

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018



St. Mary CYM — 2018 High School Winter Retreat

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

upcoming events

March



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

11 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center

Easter Flower Sales, *Outside of Church, after all morning Masses*

Manna Food Project, *Outside of Church after all Masses*

12pm, Spanish (Adult) Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 100

6pm, High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center - *6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting*

12 Monday, Lenten Weekday

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

12:45pm, "The Prophets Call" Bible Study Class, Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, Confessions with Fr. Sunny, Church

8:15pm, Taizé prayer service, Church

13 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

10am, St Mary Book Club, John Paul II House, Upstairs

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

14 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

Micah Ecumenical Ministries Lenten Prayer and Luncheon, *See page 12 for info*

6:30-8:30pm, Confessions, Church

6:30pm, YOUCAT, Parish Life Center

15 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

16 Friday, Lenten Weekday

6pm, Lenten Soup Supper sponsored by the Music Ministry

6:30pm, Middle School Youth Group

7pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

7:30pm, Estaciones de la Cruz, Iglesia

17 Saturday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Patrick, Bishop]

6-8:15pm, Knights of Columbus Family Dinner, Parish Life Center, *More info on page 10*

18 SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center

11:30am, Evangelization Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room

12pm, Spanish (Adult) Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center, Room 100

6pm, High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center - *6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting*

19 Monday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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12:45pm, "The Prophets Call" Bible Study Class, Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, Confessions with Fr. Sunny, Church

6-9pm Theology on Tap, Adventure Brewing South - Sponsored by the St. Mary Young Adults

20 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

10am, St Mary Book Club, John Paul II House, Upstairs

6:30-7:30pm, Confessions, Church

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

21 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

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6:30-7:30pm, Confessions, Church

6:30pm, YOUCAT, Parish Life Center

22 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

6:30-7:30pm, Confessions, Church

express announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

- Please join us for our **Lenten Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross each Friday** during Lent. Soup supper begins at 6pm in the Parish Life Center. English Stations begin at 7pm and Spanish Stations at 7:30pm. Bring the whole family to enjoy good soup and fellowship and then spend time walking the way of the Cross with Jesus.
- **Our Monthly Family Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus has been rescheduled to March 17th, 6-8:15pm in the Parish Life Center.**
- **The Bishop's Lenten Appeal** is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent you are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need.
- **The Micah Ecumenical Ministries** partner churches are coordinating a series of Wednesday noon services followed by a lunch at host parishes during Lent. More information on page 12.
- Complete some of your shopping by purchasing **SCRIP gift cards!** Set up an account today and earn rebates for HCA. Email **Christi Greenwell** at scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code. Find more info on page 16.
- **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.**"

contact us

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30,
2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm
10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY MASS Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am
M/W/F: 12 Noon
Sat.: 9am
First Friday 8pm
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS Adoration, Daily between 6:30am &
9am Mass,
Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am
Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after
9am Mass, Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSION Wed., 6:30-8:30pm;
Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

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stmary@stmaryfred.org
Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm;
students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

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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!

stmaryfred.org

from our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

I love the readings this weekend. And they start with backsliding. Notice that it begins that all the people of Judah (princes, priests, and people) "added infidelity to infidelity." Whoah! So sin is nothing new among the people of God. 3000 years ago, and today too.

Which led me to the idea of backsliding. I think the term is more commonly used among our separated brothers and sisters, but as a simple term whereby we describe falling back into bad and/or sinful habits, then it can be useful. Why? Because the gospel is meant to be transformative. The more we turn to Christ and the more our souls are ignited with the fire of His divine love, the more we leave sin behind and change our ways to be conformed to Him. It is love that changes us. It is love that helps us turn our backs on sin. And it is love that picks us up when we fall under the weight of the cross.

Did you realize that Friday we passed the halfway point between Ash Wed and Easter? And what do good coaches do at half time? They rally the team, make halftime adjustments to counter the tactics of the enemy/opponent. Where have you failed and backslid in your Lenten resolutions? And what will motivate you to renew your courage and face the struggle to uproot sin from your life? Know that our Lord picks you up, strengthens you, and accompanies you back into the battle for your soul.

We all do well to contemplate this halftime break, where we have backslid by making small allowances and cutting small corners to make our lives easier. Look at Jesus on the cross. No corners cut there.

