

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018



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

# upcoming events

## May



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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

### 6 SUNDAY, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after the 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm Masses  
Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm  
12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary  
6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group  
**7pm, Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite with Fr. Sunny**

### 7 Monday, Easter Weekday

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidio, Parish Life Center, Room 100  
1pm, Psalms Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room  
4:45pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center  
6:30pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center  
7pm, Confirmation Rehearsal Group 1, Church

### 8 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

10am, St Mary Book Club, John Paul II House, Upstairs  
4:45pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center  
6pm, Religious Education, Holy Cross Academy  
6:30pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center  
7pm, Confirmation Rehearsal Group 2, Church  
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit, Courtyard Meeting Room

### 9 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

9:45am, Wisdom Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room  
3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church  
4:45pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center  
6:30pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room  
6:30pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center  
6:30pm, YouCat, John Paul II House  
6:30pm, Confessions, Church

### 10 Thursday, Easter Weekday [Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest]

9:30am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100  
9:45am, Wisdom Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room  
4:45pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center  
7pm, Nar-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204

### 11 Friday, Easter Weekday

9am, St Anne Sisters in Faith Group, John Paul II House  
6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room

### 12 Saturday, Easter Weekday [Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr]

**8am Confessions and 9am Mass - Canceled for Confirmations**  
10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204  
**10am, Confirmation Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Church**  
**2pm, Confirmation Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Church**  
3:30pm, Confessions, Church  
4pm, Spanish Prayer Group Music Training, John Paul II House  
Scrip on Sale after 5pm, Mass

### 13 SUNDAY, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

• **Our Dressing Days program needs your support** – more information on page 4.

• **8am Confessions and 9am Mass - Canceled for Confirmations Saturday, May 12.**

• **Our Mothers Day Novena begins May 13.** Cards will be available in the Church vestibule and the Parish Office this week — more information on page 13.

• **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.

• The next **Taize Prayer Service** will be on **Monday, May 21.** Please note the date change (due to rehearsal for the May 15 concert).

• **Save the date! Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held Sunday, June 3** — Find more information on page 11

## Friendly Reminder to All Our 2018 Confirmandi

We will meet in the Parish Life Center and begin there. Please plan to be at the Parish Life Center by 7pm so we can start on time. Sponsors are asked to attend rehearsal if possible. If a sponsor cannot make it to rehearsal a parent can come and stand in so that they can communicate the information provided at rehearsal.

**Teams 1 - 11 will attend Monday, May 7 at 7pm**

**Teams 12 - 23 will meet Tuesday, May 8 at 7pm**

## 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  
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

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

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

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

**YOUTH MINISTRY** 540-373-6491  
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!

## stmaryfred.org

# from our pastor

# pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

With first communions wrapping up this week-end, it reminds me of how I am often questioned about the fast before receiving communion. Canon law states, "One who is to receive the most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion" (CIC 919 §1). Elderly people, those who are ill, and their caretakers are excused from the Eucharistic fast (CIC 191 §3). Now some specifications:

1. The hour is counted from the time of receiving holy communion, not from the beginning of Mass. So yes, a long homily, can help here! On Sundays communion almost never less than 30 minutes after Mass starts. Mostly this just means you can't eat on your way to Mass.
2. Coffee and Chewing gum DO BREAK the fast. Water does not. So no Starbucks pit stop on your way to Mass.
3. Medicine never breaks the fast. If the medicine requires that it be taken with food, then this food does not break the fast.
4. Sometimes I visit folks in Hospitals, and they don't know when I will arrive. If I arrive just after a meal, notice that the fast does not apply to the "ill and their caretakers."
4. The parish priests can, in individual cases, wave the fast for you. So if you accidentally eat something, you could ask me and I could waive the required fast for you.

This last point leads to a story where I once had a high schooler who knew that I could waive the fast. One day he came to me asking to have it waived. Because I knew him well, and that he is a bit of a WiseGuy, I decided to investigate and he conversation went thus:

Fr: "Why do you need the fast waived?"

