

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017



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

what's coming



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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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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

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

26 Friday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest

27 Saturday, Easter Weekday (Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)

28 SUNDAY, The Ascension of the Lord

New Family Welcome and Registration after 10:30am Mass in the Church

29 Monday, Easter Weekday

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

30 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

31 Wednesday, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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1 Thursday, Saint Justin, Martyr

9:45am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center Room 100

2 Friday, Easter Weekday (Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs)

3 Saturday, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

2pm, Spanish Baptism Class, Parish Life Center Room 204

4 SUNDAY, PENTECOST SUNDAY

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses sponsored by Troop 1410
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center Room 100

5 Monday, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time)

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

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ *Next week's second collection ...*
- ✂ Come help keep our church grounds beautiful **Tuesday, May 30 for the *Mulch Party!*** More information on page 7.
- ✂ Please join **Fr. Cummings at 7:30pm on Friday, June 9** as he offers a special Mass in celebration of his fifth anniversary of priestly ordination.
- ✂ **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** 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

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| SUNDAY Mass | Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy |
| DAILY Mass | Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 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 |
| 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!

from the pastor

pax et bonum



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY



Dear Folks,

Thanks to all who brought flowers for Our Lady this weekend. The gift of flowers seems to be a gift appreciated by all mothers. It just reminds me of some men recently talking about buying flowers for their wives. The consensus was that it was a total win to just buy them flowers 'for no apparent reason.' And they all agreed that you never, never buy the cheapest arrangement at the store. Ever.

My mother still has some pressed flowers in a frame that I gave her 30 years ago! I picked the tiny flowers on pilgrimage, one for each of her children, and I pressed them and kept them to give to her on my return. I never expected that they would sit framed in her room for the rest of her life. My small gesture, was received with great gratitude.

Which brings up a question that folks occasionally raise "why so many flowers in the Church?" Good question. First, I would say that flowers make as beautiful offering to the Lord as they do to wives. The flower that he most wants is our love. But how fitting as well that plants of the earth offer up the beauty of their lives in adornment to glorify the Lord.

Also, the ladies who prepare and care for the flowers are amazingly tireless workers. I am in awe of how many hours a week arranging and decorating, preparing as many as 17 bouquets! Sometimes they are even able to rearrange the flowers that you 'randomly' leave into bouquets which adorn the altar. These helpers are due a great word of thanks from every one of us.

And how about the cost? During the course of the year, there are two envelopes for flowers. These special collections come at Easter and Christmas. I haven't double checked what the collection brought in this year, but frequently these collections cover the cost of the flowers for then entire year! Thank you for your great generosity, given specifically for beautiful flowers to the Lord.

April Showers bring May flowers.

May flowers bring mothers smiles.

Flowers are an appropriate gift expressing our love. For our Mothers, for Our Lady, and for Jesus. Thank you.

Peace in Christ,
Pax et bonum (peace and all goodness),

Fr Mosimann

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.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit in Preparation for Pentecost

*Holy Spirit, open my eyes, calm my mind, give me the recollection of the Father's love
and of the Son's unceasing prayer for the world as God's world, and of Your presence within me.
Holy Spirit, give me Faith*

*Holy Spirit, reveal to me the light of the Father's unfailing purpose
and the Son's victory and risen presence: truth about myself, sinner yet beloved child of God.
Holy Spirit, give me Hope*

*Holy Spirit, give me peace with God and peace with mankind.
Kindle my desire for Your strength and my will to live and serve. Teach me and lead me where You will.
Holy Spirit, give me Love*

holy cross academy

Crowning Our Blessed Mother

In great joy, our school community gathered together to crown Mary, our Blessed Mother, as our queen. After praying our rosary together, Carys, one of our 8th grade girls, crowned Mary in the name of our school community. Our 8th graders prayed their dedication to Mary and then all our children brought forth their flowers to place near her statue. We want to share the prayer that our students wrote and prayed as they prepare themselves to move on into high school.

"Mary, we thank you for your "yes," the greatest of all yeses, that brought salvation into the world. Please help us to find success in all that we do. Guide us as we venture into high school, and let us continue to find aid in you as we go on in life.

May we live by your example and bring Jesus to others. Help us to do what Jesus tells us and to live lives that are full of grace. Continue to remind us that we are never alone in life especially as we embark on our journey towards high school. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

We are very proud of our class that will be graduating soon and of the fine young men and women that they are becoming.



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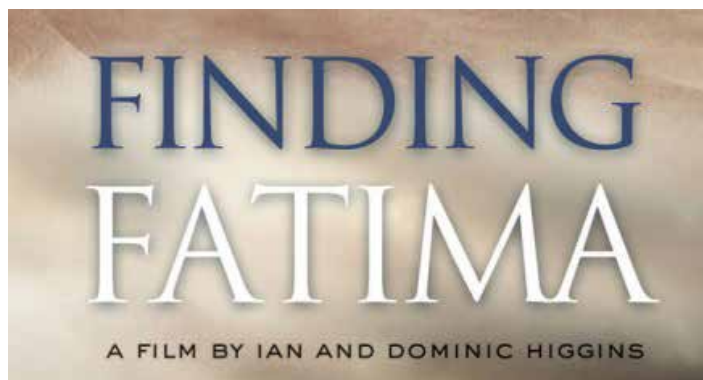
Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year is Open

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.

religious education

Volunteers Needed to Spread the Good News! Top Reasons to Be a Catechist!

