religious Education Classes, Holy Cross Academy
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

17 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

6:30pm, YouCat, John Paul II House

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ **The Annual Special Parish Needs Collection** is taken up every year, to allow each pastor to receive a collection for what he determines to be a special need for the parish. This year the **Special Parish Needs Collection will be taken up the weekend of May 13 and 14**, and all donations received will assist the parish in having fronts and kneelers installed for all the front row pews at the front of the Church and at the back of the Church. The estimated cost for this special project is \$20,000.00 and your continued generosity and support is truly appreciated.
- ✂ **Save the date!** Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held Sunday, June 11. Find more information on page 11.
- ✂ 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@holycross-web.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**."

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am, Noon Sat., 9am 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.
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. John Mosimann Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Colin Davis Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio Jim Florio, Operations & Facilities Manager Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Parish Secretary, Tatiana Beltran
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 Parish Life Center on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

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

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Dear Folks,

First Holy Communions -- A congrats to all of our children who made their first (Saturday) and second (Sunday) Holy Communions this weekend! And more to come next weekend! I always love how each spring some children will tell me each Sunday how many times they have received holy communion. Precious.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Each spring, some current mandates expire, some are renewed, and some new folks are appointed to this ministry. This is a ministry is only entered into with a mandate from the Bishop when I have presented their name to the bishop for this appointments. Frequently folks will say, "what does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?" Fundamentally, I am looking for folks who are active and involved in the parish life, living exemplary lives, and in love with Our Lord. So this should not be someone's only involvement in parish life. Here are my expectations for folks who serve as EMOHC:

1. Living and professing a life in harmony with the Church on matters of faith and morals.
2. Willingness to help with the primary need of taking communion to the sick and the home bound (Sundays, Mondays, or Wednesdays different folks take different times and places). Your availability can determine where you help here.
3. Minimum 30 minutes of adoration each week. Gotta know the one whom you are privileged to serve.
4. Willingness to dress for Mass in a manner befitting of the dignity of serving Jesus to your fellow parishioners: business professional. This means jacket/tie for men and unspecified equivalent for women. (It is a lot easier for me to define male fashion, so I don't attempt to define the exact equivalent for ladies).

I fully recognize that I don't know the talents and availability of each member of this parish. This spring I expect that we will need at least 10 new EMOHCs. I know that I will have more volunteers than spots available, but I wanted to open this opportunity for you to step up and tell me that you are ready and willing to serve. Perhaps there is some humble and willing soul who I might not immediately consider without their volunteering. From those who volunteer, I

will try to prayerfully discern who to nominate to the Bishop.

If you believe that you might be called to this ministry, please email me: frmosimann@stmaryfred.org.

Pax et bonum (peace and all goodness),

Fr Mosimann



15th Annual Holy Cross Academy Spring Golf Classic

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Yard Sale

St Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary and St. Jude are having a yard sale May 20, 2017 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the thrift store at 142 Olde Greenwich Drive, Fredericksburg. All that we receive will go toward our mission: Meeting the needs of people in our community. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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.

holy cross academy

Resurrection, Communion, and Baked Goods

Second grade students celebrated the joy of the Resurrection when they returned from Easter break by decorating special Resurrection cookies. After expressing their joy in painting their cookies, they enjoyed the special treat in a joyful Alleluia spirit.

This weekend, we share in the joy of our 2nd graders and their families as our children make their First Holy Communion. May they always feel close to Jesus, who hears their prayers and loves them so much!

Our 8th graders wanted to help Mary's Shelter this year. For their class Hope Project, they baked and donated treats for a snack cart. Our 8th grade students went around to the classrooms and sold their tasty snacks to students in all grades. The money that they have raised will be used to purchase outdoor play equipment for the children who live at the Mary's Shelter homes.

We are proud of our 8th graders and their efforts to help Mary's Shelter and the families that they serve.



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Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year is Open

To learn more, we invite you to visit our school website, 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

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and below are the answers to two questions for parents.