WiseGuy: "Because I ate a donut."

Fr: "When?"

WG: "Just now in the parking lot."

Fr: "how could you possibly forget?"

WG: "I didn't, I just figured I'd get an exemption."

Fr: "You bought your ticket. You got your donut, and now you don't get Jesus."

All of this fast is about being sure to increase our spiritual hunger for Jesus, by controlling our physical hunger. The one builds off of the other and prepares us to more worthily receive Our Lord.

pax,



Fr Mosimann



**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 outdoor wear such as winter coats and jackets.**

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



# education holy cross academy

## Pastor Appreciation Day

Each day brings some interesting, exciting activity to Holy Cross Academy. Last Friday, we celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day. Our students, teachers, staff and parents joined together to thank Fr. Mosimann for all he does for our HCA community. The children expressed their thanks as they finished the statement, A Pastor is... Some of their answers included funny, devoted, prayerful, loves orange, and holy. Fr. Mosimann reciprocated by treating each of the children to an ice cream novelty from our school's ice cream cart. Everyone left happy.



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## STEM Lessons

Sixth grade students continued to work on STEM lessons as they fashioned ramps from Keva planks and drove HESS trucks, which the school received through a grant. After driving the truck up the ramp, they unloaded it and returned to their point of origin. Fun and educational, a perfect partnership.



## 20 Years and Counting

We continue to celebrate our 20th anniversary by a special event on the 20th of each month. In April, we held a flash mob with teachers, staff and students dancing under the direction of 3 of our UMW Catholic Campus Ministry friends. It was an energetic, fun-filled 15 minutes of celebration and joy at HCA!

## Panera Spirit Night

May 8th is our Panera Spirit Night (Panera in Central Park), from 4-8pm. Check our HCA website for the flyer in our attachments and bring it with you and a portion of the proceeds will go to our school. This includes all purchases, from dinner for the family through desserts and even unto the croissants for the next day's breakfast.





# parish life

# religious education

## Vacation Bible School

Registration continues for VBS at the Parish Office from 9am-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 K through rising 5th grade students.

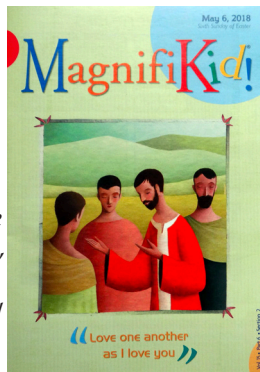
## Magnifikid

**May 6, 6th Sunday of Easter**  
**"Love one another as I love You"**

He Calls us His Friends

*"Jesus calls us his friends. He wants to fill us with us joy – he wants our happiness. In return, He asks us to obey His commandments. Perhaps you really don't like to being "commanded" to do something."*

**THIS WEEK:** Choose to do something to make one particular person happy.



## Recruiting Catechists

### Pass On the Good News

What good news? – The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith! This fall, over 900 children and young people from preschool through grade 12, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist. Classes are offered Monday to Wednesday afternoons and evenings you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long time catechist put it, "I learn so much when teaching the children." We provide you with training, materials and support. Classes begin the week of September 10-12. For more information call 540-371-6491 and ask for Aristides Lucas or Karen Sturtevant.



**JOIN FORMED**

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

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grow your neighbor

# may menu

## Grow for Your Neighbor

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

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

Last year, Saint Mary volunteers collected in excess of 7,000 lbs or 5,800 meals of fresh produce. This year, **volunteer opportunities include** receiving donations at the Fredericksburg Food Bank Tent at the Spotsylvania Farmer's Market on Route 3 West (commuter lot) and the pick-up and delivery of donations to the food bank. Collection days and times are Saturdays 8am-noon. Pick-up is at noon and drop off to the Food Bank must be made by 1pm.

