

# The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018



**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

### 13 SUNDAY, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**Happy Mother's Day to all our lovely mothers!**

*Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, Mass*

*Scrip on Sale after All Masses except 2:30pm*

12pm, Spanish Legion of Mary

6pm, CYM Dinner

### 14 Monday, Saint Matthias, Apostle

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 & 6:30pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

**Taizé Rescheduled to May 21**

### 15 Tuesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Isidore]

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room

12pm, Senior Luncheon, Parish Life Center

4:45pm & 6:30pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center

6pm, Religious Education, Holy Cross Academy

**7:30pm, Concerts at St Mary Presents Ken Cowan, Church**

### 16 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

9:45am, Wisdom Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church

4:45pm & 6:30pm, Religious Education, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, YouCat, John Paul II House

6:30pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

6:30pm, Confessions, Church

### 17 Thursday, Easter Weekday

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 in Parish Life Center Room 204

### 18 Friday, Easter Weekday [Saint John I, Pope and Martyr]

9am, St Anne Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House

6pm, Parish Night Out!, Jepson Alumni Center of UMW

6:30pm, Spanish Junior Legion of Mary Courtyard Meeting Room

7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

### 19 Saturday, Easter Weekday

8am, Confessions

9am, Share a Health Ministry Meal, Parish Life Center Kitchen

9:30am, Backpack Meal Packing, Parish Life Center Main Hall

10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204

10am, Baptisms, Church

12pm, Youth Ministry Tool Training, Holy Cross Academy

3:30pm, Confessions, Church

4pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

### 20 SUNDAY, PENTECOST SUNDAY

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

- The Marine Corp Half Marathon is **next Sunday morning**, and **William Street will be closed** from 6:30-9am. If you plan to attend the 7 or 8:30am Mass, please use Route 1 and Stafford Avenue to enter the parking lot.
- **Our Mothers Day Novena begins May 13.** Cards will be available in the Church vestibule and the Parish Office this week — find *more information* on *page 4*.
- The results are in! See the wonderful winning photos of the **St. Mary's First Annual Photo Contest** on pages 10-14.
- **Join Father Colin in the engaging Call to Evangelization series** — more information on *page 7*.
- **Our Annual Parish Night Out Dinner Dance on May 18th is SOLD OUT!!** Thank you to all who purchased tickets and we look forward to a wonderful evening celebrating the 160th Anniversary of our Parish.
- **St Mary Young Adults** will be hosting the next **Theology on Tap, Monday, May 21** at Adventure Brewing South starting at 6pm. Find *more information* on *facebook* - @stmaryfred.youngadults
- 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 15*

## 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,

Happy Mothers Day! To all mothers: biological, adoptive, and spiritual we express heartfelt gratitude for the love and nurturing that they have given us. We should express this love every day, but a day dedicated to bringing it out is a great reminder! Thanks Moms! Before the secular world gave mothers their day, the Church long celebrated May as a month dedicated to the Virgin Mother of God. What a great unity of purpose in honor our mothers, both heavenly and earthly.

**Flowers for Mary:** and speaking of our Heavenly Mother, next week all children of any age (7 months to 77 years) are invited to bring flowers to place in front of our Lady at the beginning of all Masses next weekend May 19/20. A simple act of love to honor her. Flowers will also be available for anyone who wishes to participate.

**Photo Contest results!** Here in the bulletin today. It was lots of fun, and I hope you enjoy seeing the results!

Finally, **Fr. Sunny went back to India this week.** As always, I am so sad to see him go. I know he has touched many lives in his short 3 months here this year. One couple told me he 'saved our marriage!' Another soul said they had never seen a priest who radiates such calm. Of course, with the plans to go to October this year, I will get a chance to meet his bishop, thank him, and put in a good word for his return next year!

pax,



Fr Mosimann



## A Note from Father Sunny

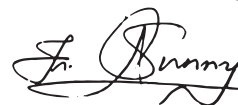
Thanks to my beloved Rev. Fr. Mosimann, Fr. Holmes, Fr. Colin, Fr. Kelly, and Parishioners of St. Mary Catholic Church.