Why is it difficult for some parents to foster their children's vocations?

It is hard sometimes to remember that our children are God's gift to us and that our primary role is to help God reveal His plan of love for them. We tend to hold fast to our own "plans" for them, hoping for their best preparation for living independently from us as adults. Surely it is a parent's responsibility to provide their children with the best education and career training possible, but we must remember that a VOCATION is NOT a CAREER. It is a way of living and loving the Lord and others according to His most providential choice. It is THE MEANS of SANCTIFICATION ESPECIALLY CHOSEN for them through which they will glorify Him most perfectly.

What are some ways to help your children value their unique vocation from the Lord?

LIVE your faith!

BE faithful to your own vocation to marriage!

PRAY with your children for vocations!

ADORE the Blessed Sacrament together!

HELP them find their own words for asking Jesus to lead them to their vocation!

TEACH them how to serve others joyfully and generously!

MODEL a spirit of determination to please God in all you do!

SHOW esteem for the priests and religious who serve in your parish!

TALK about the lives of the saints!

ENTRUST them to the Blessed Virgin Mary!

arlingtondiocese.org/Vocations/Promote/Parents

First Holy Communion Liturgies

Saturday, May 13 at 9am in the church, is the First Communion Liturgy for Year 2 and Grade 2 students who are Home Taught or attend class at the 4:45pm sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Saturday, May 13 at 11am in the church, is the First Communion Liturgy for Year 2 and Grade 2 students who attend class Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the 6:30pm sessions or on Tuesdays at the 6pm session at Holy Cross Academy.



The Day the Sun Danced is the inspiring true story of Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, whose great faith and courage brought the message of Our Lady of Fatima to the entire world.

JOIN FORMED 1. formed.org 2. [click register](#)
3. [enter parish code: F6F228](#)

youth ministry

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"St. Joseph worshiped Jesus as no saint before had done. From his deep, calm soul he poured out a very ocean of love — tenderest love, humblest love... No angel might love Jesus as Joseph loved Him, as Joseph was bound to love Him. No temporal love but Mary's could be more like an eternal love than the love of Joseph for the Child, because of its likeness to the love of the everlasting Father." (Fr. Faber)

Please come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass.

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

Ultreya Held Here

Ultreya 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 Cursillo, 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

CCW Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday the 16th at 10am in the Father Don Meeting Room to learn about the American Heritage Girls program. AHG troop VA0128 is sponsored by St. Mary CCW. Hear from Maureen Siegmund, troop coordinator, about the activities the troop has been involved in over the past few years and their plans going forward in to the future. Also hear from some of the girls in the troop about their experiences. This should be an enjoyable meeting. Please stay for a short important business meeting as we select and vote on what charities will receive our money this year as well as election of those running for office. Hope to see you there!

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.

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 at fb.com/paulstefanhome.org or at paulstefanhome.org.

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.

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Bunco is Back

Please join us for a fun night of Bunco! We haven't played for a while so we're hoping for a good turn-out. Time and place: Friday, May 12; 7pm in the Parish Life Center. \$5 to play gives you several chances to win. Come join the fun; light refreshments included.

ASHI First Aid Course

The Health Ministry, in conjunction with the Rappahannock Regional Police Training Center, will be presenting an ASHI First Aid course here at St. Mary. We presented the ASHI (American Safety and Health Institute) CPR course last Fall and our instructor, Mr. Fred Nunez, has offered to provide this additional class for our parishioners. Just as being competent in CPR skills is something that we all strive for when a true medical emergency occurs, so are our First Aid Skills. Yes, helping others comes in so many different ways today and this course is another strong preparation for various medical situations.

The course will address the following topics: Preparing to Help, Assessment, Sudden Injury, Sudden Illness, and Environmental Emergencies

The cost of the course, including the book, will be \$15.00. The book is a continuation of the CPR manual from that course so, if you took the CPR class and already have that book, you will just need to bring that manual to this course session and the fee is then \$10.00. The course will be held on Saturday, June 17 from 10am-2pm. We will meet in the Parish Life Center.