Pax et Bonum,



Fr Mosimann

Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday evening during Lent. Stations are at 7pm in English and at 7:30pm in Spanish.

Our Lenten Soup Suppers also take place in the Parish Life Center on each Friday during Lent from 6 to 7:30pm. Share a Lenten penitential meal of soup and bread with your parish family, and share what you would have spent on dinner that night with those in need. All free-will offerings received are given to charity. Bring the whole family to enjoy good soup and good fellowship... and then spend time with Our Lord in prayer.



This weekend on March 10 and 11, Manna Project Volunteers are collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations outside of Mass for the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, a member of Feeding America. 1 in 7 Americans turns to Feeding America for food assistance and households often survive on limited budgets. Needed items include: canned meat/fish, peanut butter, pasta/sauce, canned goods, instant potatoes, rice, and personal items such as paper towels. The Food Bank currently feeds over 20,000 people monthly. For each \$10 donation, they are able to provide 20 meals for hungry families. Please help us feed the hungry, your support is greatly appreciated.

education holy cross academy

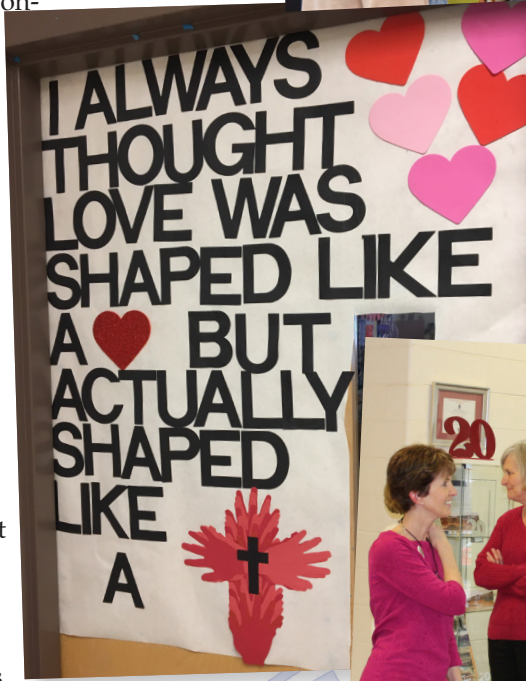
Welcoming Friends, Old and New

We welcome friends old and new to Holy Cross for our 20th anniversary celebration two weeks ago. Families who were with us when we opened our school and those who have just joined us all came together to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education in our parish. We reflected on the many blessings we have received over the past 20 years and set our sights on a future full of promise.

Many people contributed to the success of the day. The flowers and photo displays were lovely, the refreshments were delightful and the welcome of all our guests was warm and filled with joy. Our school community continues to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education as we strive to Live Jesus a little more each day.

Accepting Registrations

Saint Mary Preschool and Holy Cross Academy are accepting registrations for next school year. We hope that you will consider our parish school for your children. 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 our parish school.



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lent & holy week calendar

Confession Schedule Lent and Holy Week



The complete schedule of confessions is found in the calendar to the right.



All Parishioners are kindly requested to please plan confessions as early as possible in the season of Lent in order to avoid overwhelming last-minute crowds.

Please note: There are no confessions during Masses in the church. Also, there will be NO confessions after 2pm on Good Friday, nor on Holy Saturday.

STATIONS of the CROSS in English are prayed on Fridays of Lent at 7pm.

Horario para Confesiones durante Cuaresma y Semana Santa



El calendario completo de confesiones se encuentra en el calendario a la derecha. ➔

Favor de planificar sus confesiones lo más pronto posible para evitar dificultades a última hora.

Recuerde, que NO habrá confesiones después de 2pm el Viernes Santo, NI en Sábado Santo.

Tendremos **El VIA CRUCIS** en español cada viernes durante la cuaresma a las 7:30pm

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| March | | | | | | |
| 4 3rd SUN | 5 Extra Confessions 6:30-8:30pm | 6 | 7 6:30 - 8:30pm | 8 | 9 | 10 8am 3:30pm |
| 11 4th SUN | 12 Fr. Sunny Confessions 6:30pm | 13 | 14 6:30 - 8:30pm | 15 | 16 | 17 8am 3:30pm |
| 18 5th SUN | 19 Fr. Sunny Confessions 6:30pm | 20 6:30 - 7:30pm | 21 6:30 - 7:30pm | 22 6:30 - 7:30pm | 23 6:30 - 7:30pm | 24 8am & 2:30 - 4:30pm |
| 25 PALM SUNDAY | 26 Fr. Sunny Confessions 6:30pm | 27 Extra Confessions 6:30-8:30pm | 28 Last Confessions Before Easter 7pm | 29 HOLY THURS | 30 GOOD FRIDAY | 31 |
| April | | | | | | |
| 1 EASTER SUNDAY | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

The discipline of the Church includes abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent (solid purple days) and fasting and abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting includes one regular meal, and the other two small meals are not to exceed a regular meal in quantity, with nothing between meals.



