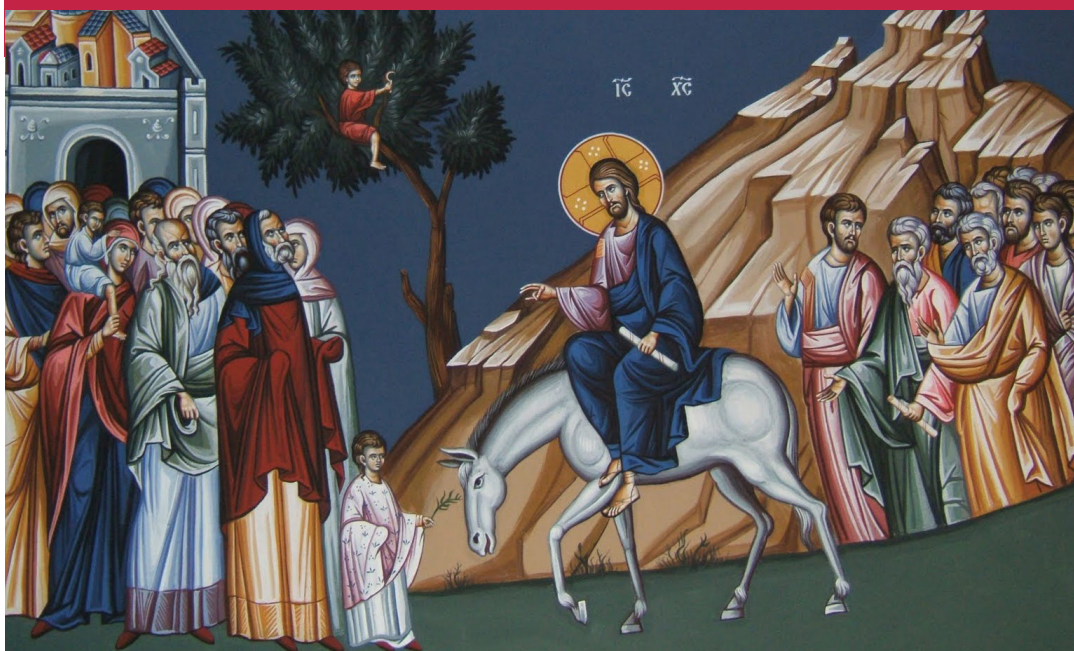


Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018



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

upcoming events

March



**SAINT
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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

25 SUNDAY, PALM SUNDAY

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center

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

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

26 Monday, Monday of Holy Week

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

27 Tuesday, Tuesday of Holy Week

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

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

No Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering this Evening

No Walking with Purpose this Evening

28 Wednesday, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30pm, Performance of "The Three Trees", Church

7pm, Last Confessions Before Easter, Church

6:30pm, YOUCAT, Parish Life Center

29 Thursday, Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

8am, Morning Prayer, Church

7:30pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with Eucharistic Procession to Parish Life Center

11:45, Night Prayer, Parish Life Center

No Walking with Purpose this Evening

30 Friday, Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

8am, Morning Prayer, Church

12pm-3pm, The Tre Ore: The Seven Last Words of Christ, Church

3pm, The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross

No Middle School Youth Group Activities

7pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

7:30pm, Estaciones de la Cruz, Iglesia

10pm, Night Prayer in the Church

31 Saturday, Holy Saturday

8am, Morning Prayer, Church

11am, Blessing of Easter Food, Church

8:30pm, The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, Church

April

1 SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

All Masses will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center — NO Masses at the Church

8am, 10:15am, 12:30pm (BiLingual)

No High School Youth Group Activities

2 Monday within the Octave of Easter

Parish Office Closed

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

3 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Parish Office Closed

No Walking with Purpose this Evening

express announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

▪ Please join us for our final **Lenten Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross this Friday**. 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.

▪ Complete some of your shopping by purchasing **SCRIP gift cards!** Set up an account today and earn rebates for HCA. Email **Christi Greenwell** at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code.

▪ **Subscribe to the Saint Mary website, stmaryfred.org** and receive important updates via email. The subscription box is on the homepage. Enter your email address, click **"subscribe."**

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!

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.