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

**If you would like to volunteer,** please contact Rick Caporali at the Parish Office, **540-840-0716** or by email [rcaporali@sternpar.org](mailto:rcaporali@sternpar.org). For more information on this local community effort, please visit [growforyourneighbor.com](http://growforyourneighbor.com). Our signup genius webpage will open 21 May, search growforyourneighbor in the "find sign up" tab. More details in the upcoming weeks.

## Welcome to SHARE at St. Mary Parish!

**Order Deadline: May 7**  
**Food Pick-Up: May 19**

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](mailto:rcaporali@stbernpar.org).

### Value Package \$22

(2 hrs community service)  
Smoked Thick Cut Bacon - 1lb  
Chicken Breast Filets- 1.1lb  
Ground Beef - 1lb  
Southwest, Grilled Chicken Strips - 1lb  
Plus 8-12 pounds of the freshest fruits and vegetables we can find for you and your family

### Seafood Box \$26

(2 hrs community service)  
Wild Caught Tuna Filets - 2.5lb (8-10 portions)  
Wild Caught Salmon - 1.5lb (4-6 portions)

### Sirloin Steaks \$23

(2 hrs Community Service)  
6 - 8 oz. Steaks

### Chicken Wings \$26

(2 hrs Community Service)  
10lbs of pre-cooked wings -heat & serve

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



## SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$22)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$22. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Seafood Box (\$26)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$26. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sirloin Steaks (\$23)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$23. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Wings (\$26)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$26. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

cell/phone \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Hours:

\_\_\_\_ 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.



# parish life get involved

## St Mary Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8, 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.

## Health Ministry

SHARE A Healthy Meal With Rick – May 19 from 10am-12pm in the Parish Life Center

Many of our parishioners take advantage of the monthly Share low cost healthy food package. This is a food cooperative program with a community service requirement. It's a great way to share your faith through service and pick up some great food products in the process. Health Ministry has taken it another step and asked Rick Caporali, our former administrative assistant here at St. Mary for a repeat of his fun and informative healthy cooking demo. Rick will use the Share Package for May to demonstrate the varied ways that month's package can be used. Join us and YES - - we get to enjoy the demo for lunch.

## 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 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](mailto:br22406@cox.net)

## CCW Dates

**May 15**, General Meeting – 10am, Father Rooney Room

Featuring Elena Doyle, who will speak of our parish's involvement in our community. We will also elect our 2018/19 officers and vote on charitable disbursements. Your involvement is important!

**June 3**, Parish Picnic at Holy Cross Academy, 3-7pm. A team of servers is needed for one-hour shifts. Please consider joining the team! Just email the hour you can serve to [eileen-geary@yahoo.com](mailto:eileen-geary@yahoo.com)

**June 12**, Installation of Officers and Potluck. Join us in church for the installation ceremony immediately following 9am Mass, and enjoy a potluck lunch in the Rooney Room!

## Senior Luncheon

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

## 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](mailto:maryloufelts@gmail.com)** for more information. This is one of the works done by the Legion of Mary.

## Boy Scout Troop 1410 News

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout, Austin Perkins! Mr. Perkins achieved his Eagle Scout rank at the beginning of the year during his Court of Honor held at Holy Cross Academy. Mr. Perkins is a former HCA student and is now enjoying his studies at Germanna Community College and is a member of the Stafford County Sheriff Law Cadet program. The scouts were also busy building pool side tables for a donation to the auction and fundraising with our Scrap-A-Thon. A portion of the proceeds from the Scrap-A-Thon was donated back to the HCA Expansion Fund. If you are interested in joining our Troop please contact **Torie Baldwin at [vebaldwin1@gmail.com](mailto:vebaldwin1@gmail.com)**.



# parish life happenings

## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers!

