Fourth Sunday of Easter



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

upcoming events

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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

22 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Coffee Shop after morning Masses (7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm) Scrip on Sale after All Masses New Family Welcome Meeting, Parish Life Center after 10:30am Mass 12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center Room 204 6pm, CYM Dinner and Youth Group, Parish Life Center

23 Monday, Easter Weekday [Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr]
 10:15am, Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidium in Parish Life Center Room 100
 1pm, Bible Study Class, Courtyard Meeting Room
 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
 6pm, First Communion Rehearsal, Church
 6:30pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center
 7:30pm, RCIA , Church

24 Tuesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr] 4:45pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center 6pm, Religious Education at Holy Cross Academy 6pm, First Communion Rehearsal , Church 6:30pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center 7pm, Adult Confirmation Class with Deacon Dick , Parish Office Library 7:30pm, Life, Spirit, Courtyard Meeting Room

25 Wednesday, Saint Mark, Evangelist

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church 4:45pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center 6:30pm, Confessions, Church 6:30pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center 6:30pm, YouCat, John Paul II House 6:30pm, Bishop Barron Classes, Courtyard Meeting Room

26 Thursday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center Room 100 4:45pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center 7pm, Nar-Anon Meeting, Parish Life Center Room 204 7pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center, Rooms 100, 202, and 203

27 Friday, Easter Weekday

9am, St Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House 6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary, Parish Life Center 7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House **7:30pm, Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations with Bishop Burbidge, Church**

8 Saturday, Easter Weekday [Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest]

8am, Confessions, Church 10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center Room 204 10:30am, First Communions, Church 12:30pm, First Communions, Church 3:30pm, Confessions, Church 4pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

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pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

• School Dressing Days begins this weekend! *More info on page 4.*

• Join us for Holy Hour with Bishop Burbidge this Friday, April 27 - more info on page 8.

• St Mary's Annual Mulch Party Needs YOU! Volunteers needed Tuesday, April 24 — more info on page 8.

• Join us on May 18 for our Tenth Annual Parish Night Out Dinner Dance celebrating the 160th Anniversary of our Parish. *Call Marty Bridi at* 540-373-0259 for ticket information.

• Join Father Colin in the engaging Call to Evangelization series — more information on page 8.

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 Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am MASS 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 Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

> Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Colin Davis Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio

Operations Manager, Jim Florio Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Parish Secretary, Elizabeth Tellez Director of Music, David Uschold • Please return your Rice Bowl donation by April 30. To help our parish process the donations more quickly, please count your donation and make a check payable to the parish. Please write "Operation Rice Bowl" in the memo line of the check. Thank you for your generous support.

• 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."

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HOLY CROSS 540-286-1600 ACADEMY 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.

ST. MARY 540-373-7553 PRESCHOOL Director, Nanci Scharf

RELIGIOUS 540-373-6491 EDUCATION Director, Aristides Lucas OFFICE Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

YOUTH MINISTRY Director, Leo Chavarria Tatiana Beltran

OUTREACH 540-373-6491 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

Dear Folks,

Two thoughts on my mind: Vocations and Scams. Don't worry, there is no connection!

Vocations: This coming Friday, Bishop Burbidge will be leading us in a Holy Hour for Vocations, here at our very own St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception! It will be a great joy to welcome Bishop Burbidge, priests of our diocese, and young men who have been personally invited to the evening of prayer. There are several events in the evening, with some reserved for the bishop, priests, and potential discerners so that they might spend time with him. Moreover, the entire parish is invited to the 7:30pm Holy Hour and reception that will follow. We hope you might be able to join us on Friday.

And since no transition is possible, why did I write that I have scams on my mind? Because last week someone created a fake gmail account and was pretending to be me. They emailed parishioners telling them that "I" needed help, and wanted them to email gift cards. Please know, that I will never solicit donations of cash or gift cards by email. This scam is not new, and I know of at least one other pastor whose parishioners received the same kind of email. Please be careful on the internet. Many people are not who they seem to be and there are unscrupulous people looking for any change to steal from kind souls. I'll pray a Hail Mary for the soul(s) of this thief (or thieves). Jesus told me to pray for my enemies. So I'll apply that right now.

pax, . Mou

Fr Mosimann



School Dressing Days April 22-May 6

St. Mary's is participating in School Dressing Days a program that provides clothing and supplies for school-aged children, K-12, in the greater Fredericksburg Area. Please consider donating any of the following items:

All Sizes 4T-Highschool

NEW Jeans/and or joggers NEW back-packs

gently used outwear such as winter coats and iackets.