Holy Thursday

MARCH 29

(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

8:00AM

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

7:30PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

The concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood by Jesus at the Last Supper. The commandment of love is symbolized by the Mandatum, or footwashing, where Jesus teaches, "As I have done, so must you also do." Parishioners are encouraged to join in the ancient procession of the Blessed Sacrament to its place of repose in the Parish Life Center, where adoration will continue until midnight as we accompany Jesus in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

11:45PM

Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Night Prayer will conclude Eucharistic Adoration in the Activity Center.

Good Friday

MARCH 30

(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

8:00AM

Office of Readings / Morning Prayer

12:00 - 2:30PM

"Tre Ore," The Seven Last Words

Although not a part of the formal observance of the Sacred Triduum Rites as such, this is a traditional custom of many churches. The seven last words of Jesus as he is crucified on the cross are presented every 25 minutes, each with a congregational hymn and choral selections. Clergy will give a reflection for each of the words of Jesus and the Three Hours will conclude with the public praying of the Stations of the Cross.

3:00PM

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

We assemble in observance of Christ's saving death, by reading the narrative of his Passion, praying for the Universal Church, venerating his Cross in this ancient Rite and receiving Holy Communion which was consecrated on the previous evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The Good Friday collection assists the maintenance of the Shrines in the Holy Land.

7:00PM

Stations of the Cross

7:30PM

El Via Crucis (En Español)

10:00PM

Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Holy Saturday

MARCH 31

(No 9am, 5pm or 7pm Masses)

8:00AM

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

11:00AM

The Blessing of Easter Food

For those who practice the beautiful Eastern European custom of having Easter foods blessed, please place baskets of traditional foods on the steps along the front of the altar.

8:30PM

The Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

What Sunday is to the week, Easter Sunday is to the year. This holiest of nights we celebrate the victory over death and promise of eternal life given to us by Jesus Christ in his resurrection from the dead. The Liturgy includes the Service of Light, the Vigil of Readings and Psalms, the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for those who have prepared all year for initia-

tion in the Catholic Church, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note the unusual time that we begin: it marks the end of twilight and the beginning of the Solemnity of Easter Sunday.

A reception welcoming new members of the Church follows in the Activity Center.

Easter Sunday

APRIL 1

8:00, 10:15AM, AND 12:30PM (BILINGUAL/BILINGUE)

The Resurrection of the Lord

ALL Masses will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center

Please note: there will be NO 2pm nor 5pm or 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday!

Masses will not be held at the church or at Holy Cross Academy on Easter Sunday.

Soup Supper Charity

Our parish is most blessed to have Father Sunny Joseph visiting us again from India. There are currently 200 seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Changanacherry Archeparchy (Archdiocese) where Father is from, and all proceeds from our Lenten Soup Suppers will be used to support the education of these seminarians.

parish life religious education

Road to Golgotha

This presentation by Mr. Furman McCormick was held on Tuesday, February 27, for Grades 5-8 Religious Education students at Holy Cross. "This presentation answers some of the myths and misconceptions surrounding the cross." The presentations for the Religious Education students at St. Mary will be held in the Parish Life Center this week, March 12-15.

CRS RiceBowl: March 11-17

Week Four: Call to Family, Community and Participation. Meet a teacher, Andrise of Haiti



"Education is the foundation of everything," says Andrise, who's been a first-grade teacher at a small Catholic school for 11 years. It's the same school she attended

from first through sixth grade, in the community she calls home in northern Haiti.

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, we remember that human beings are social by nature—we need each other. We, like the early disciples, are called to come together and grow as a community—whether that community is in our classroom, workplace or family.

