

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017



**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

# what's coming



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*Roman Catholic Church*

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

## may

### 14 SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses sponsored by AHG  
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary PLC Rm 100  
No CYM Dinner or High School Youth Group

### 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  
6:30pm 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

### 18 Thursday, Easter Weekday (Saint John I, Pope and Martyr)

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  
7:00pm Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Life Center Room 202  
7-9pm, Nar-Anon, Parish Life Center Room 204  
7:15-8:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rooms 203(Spanish), 204, 202, & 100

### 19 Friday, Easter Weekday

### 20 Saturday, Easter Weekday (Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest)

8am-2pm, St Vincent de Paul Society Yard Sale - St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

### 21 SUNDAY, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Join us to Celebrate Fr. Mosimann's 20th Ordination Anniversary after 10:30am and 2pm Masses, PLC*  
Coffee Shop after Morning Masses sponsored by CYM  
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary PLC Rm 100  
6pm, CYM Dinner & High School Youth Group  
7:01pm, *Join us for Mass with Fr. Sunny, celebrated in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

### 22 Monday, Easter Weekday (Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious)

10:15am Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Life Center Room 100

### 23 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center  
7:30pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center Room 204

### 24 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

6:30pm, YouCat, John Paul II House

### 25 Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord — Holyday of Obligation

9:45-12 noon, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100  
7-9pm, Nar-Anon, Parish Life Center Room 204

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ **The Marine Corp Half Marathon** is next Sunday morning, and William Street will have limited access from 6:30-9am. If you plan to attend 7am or 8:30am Mass, please use Route 1 and Stafford Avenue to enter the parking lot.
- ✂ **Next week's second collection** is for our diocesan retired priests. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served our diocese so faithfully over the years. Thank you for your generosity.
- ✂ **All children of the parish** are invited to bring a flower to present to Our Lady at the beginning of all Masses the weekend of May 20-21. The Children will process in with the priest at the beginning of Mass and place the flowers in a basket in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin!
- ✂ **Mark your calendars!** Our **Annual Parish Picnic** at Holy Cross Academy is Sunday, June 11, from 3-7pm.
- ✂ 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](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycross-web.com) for the school enrollment code.
- ✂ **Subscribe to the Saint Mary website, [stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org)** and receive important updates via email. The subscription box is on the homepage. Enter your email address, click "**subscribe.**"

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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.: 6:30am, 9am, Noon Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
<b>DEVOTIONS</b>	Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 6:30-8:30pm Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Mon., 6:30-7pm; Wed., 6:30-8:30pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 <a href="mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org">stmary@stmaryfred.org</a> 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
<b>HOLY CROSS ACADEMY</b>	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
<b>ST. MARY PRESCHOOL</b>	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE</b>	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
<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 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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

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from the pastor

# pax et bonum



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY



Dear Folks,

Today is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers: biological, adoptive, spiritual, godmothers. I assure you of my prayers and blessing. I off this lovely quote from Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty:

*"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral-----a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body."*

*"The Angels have not been blessed with a such a grace. They cannot share in God's Creative miracle to bring new Saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creatures. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation."*

*"What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?"*

Next week I'd like to have a small offering of flowers to Our Heavenly Mother at the beginning of Masses. All children of any age will be encouraged to bring forward a flower to be placed at the feet of the statue of Mary. If you would like to have your child participate in the procession, just bring a flower to Mass, and the children will be called back to the vestibule before Mass begins. Children who made their first Holy Communion this year, are also encouraged to wear their Holy Communion clothes.

Lastly, I am so glad that you have had a chance to meet and know Fr. Sunny. Next week, he will offer the 7:01pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite. This is the Catholic Mass that he offers regularly in his home in India, so it will fulfill your Sunday obligation, and you may receive Holy Communion. The Mass will be offered in his native tongue of Malayalam, with probably only the readings and homily in English. This means Mass will be replacing the regularly scheduled 7:01pm Mass. If you would like to see him offer this beautiful Mass, please come to Mass next Sunday May 21.

Pax et bonum (peace and all goodness),

Fr Mosimann

## Come Celebrate with Fr. Sunny

The 7:01pm Mass on Sunday May 21 will be celebrated by Fr. Sunny in the Syro-Malabar Rite. Many people don't realize that the reason we are called Roman Catholics is because we celebrate the sacraments in the forms taught to us by Peter and Paul, the Apostles who brought the faith to Rome, which spread over the Roman Empire to all of Europe. But there are many different Rites (or churches) that make up the universal Catholic Church. For example, Byzantine Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic, Coptic Catholic and many more are all part of the Catholic Church, in union with the Pope and subject to his authority in all matters of faith, morals, and teachings are part of the Catholic Church's hierarchy, who believe all the Catholic Church professes and teaches, but were taught by different Apostles (or in some cases, different saints) how to practice, and so celebrate the Sacraments in the ancient customs of the people of their lands.