PARISH OFFICE 540-373-6491, fax 371-0251
stmary@stmaryfred.org
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students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

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Fr. Stephen Holmes
Fr. Colin Davis
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Deacon Dick Delio

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Tatiana Beltran

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Elena Doyle - outreach@stmaryfred.org

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 our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

A word of apology: My intention and the tone of last week's 'pax et bonum' was undermined by the picture appended to the column in editing. My intention to explain the reasoning behind some liturgical options was obscured by the image that sent a different message. I treasure and appreciate your insights and feedback.



Today we begin Holy Week, and this journey is marked by rich symbolism. We are privileged to walk with Jesus from His triumphant entry through Calvary to the Resurrection. Our liturgies have a built in tension between the visible rites we celebrate, and the hidden spiritual realities that the rites make present. Every liturgical action has Christ as it's source and summit.

One of my best Holy Week recommendations is to take the week off and enter into the prayers of the week. Or take off Thursday / Friday and go to the amazing liturgies of the Triduum. See the schedule in the bulletin today.

Allergies, Allergies, Allergies:

Which brings me to another point that I want to take this most crowded of weeks to call to your attention.

Allergies have become a very serious issue in our parish. We have parish families who can never go to events in our Parish Life Center because there are nuts around and about. Families who must bring to Mass several epi-pens for their children on the possibility that another family was feeding a toddler a PBJ sandwich. And yes, we have seen children eating PBJs and then wiping hands over pews.

I strive to make this parish as family friendly as possible. Children are the supreme gift of marriage, and the treasure of our parish. I hope you notice how welcome they are in our Masses. I understand that parenting is difficult, and that

parents often resort to feeding children in Mass. However, the Church is not the place for feeding children. Know that your feeding your child peanut butter, can put the life of another child at risk who sits in that pew at a later Mass. Nuts are also similarly problematic.

We can not make the church a absolutely 'nut free zone.' That is impossible to guarantee. However, if we absolutely must feed while at Mass, consider doing so in the vestibule, and be considerate by avoiding more common allergens. This is a simple act of charity for your brother and sisters in Christ. Their children's lives may depend on it.

Because of this issue, I have become much more aware of the importance of washing my hands before every Mass. I gave one mother a heart attack when I told her my favorite breakfast was a peanut butter power bar. So yeah, I've got to change some of my habits too!

Thank you for your kindness and understanding.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr Mosimann

Openings Available

Holy Cross Academy is seeking an assistant principal and a preschool director for the coming school year. Applicants must be practicing Catholics. Both positions are full-time during the school year and part-time during the summer. A preschool director must have a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and a minimum of five years' teaching experience.

An assistant principal must have a minimum of five years of teaching experience, preferably in a Catholic school. The candidate must have a Master's Degree in School Administration from an accredited university approved by the State of Virginia or a Master's Degree in another academic area with the intent of qualifying for the appropriate Virginia Administration and Supervision Certification within three years of hire.

Interested applicants should email their resume to **Sr. Susan Louise** at principal@holycrossweb.com.

education holy cross academy

First STEM Family Night

Our dedicated HCA teachers hosted our first-ever STEM Family Night. Students and their parents were invited to spend an evening exploring STEM projects and activities. We enjoyed Gumdrops Gizmos, Parachute Palooza, Towering Towers, Air Cannons, a Creation Station, Snap Circuits and Terrariums, building with Keva planks, and coding with Ozobots. Our Science Fair winners' projects were on display.

The children loved spending this time with their parents and participating in the many activities. As they went through the evening, they built, analyzed, revised and enhanced their many constructions. Learning was a lot of fun for Mom, Dad and all the students. Our 6th grade Science Squad members and several Middle School students assisted with the activities and encouraged the younger children to try out their ideas and see what they could create.



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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.

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY
Presents the
9TH BIENNIAL AUCTION & DINNER
HAVE A ROARING GOOD
TIME TONIGHT
Saturday April 21, 2018
5:00 PM
1998 2018
Celebrating 20 Years of Living Jesus

lent in the parish schedule

The Passion on Palm Sunday and Good Friday

As we did last year, on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, the words of the crowd during the proclamation of the Passion will be spoken by one of our parish lectors, rather than by the entire assembly. In the Breaking Bread hymnal, parts are broken out for Christ, Narrator, Voice, and Crowd. This is done by the publisher of Breaking Bread and other missalette companies, but it's not official.