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Fourth Week of Lent: Give and Receive Forgiveness

"We should be joyful and eager to experience conversion, as St. Mark urges us in his Gospel. Our efforts to pray, to fast, and to share shouldn't discourage us."



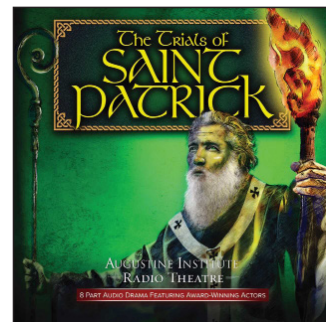
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Trials of Saint Patrick

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parish life youth ministry



A few images of the high school students enjoying themselves at the 2018 High School Winter Retreat. *Welcoming God into the chaos of our lives.*



WORKCAMP Flower Sale

Weekends of
March 10-11, 17-18 & 24-25

Purchase beautiful flower and
help support our youth.



Stay Up-to-Date

Be sure to stay in the know with St. Mary CYM by
visiting stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry

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parish life get involved

Celebrate New Life... Will you say "Yes!" like Mary did?

A donation drive to benefit four local, pro-life charities (Mary's Shelter, Birthright of Fredericksburg, Catholic Charities Baby Closet and the Paul Stefan Home) will be held after all Masses the weekend of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord (Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25). Items needed include: diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, bottles, onesies, sleepers, socks, hats, booties, bibs, blankets, baby soap / shampoo and lotion, washcloths and towels, diaper rash cream, laundry detergent, toilet paper, twin bedding and pillows, baby gates, toothpaste, women's shampoo and conditioner. Consider using SCRIP to purchase a Walmart or Target gift card, as many of these organizations have storage constraints. No cash can be accepted that weekend. All checks must be made out to the charity of your choice. Any questions can be directed to Jessica Stewart at (540) 656-7108 or hokiegirl07@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity, on behalf of the Council of Catholic Women!

Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study: Living in the Father's Love

Do you sometimes doubt if God really loves you? Are you searching for purpose? Do you struggle to measure up to our culture's definition of beauty? Is there someone you need to forgive, but you don't know how?

Living in the Father's Love, a six-week Bible study, is the ideal way

to revive and refresh yourself this season. In this brief but powerful study, we discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, not only with God, but also with those we love.

Mondays during Lent
(February 19-March 26)
9:45-11:30am - Father Don
Meeting Room
Limited to 15 women. Please
register with the parish office.
Cost of the book is \$10.
For more information, contact
Lori Mattson at lmattson@acumen-ea.com.

The Micah Furniture Bank

If you have furniture items to donate that are in good usable condition, the Micah Furniture Bank would be happy to receive them. Furniture items are given to previously homeless individuals who are now in housing. To donate items, please contact the Furniture Bank hotline directly at 540-693-0472 or schedule a donation on-line at dolovewalk.net.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home? Please contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail.com for more information. This is one of the works done by the Legion of Mary.

The Road to Golgotha

This presentation answers some of the myths and misconceptions surrounding the Cross. Examining the customs and traditions, it will fill in some of

the blanks and answer some of the questions that you may have about the final days of Jesus before he was put on the cross. The Road to Golgotha has been expanding each year Lenten season for the students of Religious Education. Now you have the opportunity to share in this experience. Join us this Lenten Season Furman McCormick gives this one-hour presentation at 7pm on Tuesday, March 20 in the Courtyard Meeting Room.

Choose Life Reflection

In Lent, the Church enters more deeply into meditation on the suffering, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Life was sacred because He made it, and by His Passion and Resurrection it is even more sacred because it is now raised to the heights of Heaven to reign with Him. *Lord, I am filled with wonder at Your love for human life – everyone, born and unborn! May our laws and practices treat humans with the highest respect due them.*