For instance, the Coptic Catholic Church (The church in Egypt) was founded by the Evangelist St. Mark. The Byzantine Catholic Church (in Turkey) was founded by the Apostle Andrew, and the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church is a form of Catholicism practiced by the Christians of India since they were brought the faith by the Apostle St. Thomas in the First Century. Their Mass, which is called Holy Qurbana in their language, dates back to the year 60 A.D., and is celebrated in a form of Syro-Aramaic, close to the language spoken by Jesus Himself. This is a unique opportunity for the Roman Catholic Community to experience the true fullness of the Catholic Faith by learning and worshipping with our brothers and sisters of a different Rite, but still members of the same Holy Catholic Church. This is an official Mass, and fulfils our Sunday obligation. There will also be a Syro-Malabar Choir that will sing at Mass, and the readings and homily will be in English. Come share the Eucharist with our brothers and sisters of a different culture, but the same one true Church of Christ!



# holy cross academy

## Expansion at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Academy students are doing their part to make our school expansion a reality. Each day last week, students participated in various events to raise funds to help our school to grow.

Our week started with a short assembly to set the tone and explain the activities of the week. We held a fitness fest with sponsors, a giving day for families, family bingo, a healthy spirit snack, casual dress day complete with a movie and popcorn, and a spirit assembly to finish off the week.

Our parent volunteers showed up to support the events each day and to lend a hand wherever they were needed. We do not yet have totals as the pledges from the Fitness Fest are still coming in but we hope to publish a total soon.

We are grateful for the support of our parish community as we are "Making room for our children to learn and grow."



## Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year is Open

To learn more, we invite you to visit our school website, [holycrossweb.com](http://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.



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# religious education

## Last Week of Classes

This is the last week of Religious Education classes before Summer Break. Registration begins June 1 and classes resume the week of September 11-14. The cost of Registration for June and July is \$45/child, in August \$50/child and in September \$60/child.

It would be incredibly beneficial if during the Summer Break children attended Daily Mass at least once a week. It would help them become holy, kind, and prayerful.

## Recruiting Catechists

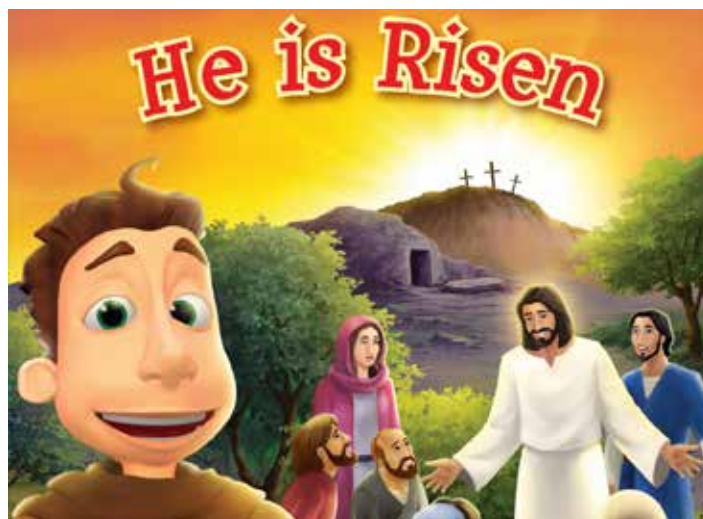
The children of St. Mary need you to help in their formation. We need catechists, office volunteers, prayer aides and substitute catechists for the next school year. We have a responsibility to pass on faith to our children so they too can have a loving relationship with God and others. We invite you to join this dedicated team and guide our children's spiritual growth. Please call 540-373- 6491 and ask for Karen or Aristides.

## First Holy Communion Congratulations!

Saturday, May 6, two First Communions Liturgies were celebrated at 9am and 11am.

Sunday, May 7, thirteen children also received their First Holy Communion at 3 Sunday Masses.

Next Saturday, May 13, two more First Communions Liturgies are scheduled at 9am and 11am



*Join Brother Francis as he celebrates the power and splendor of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in this moving and instructive animated presentation!*

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

# youth ministry

**StMaryCYM**      
#GetInvolvedBeTransformed



## WorkCamp Raffle - Mark Your Calendars!

Our annual WorkCamp Raffle will commence the weekend of June 3 and run through June 18. 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!

## Last High School Youth Group

Join us **Sunday, May 21** for our last High School Youth Group of the school year. We will have our open mic night where we get to hear all of the great things that God has done in your life through St. Mary and our youth program. We will also celebrate all our seniors that have been involved in our program. Don't miss out!



# parish life in our parish

## 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, Mother's 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. Mother's Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are still available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Parish Office.