Please drop off items at the Parish Life Center or Holy Cross Academy. God bless you!





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.

October 2018 Pilgrimage to India

Join Fr. Mosimann and Fr. Sunny on a trip to India to visit Mother Teresa, the Taj Majal, and more! Get in on the planning stages as we are confirming exact dates (last 2 weeks of October), locations to visit, and prices! Please email stmary22401@gmail.com.



education

holy cross academy

National Junior Honor Society

Holy Cross Academy sponsors a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Last week, 23 new members were added to this group. To be invited to apply for this organization, a student must maintain an academic average of 93 or above throughout Middle School. In the application, the student must demonstrate how she/he has demonstrated leadership, citizenship, character and service, in addition to the high academics. The student must be approved by the faculty council and then is required to maintain these standards moving forward. NJHS is just one way our Holy Cross community promotes leadership and good character among our students.

Chipotle Benefit Dinner Night

Next Monday, April 30, please consider having dinner at Chipotle on 28 S Gateway Drive, off Route 17 in Stafford. Those who purchase dinner from 3-7pm and show our HCA flyer (*on our website in the Current Families tab, go to attachments*) will help our PTO to receive 50% of all sales.

Special bonus: Purchase your gift card from SCRIP and **our children benefit twice**!

Accepting Registrations

Saint Mary Preschool and Holy Cross Academy are a wonderful place to learn and grow. 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. 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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Vacation Bible School Registration

Vacation Bible School registration is still available at the Parish Office from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Registration fee is \$25.00

VBS will be offered the week of June 18–22, 9am-12noon. VBS is open to rising Kindergarten through rising 5th grade students.

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I Will Lay Down My Life for the Sheep

"A good shepherd would never abandon any of his sheep. Jesus is this good shepherd for each one of us. In making this comparison, Jesus is showing the kind of love he has for us. Jesus knows you and loves you. Jesus not only guides us through His Word but also through the people who help us understand it: your parents, your godfather and godmother, your catechism teachers, Priests..." MagnifiKid! April 22, 2018

Catechist Training

On Wednesday, April 11, from 6-9 pm the fourth Catechist Training session was held. After a delicious dinner our pastor, Fr. Mosimann, in a lively discussion, enlightened us using the questions submitted by the catechists present.

Recruiting Catechists

Top 5 Reasons to Become 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'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.

For more information call 540-371-6491 and ask for Aristides Lucas or Karen Sturtevant.



First Communion Rehearsals

April 23, Monday at 6pm - Rehearsal for Monday 6:30pm students **April 24, Tuesday at 6pm -** Rehearsal for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 4:45pm and Home Taught students

April 24, Tuesday at 7pm - Rehearsal for Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30pm, Tuesday 6pm and Thursday 4:45pm students

May 1, Tuesday at 6pm - Rehearsal for Holy Cross Academy First Communion Students

First Communion Masses

April 28, Saturday at 10:30am - First Communion Mass for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 4:45pm and Home Taught students

April 28, Saturday at 12:30pm - First Communion Mass for Monday 6:30pm students

April 29, First Communion at 3 Sunday Masses (8:30am, 10:30am and 2:30pm)

May 5, Saturday at 10:30am - First Communion Mass for Holy Cross Academy students

May 5, Saturday at 12:30pm - First Communion Mass for Tuesday & Wednesday 6:30pm, Tuesday 6pm and Thursday 4:45pm students



JOIN FORMED 1. formed.org 2. click register 3. enter parish code: F6F228

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The club will be run by trainer Rachel Luciani Please contact her at **lucianir@comcast.net** for more information and to sign up!

Big Board Fundraiser Thank You!

A BIG thanks to all that participated in our Big Board fundraiser to get our teens to WorkCamp and serve in the Banica mission. If you are still interested in submitting a donation please do so by May 7.

All Christians are invited to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary Monday, May 21 as we "prepare a place for unity and peace" together.



Stay Up-to-Date

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





Middle School Youth Group LETS GO DOWN BOWLINGE DOWN DOWN Friday, April 27th 6pm-8pm Cost: Permission slip & \$20 SPLITSVILLE BOWLING ALLEY:

TOWNE CENTRE BLVD, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22407

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get involved

St. Mary's Annual Mulching Party!