Please dress comfortably and bring a snack, if needed, for the time spent in class.

Please consider this class and sign up! You need to be on our list so we can be prepared for all participants. So please call Lois Sullivan at 540-845- 3031 or email at lsullivan@stmaryfred.org to register. Ms. Sullivan will call or email you in return to confirm your registration. The fee is not due until the week before class.

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. Should you have any questions beyond what is there, please contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.

Five Parish Boy Scouts Earn Catholic Religious Award

Five local Boy Scouts, who are all active parishioners of St. Mary's were recently awarded the Ad Altare Dei Roman Catholic religious award for Boy Scouts. "Ad Altare Dei" translates from Latin into English as "to the altar of God." The five Scouts, pictured below, are (L-R) Justin Addis, Joshua Addis, Garrett Heider, Gabriel Stoll, and Benjamin Motta. All are members of Boy Scout Troop 1717 of Hartwood, VA. The Ad Altare Dei religious award requires Scouts to participate in a year-long study process involving scripture study, prayer, acts of service and mercy, visits to holy places and lengthy discussions with the Scout's parish Priest. St. Mary's parishioner Ella Stoll served as the trained instructor to the Scouts for the year and Fr. Holmes as the boys' advising clergy member. Before their award ceremony, their Ad Altare Dei medals (see photo) were brought to the Vatican and blessed at a Papal audience by His Holiness, Pope Francis.



happenings

Social Action Linking Together (SALT)

Invites parishioners to Support Catholic Social Justice Principles. On April 11, 2014, Arlington Bishop Paul Loverde and Richmond Bishop Francis DiLorenzo called for the expansion of Medicaid, noting that "everyone has the right to life, and second, healthcare is a right – not a privilege – that flows from the right to life itself."

Since January 1, 2014, Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has been available to all the states. However, Virginia legislators have repeatedly failed to act on implementing this program that makes health insurance available to as many as 400,000 Virginians, mostly working poor Virginians. In the 2017 session of the Virginia General Assembly, legislators again failed to expand Medicaid.

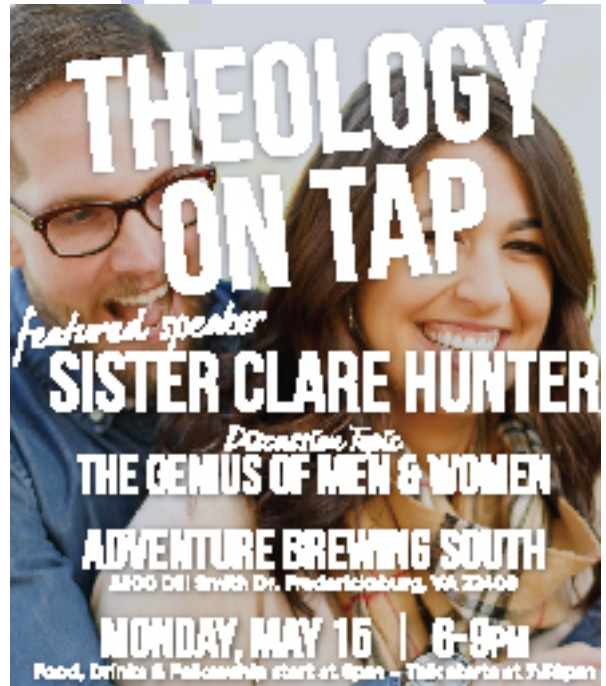
Please tell Virginia legislators to reverse their decision and accept Federal Funding for Medicaid Expansion. You can send your message by signing this petition: petitions.moveon.org/sign/governor-mcauliffe-and?source=c.em&r_by=4563400.

Stafford Junction Fundraiser

Join us at Stafford Junction on May 20th from 4-8pm for an afternoon of fashion, friends and fundraising for our coming Summer Junction camp. We have invited over a dozen Lularoe consultants and other vendors to style you for a trendy and fun summer.