Knights of Columbus March Family Dinner

The Knights of Columbus March Family Dinner is rescheduled for March 17 from 6-8pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu will consist of Beef Stroganoff, Glazed Carrots, Ambrosia Fruit Salad, and Pumpkin Pie. Net proceeds from the dinner will be used to support the Guadalupe Free Clinic. The dinner is open to the public and is pay at the door. The cost of the dinner is \$7 for Adults, \$6 for Seniors, \$5 for Children, and \$25 maximum cost per family

parish life get involved

Parish Pilgrimage to Museum of Bible, DC

Sponsored by Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

The Council of Catholic Women is pleased to sponsor the 2018 Parish Pilgrimage to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, April 14! The trip is open to parishioners 13 and older and their guests on a first come, first served basis. The price, \$35 per person (checks preferred), includes motor coach transportation, driver tip, museum donation, pre-loaded digital docent, and 20% off at the gift shop. Payment is due upon reservation, no exceptions. To reserve your seat(s), place a check payable to "St. Mary CCW" in a sealed envelope marked "CCW" and deliver or mail it to the parish office before March 20. Be sure that your name, address, phone number and email are included. In the event we are unable to fulfill our commitment (enough people to fill seats), your money will be returned to you immediately. We will leave St. Mary promptly at 7:30am. Bring a drink and snack and/or bagged lunch if you wish; food will be

available at the museum, so you may purchase lunch and eat it there or buy it to go and eat lunch on the bus on the way home. We plan to be back to St. Mary by 2:30 or 3pm. Expect to go through X-ray security, so travel light—but photo taking is permitted! Please direct questions to StMaryCCWNews@aol.com.

Adoration: Join us for Family Holy Hour

Looking for an opportunity to find more time with the Lord during Lent, but not sure how to manage it with the kids? Join us for Family Holy Hour Thursdays from 3-4 pm during Lent. Babies and children of all ages are welcome, and brief guided activities (Scripture reading, Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet) will be offered to break up the Hour for children into more manageable portions of "silence." Come for 10 minutes, 30 minutes, or the full Hour. Questions? Contact Kara Horne at karahorne@gmail.com

Lent, the perfect time to join us for Adoration

In the vestibule you will find a **NEW** sign-up binder that allows anyone interested in Adoration to pick an hour in the coming weeks. Sign-ups in the binder are **NOT** permanent commitments and you simply sign up week by week for hours you would like. Confirmation teams **WELCOMED!**

At St. Mary we have a team of permanent adorers who are organized in teams according to their times. Permanent adorers should **NOT** sign up for the times they are already committed to. The book will provide our teams with additional support and subs for our permanent adorers.

We could not offer Adoration without the support of our permanent adorers and our coordinators. Thank you so much for your leadership and loving commitment to our Lord. If you are interested in making an ongoing commitment to Adoration, please email adoration@stmaryfred.org.



*We invite all Christians to
gather in the peace of Christ at St.
Mary **Monday, March 12**
as we "prepare a place for unity
and peace" together.*

**You are invited to a monthly gathering
of prayer in the ecumenical tradition
of the Taizé Community in France,
the second Monday of every month at
8:15pm.**

It is our hope that this monthly prayer brings together Christians of all churches, pastors and flocks, as together we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about Unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one." It is something we are unable to do ourselves.

This Unity which embraces all people stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...and belongs to the essence of our community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and fulfill his plan for us.

parish life get involved

Council Of Catholic Women

Spring has sprung! As usual, spring brings a myriad of activities. If you have not already done so, take a moment to mark your calendar so you will not miss anything. Remember to reserve your place before March 20 for our trip to the new Bible Museum in D.C. It promises to be an enlightening experience! Remember to bring your check for \$35 made out to St. Mary CCW when you sign up in the office or at our next meeting.

Listed below are opportunities to help and share in our community activities. Please join us!

It is now time to gather your "good stuff" that you are ready to share at our annual Yard Sale to benefit our charities.

March 20

Deadline for signing up and paying \$35 for our Pilgrimage to the Bible Museum in D.C. On Saturday, April 14

March 23

Lenten Soup Supper -- Share your Favorite meatless soup with the church community

March 24/25

Baby Shower Help gather gifts after a chosen Mass

April 7

Annual Yard Sale -- All donations are welcomed

April 14

Trip to The Bible Museum

Psalms: The School of Prayer

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed

them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

Join Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer, and Dr. Tim Gray as they show you how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms.

Join Suzette Young on May 7 at 1pm and continuing every Monday until July 23. For more information or to sign-up, call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491.

The \$20 cost for material will be collected at the first class. Registration required — class size is limited to 40 attendees. We will meet in the Father Rooney Community Room.

St Mary's Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 13 at 10am in the John Paul II House. Our selection is "That Nothing May Be Lost", by Fr. Paul Scalia, who was assigned to St Patrick's Church a few years ago, and is the son of late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Fr. Scalia has a unique gift of taking stories from scripture that we've heard many times and casting them into a whole new light. He opens up Catholic teaching in fresh and sometimes surprising directions that will change the way you think about your faith. For more info, call Mary Kenney at 898-0372.