## CCW Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday the May 16 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 into 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!

## 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 8am-2pm 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.

## Senior Luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday May 23. Doors open at noon and lunch is served at 12:15pm. All Seniors in the parish are invited and admission is free. Entertainment will be provided till 2pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors in the parish. No reservation required. **Call Maria D'Amico 540-785-3580 with any questions.**

## 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.

## 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 from 4-7pm in the Church**

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

Contact Fr. Cummings at [frcummings@stmaryfred.org](mailto:frcummings@stmaryfred.org), or Mrs. Vicki Kopcak at [test08vic265@gmail.com](mailto:test08vic265@gmail.com). You can also call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491.

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





# outside our parish

## 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](https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/governor-mcauliffe-and?source=c.em&r_by=4563400).

## Stafford Junction Fundraiser

Join us at Stafford Junction on May 20 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!

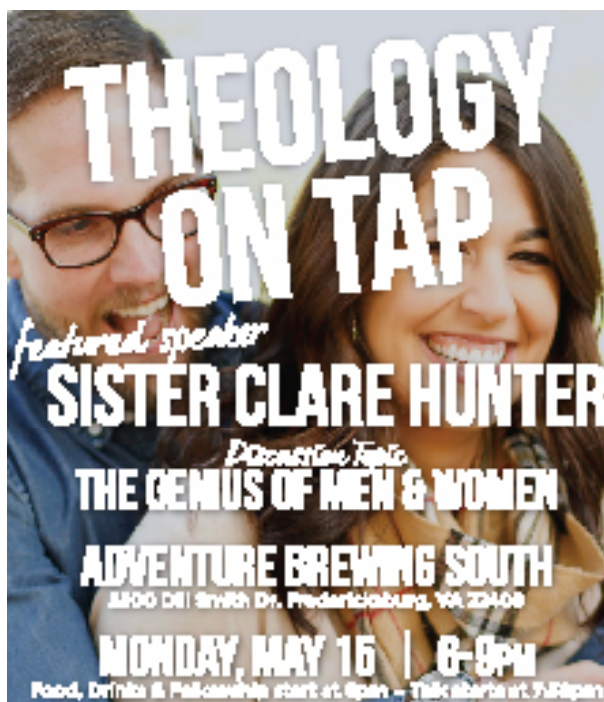
## The Called & Gifted Workshop

St. Bernadette, in Springfield, VA is happy to announce a Called and Gifted™ workshop presented by the Catherine Siena Institute that will be hosted at St. Bernadette, this coming August 18 and 19 (Friday evening and Saturday). Registration will open April 17, 2017. The Called & Gifted™ Discernment Process has been used since 1993 by over 75,000 lay, ordained, and religious Catholics and other Christians around the world. The Called & Gifted™ process is designed to help Christians discern the

presence of charisms in their life. Called & Gifted™ is a three-part discernment process intended to help lay Catholics discern their charisms. All three parts of the process are necessary to determine where you are gifted. Part one is the Called and Gifted workshop, this workshop lays the foundation for the beginning of discernment. Part two is the One Hour Gifts interview, this is an invaluable part of the process. Part three, Small Group sharing, the substance of the discernment process. These final steps will teach you how to develop charism experiments and how to evaluate your results. Contact Mary Podlesny, [mbpodlesny@gmail.com](mailto:mbpodlesny@gmail.com) or Rick Caporali at [rcaporali@stbernpar.org](mailto:rcaporali@stbernpar.org), 540-840-0716. You may also download the registration form from the St. Bernadette website, and mail in your registration. Please join us!

## 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](https://fb.com/paulstefanhome.org) or at [paulstefanhome.org](https://paulstefanhome.org).





# 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](http://kofc4034.org)

**Facebook:**  
[fb.com/kofc4034](https://fb.com/kofc4034)

**E-Mail: Info@**  
[kofc4034.org](mailto: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@](mailto:MembershipDirector@kofc4034.org)  
[kofc4034.org](mailto: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, 2017

## 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, [pscottsis@aol.com](mailto: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!



# looking ahead

## 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](mailto:lsullivan@stmaryfred.org) to register. The fee is not due until the week before class.

## 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. 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](mailto:tammiechute@hotmail.com)

## 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, please contact the Office of Vocations, [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.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](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

## Mary's Shelter 8th Annual Summer Soiree

Save the date for Mary's Shelter's 8th Annual Summer Soiree this upcoming August 5 at the Fredericksburg Expo Center. **There is no cost to attend but reservations are required** so be sure to call 540-374-3407 to make yours today! Find more information about Mary's Shelter by visiting [marysshelterva.org](http://marysshelterva.org).