Did you know it costs \$300 to send a kid to Summer Junction camp for the summer?

Did you know that NONE of our qualified low-income families pay for summer camp, it's only through the generosity of the community that we are able to serve. THANK YOU for helping us change lives in Stafford!



SPRING TRAINING

It's time for rising 5th & 6th Graders to offer their services to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception!

**MAY 23, MAY 30 AND JUNE 6
4-7PM IN THE CHURCH**

Join Fr. Mosimann & Fr. Cummings to learn how to serve Our Lord Jesus Christ in this most important Ministry!

Contact Fr. Cummings: frcummings@stmaryfred.org
Mrs. Vicki Kopcak: test08vic265@gmail.com
or call the Parish Office - 540-373-6491

This will be the last server training of the 2016-17 school year, so don't miss your opportunity!



**A WILDERNESS ADVENTURE
THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS**
Jesus in My Heart

WHO: RISING KINDERGARTEN TO RISING 5TH GRADERS

WHERE: PARISH LIFE CENTER

WHEN: JUNE 19-24

TIME: 9:00AM – 12:00NOON

COST: \$25.00/CHILD

REGISTRATION: APRIL 24 – MAY 12 DURING PARISH OFFICE HOURS

TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
ADULTS MUST BE VIRTUS COMPLIANT TO VOLUNTEER



Little Sisters of the Poor

St. Joseph's Home
1503 Michaels Road
Henrico, VA 23229-4822

April 11, 2017

Rev. John P. Mosimann, Pastor
St. Mary's of the Immaculate
Conception Catholic Church
109 Stafford Avenue
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Dear Father Mosimann,

We want to express our deep gratitude to you for allowing us to make an appeal in your Parish. The contribution we received from the Parishioners, \$25,013.84 is significant to help us continue our mission. There is no doubt that many of the Parishioners made sacrifices in order to participate in our work. These offerings have to be very pleasing to God.

Evangelium Vitae #83 stated: "Because we have been sent into the world as a 'people for life', our proclamation must also become a genuine celebration of the Gospel of life..." All day long, 10 Little Sisters, our devoted Staff and Volunteers strive to celebrate life by assuring that our elderly Residents are cared for with respect and dignity. Every effort is made to enhance their quality of life and to make them happy.

Despite the zillion needs of your Parish, you have been a constant support to our mission. We can only assure you of our prayer for you and your Parish Family. May you continue to be a good Shepherd to your flock, leading them to holiness.

Many of our Residents are very prayerful. We confide to them all your intentions which they take to heart. Our prayer for you asks God to bless you and your Parochial Vicars with good health, both temporal and spiritual, that your Parish may continue to be a vibrant, living cell in the Body of Christ.

Father Mosimann, you are very fortunate to have such fine priests serving with you in the Parish.

Gratefully in Jesus,

Sister Rosemarie, LSP
Little Sisters of the Poor

annual parish picnic

save the date



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

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-G: bring chips to share;
H-P: bring a dessert to share;
Q-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 Henning Magic
Music by Vision
Majest Martial Arts demo



june 11, 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, 540-371-1844

To help cook, set up or clean up, contact Knights of Columbus: Paul Scott, pscottsis@aol.com, 540-891-9331

Our annual
PARISH PICNIC
is Sunday,
June 11 from
3–7pm on
the fields at
Holy Cross Academy.

save the date

VOLUNTEER TODAY!



operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection April 30

Offertory Collection \$31,555

Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$5,777

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$169

Next week's second collection will be for the Parish Special Needs. Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in March for the following unscheduled intentions: +Shirley Hibbs, Joan Brady, All Souls, Royal Schmidt, Sr., +Sarah Jane Marucci, +Robert C. Norman, +Pedro Emerson Demoura, +Thomas Franklin, Vincent Noori, +Tracy Harmon, +Jeffrey S. Fitzpatrick, +John X. Laserna Nash, +Elizabeth Ross, +Patricia Northrop, +Janet Smith, +Providence Moeller, +Edward Murphy, Fran Balint, All Souls in Purgatory, +Bon Van Than, +James Thomas Jones, +Phyllis Martin, +Mike Harwich.