Please consider volunteering for as few as three hours a month or as many as three hours a week at the thrift store. Help is needed especially on Saturdays. Please consider this mission it enables us to continue helping those in need. Call 540-898-9066 any time between 10am-4pm and leave your name and number.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SABBATH DAY

### INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION

**SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018  
7PM**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
3900 Howard Street, Annandale, VA

### INTERFAITH PANELISTS

**Father Don Rooney**  
Pastor, Saint Bernadette Catholic Church  
and School

**Rabbi Laura Rappaport**  
Associate Rabbi and Educator,  
Temple B'Nai Shalom

**Rev. Melvin Jones**  
Executive Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church

Panel Moderated by  
**President Taylor McConkie**  
Annandale Stake President,  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**Tuesday, May 15 at  
7:30pm**

**Concerts at St. Mary** will present organist Ken Cowan in a concert which will explore the many tonal resources of St. Mary's 49-rank Robert William Wallace pipe organ.

Regarded as one of North America's finest concert organists and praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique, and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike, Ken Cowan maintains a rigorous performing schedule that takes him to major concert venues in America, Canada, Europe and Asia. Recent feature performances have included appearances at Verizon Hall in Philadelphia with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Maison Symphonique in Montreal, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles as well as concerts in Germany and Korea. In recent years, Mr. Cowan has been featured artist at conventions held by the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society and the Royal Canadian College of Organists. Mr.

Cowan has recorded numerous compact disc recordings which have earned critical acclaim for labels such as Pro Organo, JAV and Raven. A native of Thorold, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Cowan holds degrees from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music where he studied with Thomas Murray and the Curtis Institute of Music studying with John Weaver. In

2012, Mr. Cowan joined the keyboard faculty of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, Houston, Texas as Associate Professor and head of the organ department. In addition, he is Organist and Artist-in-Residence at Palmer Episcopal Church in Houston.

The concert program which will be presented by Mr. Cowan will include performances of Mendelssohn's Sonata in F Minor, Wagner's Wotan's Farewell and Magic Fire Music, Dupré's Second Organ Symphony and Mephisto Waltz No. 1 by Franz Liszt. Admission to the concert is free and a free-will offering will be taken to support future Concerts at St. Mary productions. Following the concert there will be a reception in the church's Parish Life Center where there will be an opportunity to meet Ken Cowan and share fellowship with others.



Photo by: Lisa-Maria Mazzucco

# parish life get involved

## Tickets are 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](mailto:stmary22401@gmail.com).

## SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH NIGHT OUT

CELEBRATING OUR 160<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

5.18.18

ANDREW THIELEN BIG BAND

JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER AT UMW



We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary **Monday, May 21** 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.

## Fredericksburg

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TOUR



**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

**1:00 – 3:30 P.M.**

RECEIVE A GUIDED TOUR ABOUT THE HISTORY OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH (NEW SITE), FREDERICKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AND FREDERICKSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

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# annual parish picnic

## save the date



### Help is needed!

Hamburgers, turkey burgers, hot dogs, sausages, baked beans, potato salad, and drinks are prepared by the Knights and served by the CCW. Side dishes and desserts provided by parishioners.

To help serve food, contact the Council of Catholic Women: Eileen Geary, [eileengeary@yahoo.com](mailto:eileengeary@yahoo.com), 540-371-1844

To help cook, set up or clean up, contact Knights of Columbus: Paul Scott, [psscottsis@aol.com](mailto:psscottsis@aol.com), 540-891-9331

Our annual  
**PARISH PICNIC**  
is Sunday,  
June 3 from  
3–7pm on  
the fields at  
**Holy Cross Academy**

**save  
the date**

**VOLUNTEER  
TODAY!**

### PICNIC at A GLANCE

**AMAZING** games and rides

**LIVE MUSIC** in concert by  
**Vision**

**TASTY** food and drinks  
served from 3–6pm

**AND** everything you bring:  
If your last names starts with:

**A–G:** bring chips to share;

**H–P:** bring a dessert to share;

**Q–Z:** bring a non-perishable snack.

### GAMES

Extreme Air Bungee Jumper  
Wrecking Ball  
Jurassic Adventure  
5 in 1 3D Sponge Bob  
Bungee Run/ Gladiator Joust  
Fire Rescue Obstacle Course  
Big Kahuna Dry Water Slide