The main reason for not having the assembly say the words of the Jewish crowds is that it tends to make the Passion seem like a reenactment. In our liturgies, we remember the events of salvation, such as Jesus' entry in Jerusalem or the Last Supper, but do not reenact them. Instead, when we recall and celebrate these events together as worshipping Church, the spiritual reality of these happenings long ago in time is made present to us now.

Another consideration: if the whole assembly is saying the words of the crowd, it tends to reinforce the idea that the whole of the Jewish people called for Jesus' death, an erroneous thought we must not seem foster in any way. In fact, requiring people to say the words of the crowd is painful for many, and since it is neither required nor part of the tradition, it is fair in our liturgical worship to not make people opt out of something that isn't an official practice in the first place.

The Passion Gospel, like any other scripture passage, is a proclamation of God's Word. The active receiving of this proclaimed Word by the assembly and its being put into action by their lives today are what is happening. While the words of the crowds are part of the story, let us focus on the central theme of the Passion, Christ's complete and unconditional love offered for us, and the invitation through our baptism to offer ourselves in that love and bring it to the world for its salvation.

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March

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
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April

1 EASTER SUNDAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
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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.

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.

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!

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.

lent in the parish schedule

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 initiation 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.

parish life religious education

Easter Break

Classes resume the week of April 16-19.

Catholic Vacation Bible School

This Catholic VBS called Birthday Blast is an exciting PRO-LIFE themed program where kids will learn to DISCOVER, RESPECT, PROTECT, SERVE, and CELEBRATE life.

VBS will be offered the week of June 18-22, 9am-12noon. VBS is open to Rising Kindergarten through rising 5th grade students. Volunteers are needed, so please call the parish office if you are interested in helping, 540-373-6491.

CRS RiceBowl: March 18-24

Week Six: God of the Journey, We Encounter You in Our Neighbor Importance of Community and Stability



Centro Latino, a Catholic Charities-supported nonprofit, works with the Latino community in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky. Centro Latino distributes

food and clothing, and provides educational opportunities. But Centro Latino also recognizes the importance of community and stability.

Katalina has attended the meetings for 3 years. The community of over 100 women has supported her in learning English and inspired her to give back. She and other women volunteer at Centro Latino's food distribution center, assist in their local parishes and, of course, work with their peers in the women's meetings. Shelby County is better because of the work these women do.

Magnifikid: Fifth Week of Lent: Grow in Friendship

"Lord, we have been working on our friendships with you and others. We unite our efforts with your cross, on which you restored our friendship with the Father. We offer all that we have and are. Thank you for the happiness that comes from your friendship"



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

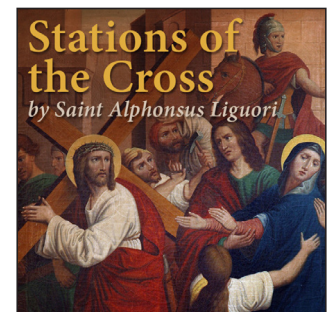
Stations of the Cross

By Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Journey with Christ to Calvary

Personally follow Christ and His Sorrowful Mother on their journey to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. Moving meditations by Saint Alphonsus Liguori accompanied by the beautiful Latin hymn, *Stabat Mater*, draw you into a more intimate experience of the Church's powerful Lenten prayer.

[Listen on formed.org](https://www.formed.org)



"Holding a crucifix while meditating on the Stations of the Cross... so moving. Thank you, Jesus, for the Cross."

—Marcia R, St Teresa's Church



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parish life youth ministry

WorkCamp Flowers Sale

The weekends of:

~~March 17 & 18~~

March 24 & 25

April 7 & 8



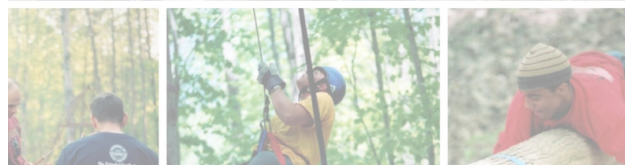
APRIL 20, 4PM TO APRIL 21, 8:30PM
HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

ST. JOHN PAUL II

ADVENTURE DAY

Rappelling, fast-rope, obstacle course,
orienteeing, faith, friends and food!