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trip to poland

**POLAND**  
with Father Mosimann

**August 5-14**  
**Krakow, Zakopane,**  
**Czestochowa & Warsaw**

**Included in Your Package:**

Round-trip airfare from Washington Dulles &  
Round-trip Airport Transfers

10 days/8 nights fully escorted tour of Poland  
with a professional English speaking tour  
director

**3, 4, and 5\* hotels w/ All Hotel Taxes:**  
3 nights Krakow  
2 nights Zakopane  
1 night Czestochowa  
2 nights Warsaw

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

**Extensive Sightseeing:**  
Krakow, Zakopane, Kalwaria, Lichen, Warsaw  
including entrance fees to: Wavel Castle &  
Cathedral, Church of Santa Maria in Krakow,  
Sanctuary of Jasna Gora in Czestochowa, Salt  
Mines in Wieliczka including descend and up  
again by elevator, Museum of  
Auschwitz-Birkenau, Museum of Juan Pablo II  
in Wadowice, Funicular ride of Gubalowka in  
Zakopane, Ride on rafts on the River Dunaiec,  
and Royal Castle in Warsaw

Mass daily c/o Father Mosimann



**Our Lady of Czestochowa**

**Price per person \$3575**

Airport Taxes/Security Fees Included  
Single Supplement: \$425  
Travel Insurance \$199

**Deposit \$300 plus travel insurance**  
**\$199 is due before April 30 to secure**  
**your space.**

**Final payment is due MAY 30**

**Please make you checks payable to:**  
**Fredericksburg Travel**

**TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE**

Please call **Margaret Ford** at  
Fredericksburg Travel  
**(540) 373-6900**

**Please rush. Time is of the essence.**  
**Thank you!**



# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

### Offertory Collection May 7

Offertory Collection	\$31,691
Parish Building Fund	\$7,884
Catholic Home Mission Appeal (add'l)	\$2,141
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$204

## DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

There will be second collection for our diocesan retired priests the weekend of May 20 & 21. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served our diocese so faithfully over the years. Currently there are 14 retired priests who are living in the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider donating to this special collection. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## 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

"Gianna Beretta Molla was a simple, but more than ever, significant messenger of divine love. In a letter to her future husband a few days before their marriage, she wrote: 'Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women'. Following the example of Christ, who 'having

loved his own... loved them to the end' (Jn 13: 1), this holy mother of a family remained heroically faithful to the commitment she made on the day of her marriage. The extreme sacrifice she sealed with her life testifies that only those who have the courage to give of themselves totally to God and to others are able to fulfill themselves. Through the example of Gianna Beretta Molla, may our age rediscover the pure, chaste and fruitful beauty of conjugal love, lived as a response to the divine call!" (From the canonization homily of Pope John Paul II) -- Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, a model for all mothers, gave her life to save the life of her unborn baby. She was beatified on April 24, 1994 and canonized on May 16, 2004. Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us.

*The Most Important Person..... On earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral — a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body..... The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other human creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation ... What on God's earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother.*

- Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty

## 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 will now be held every Thursday from 7-8pm in Room 204 of St Mary's Parish Life Center. Out Nar-Anon meetings are open to both St. Mary's parishioners and the community at large. Confidentiality honored and strictly maintained.





# liturgy

## daily bread

### Message from Bishop Burbidge on the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we join together to “ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2), and to pray for all those already serving in the harvest as priests or consecrated religious. We give thanks to God for these men and women who give their lives to make Christ visible through their witness, their prayer and their service.

In his message for this day, Pope Francis tells us that we are all called to be missionaries of the Gospel, “men and women touched and transformed by the joy of God’s love, who cannot keep this experience just to ourselves.” Just as Christ has touched our hearts and minds, so too should we be inspired to invite others to consider a call to be a priest, brother or sister. In a special way, I respectfully ask parents and grandparents to encourage your children and grandchildren to be open to God’s call and to assure them of your willingness to support them in their discernment.

May we be united in our prayer for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life within our Church and diocese, and in our commitment to help others to hear and to respond to God’s call in their lives.

### 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

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##### 15 MONDAY

6:30am Mother's Day Novena  
9:00am Mother's Day Novena  
7:00pm Mother's Day Novena  
Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

##### 16 TUESDAY

6:30am Mother's Day Novena  
9:00am Mother's Day Novena  
Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

##### 17 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Mother's Day Novena  
9am Mother's Day Novena  
Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

##### 18 THURSDAY

6:30am Mother's Day Novena  
9am Mother's Day Novena  
Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

##### 19 FRIDAY

6:30am Mother's Day Novena  
8:15am\* Mother's Day Novena  
9:00am Mother's Day Novena  
Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

##### 20 SATURDAY

9am Mother's Day Novena  
5pm For Our Parish  
7pm Mother's Day Novena  
Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

##### 21 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 8:5-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

*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*