### ACTIVITIES

Face painting  
Pony rides  
Cotton candy  
Sno cones  
Popcorn  
Music by Vision  
Majest Martial Arts demo

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

*featured speaker*  
**DR. RICHARD GILDERSLEEVE**

*Discussion Topic*  
**BIOETHICAL ISSUES AT  
THE BEGINNING OF LIFE**

**MONDAY, MAY 21 | 6–9PM**

Adventure Brewing South — 3300 Dill Smith Dr., Fredericksburg

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

### Collections for April 29

Offertory	\$30,711
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$5,952
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$151

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Masses were offered in March for the following unscheduled intentions: +Mary Linda Kaila (3), +Thung Trinh, +All Souls, +Mabel Danielson, Scott Family, Hein Family, Father Mosimann, Anna L. Blais, +Lee Howell, +Jimmy Quinn, +Betty Berkery, +Gaetano Rotondo, +Benjamin Wenger, +Rose Milington, +Tom Vukovich, Margaret Bereit, Mary Ann Seidlinger, +Tiem Vu, Sean McAskill, Joanna Madonna Morse, David Phillips, +Peggy Allison, +Sister Genevieve Bernadette, +Hellmuth Freund, +George Graf (3), +Dr. Alvaro Alandete, +Mae Kaila, +Lloyd Lester, +Judith Natkin, and +Maria Olivia Hernandez.*

## 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 keep 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 visit [sccb.org/home-missions](http://sccb.org/home-missions). Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

## Children's Offertory Envelopes for May

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of May will be donated to the Children's and Teen's Programs of Empower House (formerly the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence). These programs provide ongoing support for children ages 5 to 12 affected by domestic violence and teens affected by dating violence and domestic violence.

## Choose Life Reflection

*"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Lk 1:42). May is marked by the beautiful ceremony of the May crowning. We present to Mary, the mother of Life, bouquets of flowers that represent life. By doing this, we honor Mary for saying yes for the Life of God in her womb. Mary, we ask you today to intercede for all those who find it difficult to accept the gift of new life, whether within their own womb or in someone else. Help them say "Yes!"*

## 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 703-201-8821, [burgh757@gmail.com](mailto:burgh757@gmail.com) or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**





# liturgy

# daily bread

## 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 13, 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:** 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, 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, 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, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpe, Gerardo Aguilar, Maureen Mizzles, Miles Wood, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kay Simmons, Robert Meyer, Marc and Susan Wood, John Gil, Lita Mary Mamboyo, Nathan Apicella, Timothy Travis, Bryan Dittmer, Kaden Sabo

**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, Frank Spatt Jr.

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

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

### May

#### 7 MONDAY

6:30am Elizabeth Tracy+  
9:00am Stanley Guzik+  
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

#### 8 TUESDAY

6:30am Olivia Tan  
9:00am Josefina Catolico+  
Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

#### 9 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Sylvia Chase  
9:00am Patrick & Margaret Gralton+  
Acts 17:15—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

#### 10 THURSDAY

6:30am Peter Nho Ngoc Nguyen  
9:00am Charles White+  
Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

#### 11 FRIDAY

6:30am Donata Gray+  
8:15am\* Victoria Siladin  
9:00am Myung Ja & Michael Difilippo+  
Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-237

#### 12 SATURDAY

9:00am Ascencion Alvarez+  
5:00pm Lawrence Billing+  
7:00pm Marilyn Marlow+  
Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

#### 13 SUNDAY

7:00am Mothers Day Novena  
8:30am Mothers Day Novena  
10:30am Mothers Day Novena  
10:30am\* Mothers Day Novena  
12:30pm Mothers Day Novena  
2:30pm(sp) Mothers Day Novena  
5:00pm Mothers Day Novena  
7:00pm For Our Parish  
Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-207

\* 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.