Dear Family and Friends of St. Mary's, join our Mulching 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, April 24 at 5pm to put down the mulch. The Rain date will be Wednesday, April 25 (5pm). 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 Arlene and **Joe Wilkinson at 540-785-7718** or **jbmwilkinson@verizon.net.**

Men's Group

Fellowship & Formation Looking for a chance to strengthen your faith while enjoying some good fellowship? Come join with other men of the parish to discuss issues relevant to work, family, and friendship in a casual environment just around the corner from the Church. We will meet on Friday, April 27 at 7:30pm at Red Dragon Brewery, 1419 Princess Anne St. Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Contact Mike Bostain at mrbostain@gmail.com or 540-834-3893 for more information.

Holy Hour with Bishop Burbidge

Join Bishop Burbidge on April 27 for a special Holy Hour for Vocations! **The**

Holy Hour will start at 7:30pm followed by a light reception in the Parish Life Center. When considering their vocation, most people immediately think the word only refers to a call to the priesthood or the religious life, despite the fact that Holy Matrimony and the dedicated single life are also vocations.

Here is a list of some of the possible vocations that God might be asking you to consider:

Holy Matrimony

Diocesan Priesthood Permanent Diaconate

Religious Life for men or women

Singles who have dedicated themselves to Christ in the service of the Church



St Mary Book Club

Our next meeting will br on Tuesday, May 8th, at 10am in the John Paul II House, Downstairs. Our selection is Matter of Discretion by Donna Lee Davis, who is also the author of the History of St Mary Parish as well as President of the CCW. A brief synopsis: Father Damon Keith has been reassigned to Quantico, a time for new beginnings and familiar challenges. Michael O'Shea, Quantico's top prosecutor and Father Damon's oldest friend, has asked him to instruct his bride to be in the Roman Catholic faith. But within days of Damon's arrival on base, a woman Marine is assaulted and murdered, and a Marine Chaplain's assistant is placed in custody for the crime. This is more than a novel about a homicide or military justice. It's the story of Providence in friendships, souls in peril, and hope in conflicted, loving hearts.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home? **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.

Call to Evangelization

Empower your witness! Every day we have opportunities to share our story about why we love being Catholic, but do we? Or, do we hide our light under the proverbial bushel?

Father Colin lead an engaging series on evangelization that gave birth to a small group whose purpose is to support and encourage each other in our efforts to share our faith. We discuss opportunities we've had

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to evangelize, what worked and what didn't, or what prevented us from trying.

If you want to engage others in conversation about our faith, join us. *We meet every 3rd Sunday between the 10:30am and the 12:30pm masses* (except on holiday weekends) in the Courtyard Meeting Room. For more information contact Bryan Richardson at **br22406@ cox.net**

Join us for Adoration

In the vestibule you will find the 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 some*thing 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.

Micah Cold Weather Shelter Ministry

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter closed for the season at the end of March. Thank you to all of you who participated in the ministry and those who donated items to the shelter.

Although the shelter is now closed, the effort to help the area homeless continues. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, visit Micah Ecumenical Ministries, **dolovewalk.net** or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, **thurmanbrisbencenter.org.**

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, collected at the first class.

Knights of Columbus District 11 Fundraiser

Saturday, April 28 6-10:30pm at Holy Cross Academy

Catered Dinner Live DJ & Dancing

Silent Auction - credit cards accepted!

> 50/50 Raffle Cash Bar

Casual Dress – No Jeans

Fun with friends!

Tickets - \$30 each Only 300 seats available but they will go fast! Buy yours NOW!

Email Don Carlson to RSVP carlsondv@comcast.net

Send checks payable to: KofC Council 12434 P.O. Box 2508 Spotsylvania, VA 22553

All Proceeds to Support the Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI)

The Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established to provide financial assistance grants to residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia who are unable to provide support for themselves, or their family members living in Virginia, and have exhausted all other avenues of relief. All contributions to VKCCI are completely tax deductible

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Decorating the Altar at Easter in Honor of Those We Love

Adelaide & Marcus Geary Agriculo A. Gabison Alois Steiert Andres Guerrero Ann O'Toole Caster Anne & Joe Kuzma Antonia Garcia Arnulfo Grossett Arthur Surprenant Arturo Bencomo Azena & Joseph Venable Barbara & Paul Feroldi **Bates** Family **Battie Hegarty** Batulan Mohammed Blanca Gonzalez & Margarita Bob & Mitzi Snyder Brandon Haskell Brian Finn Bruce Mattern Bruno Codispoti Cassidy Lynch Caterina Codispoti Cesario B Sarsozo Charles Reedy Chris Yednock Claudia Gonzalez **Clementia** Celayce **Cliff Kilpatrick Collen Kilpatrick** Corey & Bourne Families Corey Family David Moore **Donald Conry** Donald Lomis