Cost: Permission Slip & \$25



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Youth Ministry Big Board Fundraiser Appeal



Diocesan WorkCamp: June 23-29

Youth from all over the Diocese will gather at Massaponax High School to serve our brothers and sisters in need in Spotsylvania and the surrounding counties.



Banica - Mission Trip: July 7-14

St. Mary youth will attend our Diocesan mission in the town of Banica, in the Dominican Republic to serve the local people via service projects, evangelization and more!



Basketball Court Project: Banica Mission

A major need in the town of Hato Viejo is recreation & formation of the youth. Fr. Weber (local priest) aims to do this via the sport of basketball. Help us make it a reality.

Big Board Fundraiser: Help our youth this summer!

The weekend of April 14-15 our youth will be after mass next to our Big Board fundraiser. On there you will find pictures of the projects we are working on this summer. You will see stickers on picture frames with the denominations of \$1 - \$200. Pull a sticker, take the self-stamped envelope and return it to us with the amount from the sticker. All donations are due back Monday, May 7th. Thank you in advanced!

StMaryCYM



Stay Up-to-Date

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

#GetInvolvedBeTransformed

parish life get involved

Find Out How the 2017 Tax Cuts & Jobs Act Affects You March 28 Social Meeting

Much has been written and said about the new tax law that was rushed through Congress and signed by President Trump in December 2017. There are sweeping changes to tax brackets and rates for individuals and families, corporate taxes, deductions, the child tax credit and mortgage interest deductibility. Find out how you and your family may be affected at the March 28 Social meeting, when Brother Paul Scott ChFC, LUTCF leads a discussion of the new tax law.

The meeting is open to Knights of Columbus members, St. Mary Parishioners and your guests, and begins with a Potluck dinner at 7pm. The program runs from 7:30-8:30pm. Brother Paul Scott will whip up some chili to accompany the dishes that you bring. Please RSVP to pscottsis@aol.com or 540-891-9331 if you can make it and what your side dish will be.

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.

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.

Legion of Mary

All active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary are invited to participate in the annual Acies Ceremony at 10:30am on Saturday, April 7 at St. Anthony Church in King George. There will be a sung Latin Mass at 9am which all are welcome to attend. Please call Perla Guacena, 540-786-6575 for more information or a ride.

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.

St Mary Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 10 at 10am in the John Paul II House. Our selection is 'St Francis of Assisi: A Biography', by Fr. Omer Englebert, which examines Francis' remarkable life in light of faith, historical events, and societal influences. The author, Father Englebert, blends the many facets of St Francis' personality into a portrait of a saint who still has the power to inspire men and women today. For more information, please email **Maureen Guilfoyle** at maureenpsg@verizon.net as some books are available to borrow."

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 24/25

Baby Shower Help gather gifts after a chosen Mass

April 7

Annual Yard Sale - The CCW's Annual Yard Sale will be held from 8am-2pm in the Parish Life Center. We will be accepting items donated for sale at the PLC Wednesday/Thursday April 4-5, from 9:30-11:30am, and again from 4:30-7pm; on Friday, April 6, from 9:30am-3pm. We are accepting plants, books, DVDs and CDs, jewelry, toys, baby gear, handbags, luggage, furniture, medical accessories, electronics, and other household items. No shoes or clothing of any kind, please! If you would like to help sorting and pricing--we need someone experienced in pricing tech/electronics--for part of the donation hours on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday or would like to help with sales on Saturday, please contact **Joyce**

O'Toole at tjotoole@verizon.net or 540-371-2365. All money raised will go to our parish or community charities.

April 14

Trip to The Bible Museum

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.

Choose Life Reflection

Jesus endured crucifixion out of love for us, giving Himself away that we might have life. Abortion, on the other hand, is the opposite of love because it takes life. Love says, "I sacrifice myself for the good of the other person." Abortion says, "I sacrifice the other person for the good of myself." Father, fill me and all people with the same love by which Your Son gave Himself away on the Cross. Grant that we may sacrifice ourselves and never sacrifice others.

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary Monday, April 9 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.

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Collections for March 19

Offertory Collection	\$33,237
Parish Building Fund	\$9,295
Catholic Relief Services (add'l)	\$3,339
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$670

Our Second Collection on Easter Sunday is our Annual Parish Appeal for Development & Maintenance.