WISDOM: God's Vision for Life – Bible Study

"Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes." – Pope Francis
Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you

learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Mary's will begin **Wisdom: God's Vision for Life** on **Wednesday, May 2 or Thursday May 3 at 9:45am**. For more information or to register, call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this adult Bible study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together. Cost for study materials is \$17.00, collected at the first class.

eGiving

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception family. As we begin a New Year, we hope you will consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit faithdirect.net and use our church code: **VA635**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Lenten Luncheons

The Micah Ecumenical Ministries partner churches are coordinating a series of Wednesday noon services followed by a lunch at host parishes during Lent:

March 14: Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site)

801 Sophia St.,
Fredericksburg, VA

Preaching: The Rev. Kent Rahm, Trinity Episcopal Church.

March 21: Fredericksburg United Methodist

308 Hanover St.,
Fredericksburg, VA
Preaching: Father John Mosimann, St. Mary Catholic Church.

our parish march share

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values.

For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families.

Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process.

As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including tens of thousands here in Virginia, who stand together.

Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Easter Flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office.

Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: March 12

Food Pick-Up: March 24

This is a food cooperative program with a community service requirement. Package Pick-up is typically the fourth Saturday of the month at the Parish Life Center between 8-9am. The following month's menu will be available at the time of pick-up.

Please contact Rick Caporali for more information and details, rcaporali@stbernpar.org.

Value Package \$23

(2 hrs community service)

- Ground Turkey - 1lb
- Chicken Breast Fillets - 1lb
- Pork Chops - 4, 4oz
- Pollock Fillets - 1lb
- Eggs - 1 dozen
- Plus 8-12lbs of the freshest fruits and vegetables we can find for you and your family

Chicken Wings \$26

(2 hrs community service)

- 10lb box of Jumbo uncooked chicken wings

Easter Ham \$22

(2 hrs Community Service)

- 9lb, Spiral Cut Ham

Breakfast Burritos \$10

(2 hrs Community Service)

- 12 - 5oz fully cooked, bacon, egg and cheese burritos
- Heat & Serve

Beef Brisket \$24 (limited)

(2 hrs Community Service)

- 8lb thinly sliced, hickory-smoked brisket
- Box contains 4, 2lb packages of brisket

Menu items are always subject to change. When we must substitute, we try to give better value.



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$23)

_____ x \$23. = \$ _____

Chicken Wings (\$26)

_____ x \$26. = \$ _____

Easter Ham (\$22)

_____ x \$22. = \$ _____

Breakfast Burritos (\$10)

_____ x \$10. = \$ _____

Beef Brisket (\$24)

_____ x \$24. = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name _____

address _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

email _____

cell/phone _____

Community Service Hours:

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| ____ hrs Church | ____ Host site |
| ____ hrs Youth | ____ Transport |
| ____ hrs Shelter | ____ Comm. Dinner |
| ____ hrs Seniors | ____ Vincent de Paul |
| ____ hrs Micah | ____ MW Hospital |
| ____ hrs School | ____ Parish Ministry |
| ____ hrs Community Service | |
| ____ hrs Other | ____ hrs Other |

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH or MONEY ORDER.

No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed.

Money Orders should be made to: SHARE FOOD NETWORK.

our parish happenings



2018 marks the
inaugural
Life Walk event!

Acknowledging
that LIFE begins at
conception and is
worthy of protection,
the community of
Fredericksburg is
WALKING in support
of the various
LIFE-AFFIRMING
ministries that directly
sustain and offer
hope to those most
vulnerable.

Come out with your family, church
group, and neighbors for a fun
walk, food and music as we raise
awareness and funds together!

Every registrant will receive a t-shirt
and goody bag the day of the walk!

2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

"Living in Faith - Giving in Gratitude"

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese.
Thank you!

BLA Payments — Do NOT use Faith Direct

Thank you for supporting the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). Please be aware that BLA pledge payments should NOT be made through the Faith Direct electronic giving program. We can't keep gifts current with the diocesan database if done this way. You may set up a recurring monthly payment for a BLA pledge, at: arlingtondiocese.org. Thank you!

5k • Walk with us!