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.

Choose Life Reflection

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

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 keep 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.

daily bread

Mother's 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 14, 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.

**Saint Mary prayer list**

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: Delores Renninger, Phil Kronsberg, Tamlyn Leaf, Paul Godwin, Patricia Phillips, The Valconi Family, Tim Murphy & family, Matt Dombro, Regina "Gina" Wood, Amber Hedegty, Darlene Guinn, Lillian Held, Mary Jean and Don Williams, O'Neta Shorter, Melvyn Schreckinger, Mary Ulmer, Mary Branham, Jessica Dowling, Kelly Keiser, Lauren McKeever, Janese Morris, Mary Keaton, Montgomery Wood, Harold Gardiner, Gerald Gardiner, Betty Ann & Bill Dateno, Jennifer Smith, Corrine Gardine, David Arnold, Matt, Elsie and Riley Seidlinger, Jeanette Ann Williams, Maureen Flanagan, Fannie Manning, April Gray, Tim Conway, Andy Costa, Ellen Cupka, Cheryl Kellett, Jim Matarese, Hugh Fleming, Thomas Moeller, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, Jaiden Scelzo, Elisea Opeka, Claire Matthews, Matt Traugh, Jonathan Nogueira, Jim Mann, Ted Major, Maggie Lampman, Chuck Boyert, Adrienne Foshay, Stephanie Downing, Ray Heath, Anna Marie Johnson, Emma Gilbert, Tracey Hansen, Bill Herr, Richard Fadden, Michelle Williams, Mike Pabrinkis, Zachary Payne, David Nimmer, Linda Kaila, Adrienne Foshay, Maggie Lampman, Keri Nelson, Marc Wood, Jack Brush, Sanra Frietas, Elise Velez, Virginia Gannon, Daisy McGuiney, Russell McGuiney, Robert Yednock, Kari Nelson, Ellen GilHool, Patricia Russo, Gail Russell, Urbano Negre, Nimfa Cloud, Daniel Burke, Prudy Tarpey, Barbara McCoy, Lee Bishop, Nora Ellen Lloyd, Tanh Lam, Joseph Mikulka, Lillian Kendall, Martha Clements, Judy Diehl, Terry Givens, Rose St. John, Jason Sully, Danny Thiebolt, Mary Rau, David Phillips, Anna MacArthur, Theresa Petrill, Bob Rekowski, Gerard Fitzpatrick, Christina Wiley, Maureen Mizzles, Charles Dittmer, Bernice Douglas, Miles Wood, Bruce Mattern, Larry Triola, Maria Wood, Shannon Triola, David Marcs, Roberta Mullen White, Roseanne Mash, Jeanne Burke, Indira Murillo

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

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

Daily Mass intentions and readings**may****8 MONDAY**

6:30am Marie Jessep

9:00am Josefina Catolico+

Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18

9 TUESDAY

6:30am Margaret Dougherty+

9:00am Ruth Stellino+

Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

10 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Anne Doherty

9am Mary Fitch

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

11 THURSDAY

6:30am Macie Sturm+

9am Veronica Johnson+

Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

12 FRIDAY

6:30am Michael N. Difilippo+

8:15am* Fr. Mosimann

9am Louis Florio+

Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

13 SATURDAY

9am Melissa Seina+

5pm Herbert E. Rossman+

7pm Marilyn Marlow+

Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

14 SUNDAY

7:00am Mother's Day Novena

8:30am Mother's Day Novena

10:30am Mother's Day Novena

10:30am* Mother's Day Novena

12:30pm Mother's Day Novena

2:00pm Mother's Day Novena

5:00pm Mother's Day Novena

7:01pm Mother's Day Novena

Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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*