- You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
- Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
- You have much to share with those you'll teach.. and you will have opportunities to share your faith with other catechists.
- Today's catechetical textbooks and resources offer outstanding support.
- You will be challenged, you will have fun, and you will make new friends.
- You will be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. You will be evangelizing!
- You will be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
- It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations".



Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film The 13th Day, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. With high production values and a beautiful look, artists and filmmakers Ian and Dominic Higgins present a compelling docu-drama on the crucial details about the appearances and messages of Our Lady in Fatima in 1917, a message of prayer, penance, and conversion that is desperately needed in our modern world. From the initial apparitions of the angel who prepared the children for Our Lady's coming, to the Miracle of the Sun, including moving film footage from The 13th Day, this illuminating and inspiring film will impact all those who see it to take heed of the critical messages of Our Lady of Fatima.

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

youth ministry

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WorkCamp Raffle - Mark Your Calendars!

Weekends of June 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18. Each weekend, we will raffle off a pair of beautiful Adirondack chairs that our teens 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 HS Youth Group of the School Year

Join us this Sunday, May 21 as we celebrate all the blessings God has done this past year in Youth Ministry. We will have a special send off for our seniors that have been actively involved in Youth Ministry. See you there!



parish life in our parish

Grow for Your Neighbor

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

Saint Mary will once again support Grow for Your Neighbor's summer program during the June to October growing season and is looking for volunteers.

Last year, Saint Mary volunteers collected in excess of 8,000 lbs. of fresh produce. **Volunteer opportunities include** receiving donations at the Fredericksburg Food Bank Tent at the Spotsylvania Farmer's Market on Route 3 West (commuter lot) and packing the van for delivery of donations to the food bank. Collection days and times are Saturdays 8am–noon. The FRFB Van will be there most weekends.

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

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

For more information on this local community effort, please visit growforyourneighbor.com. Visit our signup genius webpage, enter rcaporali@stmaryfred.org under "find sign up" tab. Thanks for your support.

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.**

Parish Mulch Party

Come and help us beautify our Church grounds with the cleaning of flower beds and spreading of mulch!

We need your help; along with your wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes on **Tuesday, May 30 at 5:30pm** to prepare the flower beds to put down the mulch. The Rain date will be Wednesday, May 31 at 5:30pm.

Please bring your family, small groups or friends along for a fun way to serve the Lord by beautifying our Church grounds and sharing in community and hospitality (pizza and beverages) when we finish.

If you are interested in volunteering or wish to obtain more information, please contact **Kayla Weaver at 540-840-4559** or orkayla.coan@gmail.com.

looking ahead

Catholic Homeschool Conference

The IHM National Homeschool Conference will be held at the Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, in Fredericksburg, VA, on Friday, June 23 (9am-9pm) and on Saturday, June 24 (9:am-4:30pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Dr. Ray Guarendi is a confirmed

speaker! Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.

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 or 703-841-2514.

parish life

looking ahead

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.

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.



Upcoming Adult Bible study classes:

Why is Mary so Important to Us?

The better we know Mary, the better we will know her Son. *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son.

This study begins July 5 at 9:45am in the Father Rooney Community Room. The cost for workbook is \$20, which will be collected at the first class.

Discover Your Inheritance

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church – as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives if we allow it.

Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance is an 8-part Bible study that will enrich your faith, and show you how to live it out. **This study begins July 6** at 9:45am in the Father Rooney Community Room. The cost for workbook is \$15, which will be collected at the first class.

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

This is the foundational study in The Great Adventure Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible.

The Bible Timeline is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. The Bible Timeline has been granted the Imprimatur. The cost for materials is \$25, which will be collected at the first class.

Wednesday, September 13 — 24 Week Bible Timeline Study begins
Thursday, September 14 — 24 Week Bible Timeline Study begins

Please sign up in the Parish Office, 540-373-6491.

Please watch the bulletin for more adult education opportunities.

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:
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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, 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!



outside our parish

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 and will teach you how to identify ways you learned to control life as a child that get in the way of using your charisms as an adult. **Please contact Mary Podlesny, mbpodlesny@gmail.com or Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernpar.org, 540-840-0716.** You may also download the registration form from the St. Bernadette website, stbernpar.org 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 or at paulstefanhome.org.

Bishop Ireton High School Summer Camps

Bishop Ireton High School announces its 2017 summer camp offerings at its Alexandria Campus. The variety of camps include sports, theater, and science. The ages served are rising 1st graders through rising 12th graders. Signup online at bishopireton.org. Contact Peter Hamer at 703-751-7606, or hamerp@bishopireton.org.