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in February for the following unscheduled intentions: +Frank Healey, +Terrence Beckham, John & Mary Lucey, the Turpin Children, Adam & Catherine Clagett, +Eugene Ramsey, Donna Honsinger, +Mary Linda Kaila (2), +Mae Kaila, +Margaret Louise Miller, Angie Thompkins, +Jack Jones, +Kate McGeehan, +Deborah Ann Waggoner, Judy Henderson, Jay Santiago, +Jim Albanese & Pam Crawford, +Marie Savage, +Richard Ford, +Amadeo Cabrera, Napoleon Flores, For Peace in El Salvador, +Mark Metzger, +Holly Smith, +Norma Ditz, +Lorraine Dubose (3), Marianne Ford, +Barbara Chen and +Ryan Guillermo.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for April

The children's charity that will benefit from offerings in April is the Operation Purple Program of the National Military Family Association. When you hear "Operation Purple camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! The camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes.

The Operation Purple program

was created in 2004 to fill a need identified by military parents to "help us help our kids." The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. We do this through a variety of means, including the healing and holistic aspect of the natural world. The program is joint or "purple"—encompassing all Service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve.

Since its creation in 2004, the Operation Purple program has grown to serve approximately 45,000 military children and teens. The Operation Purple program also includes family retreats at national parks and specialized family camps geared to address the needs of children and families of our nation's wounded service members.

For more information, visit their website at militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/camps/

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land March 30 at the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross - 800 Years of Franciscan Presence, Care, Service

At this special time of year, the entire Catholic community participates in the support of Christians in the Holy Land. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Since the 13th Century, the Order of St. Francis has been walking in Jesus' footsteps, working not only

to make Christianity's holiest sites accessible to all the faithful, but preserving the Holy Land's precious Christian community, the "living stones of the Church", through education and scholarships, charity and assistance to the poor and pastoral ministry in 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans and 3 academic institutions. The Good Friday Collection is the primary means of support for this work. It is a Pontifical Collection requested by Pope Francis, and your generosity is truly appreciated. If you are unable to attend the Solemn Liturgy at 3pm on Good Friday, you may contribute anytime, especially during Holy Week and Easter Week. For more information, visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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.**

Health Ministry

liturgy

daily bread

Shingrix~ A New Vaccine Version for Shingles

Most of us have heard stories about, or experienced firsthand, the suffering associated with shingles. Shingles is a viral infection that causes a very painful rash from the deactivation of varicella, the virus that causes chicken pox. If you had chickenpox as a child, the virus lies inactive in nerve tissue near your spinal cord and brain. Years later the virus may reactivate as shingles.

Until recently only one vaccine known as Zostavax was available. Zostavax has been used both as primary prevention (before shingles) and as secondary prevention (after shingles to reduce the risk of getting it again). Unfortunately Zostavax is produced from a "fetal" tissue cell line from aborted fetal tissue.

There is now an alternative. Shingrix is a new zoster vaccine available and FDA approved for prevention of shingles that uses a yeast cell line in its production. Knowing this, you are better able to have an informed conversation with your physician and determine if this new option is right for you.

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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 Uperti, 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, 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, Gail Russell, Patricia Russo, Reywood Dartez, Charles Dittmer, Bruce Mattern, Dorothy Simmons, Lillian Kendall, Nikolai Sherba, Sharon S., Barbara Clarke, Reseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpe, Gerardo Aguilar

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

26 MONDAY

6:30am Linda & Bob Kaila+

9:00am Mary Fisher

Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

27 TUESDAY

6:30am Thelma Odilia Rivera+

9:00am Claire Chavarria

Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-38

28 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Hannah Rothwell

9:00am William Bernard Gray Sr+

Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

29 THURSDAY

7:30pm All Priests

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

30 FRIDAY

3pm Passion & Veneration of Cross

Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

31 SATURDAY

8:30pm RCIA Candidates &

Catechumens

Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-55:1-11/Bar

3:9-15:4-4/Ez 36:16-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk

16:1-7

1 SUNDAY (FXBG Expo Center)

8:00am For the Priesthood & Religious Life Vocations

10:15am For Our Parish

12:30pm For the Protection of Life & Religious Freedom

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4

* 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.