Doris Larrimore Dorothy Tarabochi Dorothy Trethaway Dr. John R. Harvin Dr. WL & Martha Sewell Driedric **Eddie Rosado Edgar Angle** Edith A. Driedric **Edward Larrimore** Edwin Earle **Elaine Harris** Eleanor & Paul kutzner Elena Gomez Elizabeth A. Tirdil Elizabeth Hegarty Elsie krueger **Elsie** Mathes **Emilio** Flores Erich Britz **Esther Surprenant** Ethel LaRue Eva Gent Father Leo Creamer Finley Family Flores Family Floriano Rodriguez **Frances** Palmer Frank & Gladys Carneal Frank & Rita Brizzi Frederick Winiesdorffer Gabriel Bencomo Gardiner, Epp & Walter Families Living & Deceased George & Dawn Dittmer Family

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Weekly Offertory

Collections for April 15	
Offertory	\$34,060
Parish Building Fund(add'l)	\$2,416
Easter Second Collection (add'l)	
	\$1,385
<i>St Vincent de Paul Poor Box</i>	\$160

Faith Direct Dopsit - April

Offertory	\$58,783
Building Fund	\$4,366
Easter Second Collection	\$3,595
Catholic Home Missions A	ppeal
	\$1,832

Next week's second collection will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal "Strengthen the Church at Home" Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Home Missions Appeal "Strengthen the Church at Home"

There are 88 home mission dioceses in the United States – in areas like the Deep South, Appalachia, the Rocky Mountains, the Southwest and Alaska - all characterized by a lack of resources to provide basic pastoral care for their faithful. Most are unable to adequately provide Mass, religious education, evangelization and ministry training, and often struggle with priest shortages, parishioner poverty, unemployment, difficult terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that impact the practice of the faith. This Appeal helps keeps the doors of schools and parishes open, which otherwise would be forced to close and helps educate seminarians in poor dioceses. Your help and support is vital. Please give generously and help strengthen the Church at home. It's one way

our parish can be a good steward of God's gifts and make a difference. To learn more about the home missions appeal, please visitu **sccb.org/home-missions**. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

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**

Choose Life Reflection

On the morning of Jesus' Resurrection, the women having seen the empty tomb ran back to the Disciples. Peter and John having heard the women's story ran toward the tomb. And in the end, of course, all the Apostles ran into the world to announce this greatest news of history. We too must run to announce the Gospel of Life with vigor and to save the unborn with urgency. Lord, fill me with the vigor of Easter each day so that I may announce the victory of Life!

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.

liturgy

Mother's Day Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your mother, living or deceased - or your grandmother, godmother or someone who is like a mother to you. Beginning May 14, Mothers' Day, a Novena of Masses will be offered for all the intentions placed in front of the altar. These intentions will remain before the altar throughout the Novena. Mothers' Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Parish Office.





Saint Mary Prayer List Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Robert Gomer, Carla Gomer, Robert Arthur Ouellette, 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, Félicity Stanfield, Michael Kraljevich, Steve Zawisa, Casey Řoby, 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, 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, Charles Dittmer, Bruce Mattern, Dorothy Simmons, Lillian Kendall, Nikolai Sherba, Sharon S., Barbara Clarke, Reseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpe, Gerardo Aguilar, Maureen Mizzles, Miles Wood, Mary Ellen Kearney, Lewis Wade

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, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Kelsey Cullinan, Jason Cullinan, Estrella Bernaola

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

Daily Mass Intentions and **Readings** April

23 MONDAY

6:30am Richard J. Saunders+ 9:00am Anthony Thanh Nguyen+ Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

24 TUESDAY

6:30am Prayers for El Salvador 9:00am Barbara Mertens+ Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

25 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Elizabeth Corpe+ 9:00am Amelia Sturtevant 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

26 THURSDAY

6:30am Prayers for Immigrants 9:00am Patrick Johnson Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

27 FRIDAY

6:30am Tracy Rockenstyre 8:15am* Irene Wozniak+ 9:00am Anne Doherty Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

28 SATURDAY

9:00am Carmen Arevalo+ 5:00pm Wilma P. Venable+ 7:00pm Norma S. Detz Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

29 SUNDAY

7:00am John Murphy+ 8:30am Michael Dickinson+ 10:30am Hubert & Erma Kildare+ 10:30am* Barbara Mullins Poff+ 12:30pm Our Military Living & Deceased 2:30pm(sp) For Our Parish 5:00pm / Travis Fleming 7:00pm Milagros Gutierrez+ Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

Please remember that Mass intentions may be re-quested 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.

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