Bishop Ireton High School Accepting New Students

Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road Alexandria, VA, is welcoming new students interested in joining our community for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, contact the Director of Admissions, Peter Hamer, at 703-751-7606 or hamerp@bishopireton.org.



Father Mosimann and Father Colin enjoying themselves at the May 5 Parish Night Out with fellow parishioners.

pilgrimage
going abroad

POLAND
with Father Mosimann

August 5-14
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Czestochowa & Warsaw

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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
dinner (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,
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Mass daily c/o Father Mosimann



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Weekly Offertory

Offertory Collection May 14

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| Offertory Collection | \$34,956 |
| Special Parish Needs | \$6,520 |
| Parish Building Fund (add'l) | \$1,891 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box | \$92 |

Faith Direct Deposit for May:

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| Offertory | \$51,079 |
| Parish Building Fund | \$3,832 |
| Diocesan Retired Priests Collection | \$2,825 |
| Special Parish Needs | \$1,881 |
| Catholic Communication Campaign | \$1,151 |

Catholic Communication Campaign Collection

"Communication is really about realizing that we are all human beings, children of God."
(Pope Francis, Message for 48th World Communications Day)

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch)diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará la Colecta para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación (CCC). Esta Colecta comunica el Evangelio mediante actividades católicas en los medios sociales y enriquece nuestra fe a través de el Internet, la televisión, la radio

y la prensa escrita. La mitad de lo recaudado permanece en nuestra (arqui)diócesis y financia las necesidades locales así que, por favor, sean generosos en esta colecta. La CCC nos equipa para compartir nuestra experiencia de fe, devoción y testimonio con el mundo.

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

"Like the Good Samaritan, may we always treat each person with merciful love and respect that affirms the gift of his or her life." ("Moved by Mercy" Reflection Flyer, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, goo.gl/xTiiSM).
We pray for all people, that Christ will move our hearts with reverence for human life and help us defend the most vulnerable with gentleness.

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.

2017 Lenten Soup Supper Thank You

Many thanks to our school, Holy Cross Academy, and members of our Music Ministry, our Youth Ministry, our Hispanic Ministry, our Council of Catholic Women and the Knights of Columbus who all gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Lenten Soup Suppers so special. The soups were delicious! And a very special thank you to all those who attended the Soup Suppers and donated so generously help feed those in need in our community. A total of \$1925.35 was raised to help support the Catholic Charities Fredericksburg Office of Migration and Refugee Services. This office has recently had over 600 refugees in need of assistance and resettlement, and we truly appreciate your Lenten sacrifice to help those in need. May Our Risen Lord bless all of you with His many graces for your kindness, generosity and continued support.

Council of Catholic Women Vote to Distribute Funds

The St. Mary Council of Catholic Women voted on May 16 to distribute this year's \$18,400 from our treasury among the following organizations and ministries: Holy Cross Academy (tuition assistance, Lenten bus expenses, Building/Expansion Fund); CYM Work Camp; American Heritage Girls; St. Mary CCD Program; Thurman Brisben Center; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Guadalupe Free Clinic; Little Sisters of the Poor; Empower House; Hope House; and School Dressing Days. In addition, the CCW awards a Scholarship (\$1,000) annually to St. John Paul the Great High School and supports these pro-life organizations with a baby shower fundraiser: Birthright of Fredericksburg; Mary's Shelter; Paul Stefan Homes; and Catholic Charities Baby Closet. We thank the generous people of St. Mary for the support that makes this annual disbursement not only possible, but a joy!



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, Maria Wood, Shannon Triola, David Marcs, Roberta Mullen White, Roseanne Mash, Jeanne Burke, Indira Murillo, Christie Greenwell, Holly Smith, Anthony Yantiss, Jerome Murphy, Larry Dillman, James Evans, Gabriel Galarza-Torres, Keith Kovalefsky, Joaquin Perez, Amber Moser

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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22 MONDAY

6:30am Mother's Day Novena
9:00am Mother's Day Novena
7:00pm Mother's Day Novena
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26

23 TUESDAY

6:30am Sister Miriam Elizabeth
9:00am John Sullivan
Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

24 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Bon Van Than+
9am Cassandra LeBlanc
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15

25 THURSDAY

6:30am Lorette Canizares
9am John Arvai+
Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

26 FRIDAY

6:30am Barbara Baver+
8:15am* Jim O'Hara+
9am Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Farrell & family
Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

27 SATURDAY

9am Esther Noonan
5pm John F. Carneal Jr.
7pm For Our Parish
Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

28 SUNDAY

7:00am Veronica Johnson
8:30am Marcel Astier+
10:30am Father Colin
10:30am* John W. Burns+
12:30pm Our Military
2:00pm Carmen Arevalo+
5:00pm Matthew J. DiFilippo+
7:01pm Joe Willis
Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

*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*