April 14, 2018

Old Mill Park, Fredericksburg, VA

After the walk, join us as we
cheer on Fredericksburg's fastest
babies in the **DIAPER CRAWL!**

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VIRGINIA'S POSITIVE HITS
89.9 & 90.5fm

REGISTER FOR THE WALK • BECOME A SPONSOR

lifewalkfxbg.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP

featured speaker

DEACON MIKE STRAIN

Discussion Topic

RUN SO AS TO WIN

BECOMING A SPIRITUAL ATHLETE

MONDAY, MARCH 19 | 6-9PM

Food, Drinks & Fellowship start at 6pm — Talk starts at 7:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME — more info at fb.com/stmaryfred.youngadults



YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY
SAINT MARY FREDERICKSBURG

our parish
happenings

SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISH NIGHT OUT

CELEBRATING OUR 160TH ANNIVERSARY

5.18.18

ANDREW THIELEN BIG BAND

JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER AT UMW

Tickets on Sale Now!

Tickets includes dinner, cash bar, and dancing to the music of the Andrew Thielen Big Band. Gather friends or family to fill your table. Please contact Marty Bridi (540) 373-0259.

It's Time to Register for the Fall!

Join in the fun! St. Mary Preschool is now registering for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. We have several options available for our 3 and 4 year old pre-K programs. Contact Mrs. Nanci Scharf at 373-7553 or email nscharf@stmaryfred.org. We would love to have your child join us!



operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Collections for March 4

Offertory Collection \$32,926
 Little Sisters of the Poor \$16,203
 Micah Ecumenical (add'l) \$1,419
 St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box
 \$906

Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Offertory Envelopes For March

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in March is Stafford Junction, a faith-based nonprofit organization tasked with improving the lives of children and their families in low-income neighborhoods in Stafford County through programs focusing on education, nutrition, and healthy living. With the intervention of Stafford Junction, the crime rate in the Olde Forge neighborhood dropped by more than 50% within two years. Stafford Junction is a mission project of our parish and children's donations will assist the parish in providing much needed support for their programs. For more information, visit their website at staffordjunction.org.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:30pm to Friday 9am

"Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us each time that following him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we 'possess,' but a gift to him and to others." – Pope Francis

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. At least two people must be present with Our Lord at all times during Adoration.

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

Nar Anon is a program that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with substance abuse. All information and discussion is non-judgemental, informative and strictly confidential. Our meetings are in **Room 204 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8pm** and are open to the community at large. **Contact Cathy at 703-2018821, burgh757@gmail.com or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**

SCRIP Helping HCA

SCRIP provides wonderful financial support for Holy Cross Academy. The support the SCRIP program provides has averaged over \$9,400.00 for the past six years. Even if you do not have children who attend HCA you are encouraged to participate. These funds go directly to HCA for such costs as assistance for books, supplies, and our upcoming school expansion.

How it works: Most of us shop at various local vendors that are supported through SCRIP. These include Giant, Weis, Wawa, Starbucks, Wal-Mart, Target as well as popular restaurants like Olive Garden, Red Lobster, IHOP and Outback. Complete list at shopwithscrip.com
 There are several ways you can order/purchase gift cards through the SCRIP program. One is to visit a SCRIP table after most Masses (including HCA). There is a volunteer who will provide info and help you purchase gift cards. Checks or cash accepted. You can also order online for delivery to either HCA (after 10:30am Mass or during school hours when school is in session) or for pickup after Saturday or Sunday Masses at the Church. And the most convenient way, set up a Presto Pay account and order gift cards online. You will need St. Mary's enrollment code to set an account. For the enrollment code and assistance, please contact Christi Greenwell at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com or 703-994-2142. She will help get you started.

Your thoughtful consideration for this wonderful program is much appreciated. Remember, your shopping can provide direct benefits for HCA.





Diocesan Mass and Anointing of the Sick

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will celebrate a special Mass and Anointing of the Sick of the Diocese on Saturday, March 17. All members (and companions) of the Diocese who are sick or physically/mentally challenged are invited to attend. The Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held at 11am at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale. Lunch will follow for all attendees, provided by the Knights and Dames from the Northern Virginia Region of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Malta, Federal Association. There will be no charge for the lunch. Please RSVP to Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or RSVPAnointingMass@gmail.com (with name, number attending and contact phone number or email).

2018 Red Cross Blood Mobile

Save the dates for the upcoming donation opportunities:

June 6, August 8, and

November 28



Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need,

especially: Shannon Triola, David Marcs, Roseanne Mash, Jeanne Burke, Indira Murillo, Christie Greenwell, Holly Smith, Anthony Yantiss, Larry Dillman, James Evans, Gabriel Galarza-Torres, Keith Kovalefsky, Joaquin Perez, Amber Moser, Stan Guzik, Barbara Butler, Mary Walsh, Elizabeth Murray, Jacqueline Murray, Robert Gomer, Carla Gomer, Robert Arthur Ouellette, Douglas Meyer, Betsy Murray, Monica Hannan, Eldon Ulmer, Linda Jamison, Karla Dorsey, Maria Eliza Franca Maciel, Eileen Bourne, Marty T., David A. Pedro Rios, Cathy Burgh, Roger Dewayne, Angus Johnson, Peter Wood, Jude Murphy, Paula Snellings, Mary Jean & Don Williams, Harold Gardiner, Gerald Gardiner, Tina Ott, Michael Carr, Stephen Daley, Deanna White, Maria Stein, Elizabeth Davis, Jeanette Williams, Deborah June King, Ann Gallagher, Robert & Brittani Horner, John D. Zaloudek, Mary Ulmer, Antonio Christianson, Thomas Moeller, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, Maryann Seidlinger, William Hackbarth, John Michael Ides, Sylvia Pressley, Tamlyn Leaf, Matthew Roberts, Deanna Uperiti, Gabriela Mason, Maria Stine, Joy & Larry Kligman, David Duke, Dennis Morris, James Murphy, Joan Cheek, Ted Mayor, Tim Conway, Billy LaPietra, Bob Rekowski & Family, Daniel Bustamonta, Maryann Devenas, Frank Spatt, Micheal Chen, Joseph Stefano, Fred Becker, Chuck Boyer, Maria Celia Brandao Lage, Leah Sapphire, Felicity Stanfield, Michael Kraljevich, Steve Zawisa, Casey Roby, Calvin Mills, Mary Jean Mills, Elise Velez, Tracey Hansen, Elizabeth Ames, Aleisa Barber, George Dittmer, David Arnold, Maryann Greatsinger, Antonio Ferrara, Wilson and Joan Parker, Emma Gilbert, Virginia Gannon, Maureen Guilfoyle, Daniel Burke, Katherine Perusi, Dorie Lee, Christopher Szynal, Joy Zerby, Mariah Ceidlinger, Kelly Carperter-Silvers, Suzi Eggleston, Bernad Castillo, Nancy Buhite, Michael Durant, Matthew Gomer, Tricia Davis, Dolores Renninger, Martha Clements, Dolores Renninger, Donna Long, Mary Ann Valentine, Mary Ann Maynard, Zachary Payne, Margaret Krebbel, Adrianna Pruitt, Deanna Pruitt, Montgomery Wood

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas,

especially: Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, Dominick Joseph Petro, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Sean Plunkett, Roy Selvidge, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, Nelly Garcia, Mindy Hakenson, Xavier Alas, Anthony Howell, John Anthenor, Andrew Dowdy, Sean McCullum, Josue Bermudez, Monica Hannan, Brian Mahoney, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood

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

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

March

12 MONDAY

6:30am Sr. Mary Bertha+
9:00am Virginia Clay+
Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

13 TUESDAY

6:30am Providence Moeller+
9:00am Ruth Stellino+
Ez 47:1-12/Jn 5:1-16

14 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Sean Johnson
9:00am Tricia Davis
Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

15 THURSDAY

6:30am John Cook
9:00am Catie LeBouton
Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

16 FRIDAY

6:30am Virginia Lee Marencio+
8:15am* Sr. Mary Bertha+
9:00am Stanley Guzik+
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-30

17 SATURDAY

9:00am Anne Snyder+
5:00pm Linda & Bob Kaila+
7:00pm Rita Perez+
Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

18 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish
8:30am Mary Ann Holzworth
10:30am Harry Sullivan Jr+
10:30am* Thomas Hayes+
12:30pm Grace Sherry
2:30pm(sp) Dag Gollopp & Gloria Galdamez
5:00pm Baby Davis Wardle+
7:00pm Joe Joria+
Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

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.