*"Those who leave everything in God's hand will eventually see God's hand in everything."*

When I cherish good memories of St. Mary's Church — about wonderful nicest pastor Fr. Mosimann, beloved priests and parishioners, I have this great experience that this parish is in God's hands. And I do experience God's Love from my brother priests and parishioners. Everything that you did for me, was with great love. In the words of St. Theresa of Calcutta (Mother Theresa), "not all of us can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love."

Together with my luggage, I am carrying a 'treasure box' which you gave me to carry back to India. This is nothing other than my mind filled with great love, care, joy, happiness — the treasures that you shared with me.

My promise to you is nothing other than my prayers especially during Holy Mass. Humbly requesting your prayers, let me conclude with heart filled with Love and with a beautiful word "Thank You."



## 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 this Sunday, Mother's 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.





# education holy cross academy

## Youth of Note

Our school chorus, Youth of Note, lead us in singing at Mass each Friday. They devote themselves to learning the hymns for Mass, as well as the parts of the Mass, the psalm response and alleluia verse. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade members take turns serving as cantors at our Masses. They inspire all our children to sing the praises of God with joy and enthusiasm.

In addition to our school Masses, our Youth of Note participate in Pueri Cantores, American Young Voices, sing at Barnes and Noble and St. Mary Senior lunches and perform concerts for our school community. "Let us sing, sing of the love of God!"



*A National  
Blue Ribbon  
School of  
Excellence*

## National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society awards students nationwide with a Distinguished Outstanding Achievement award, which includes a \$500 scholarship. This award focuses on a student's unique ability to live the five pillars of the NJHS: scholarship, citizenship, service, character, and leadership. Camellia Genovese won this award in recognition of her leadership of our NJHS chapter, exhibiting a positive 'can do' attitude, an impressive leadership style, and being an example to others all year.



## 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](http://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.





# parish life

# religious education

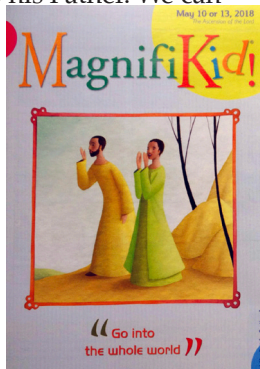
## Magnifikid

**May 13, 7th Sunday of Easter**

**"Go Out into the World"**

Today we remember Jesus' Ascension into heaven, his going home to his Father. We can no longer see him as his first disciples did, but we know this for sure: Jesus Christ rose from the dead and is alive forever. He is always with us

**This week:** On a sheet of paper, write down the names of your favorite saints and how they served God. Then write the names of people who teach the faith today.



## 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.



## Catechist Chris Grzasko

**Grade 6 Review**

"The scenario: Satan has shaken the hourglass of time and trapped you all in 6th grade catechism. In order to escape, you must put Genesis and Exodus back in sequential order!

The students worked as a team to solve a series of puzzles that involved a review of the content of most of the 6th grade curriculum. They had to sequence the days of creation, find the first villain in the Bible (a rubber serpent hiding in the room), gather pairs of animals for Noah, rebuild the Tower of Babel, unscramble the ten plagues of Egypt, and put the Commandments in order...just to name a few. They were so close to breaking out at the end of class. Many students were determined to complete their mission, and they stayed after class until they managed to escape 6th grade catechism! They will be ready for their end-of-year test next week!" - Catechist Chris Grzasko



## First Communion Masses on Saturday, April 28



## Last Week of classes

This is the last week of Religious Education classes. **Classes resume the week of September 10-12.** Parents are reminded that all students who attend Religious Education classes must register every year. **Registration begins June 1st** at the parish office.

# parish life get involved

## Grow for Your Neighbor Health Ministry

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.

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.



# parish life get involved

## Volunteers Needed

**The Office of Migration & Refugee Services**, in the Fredericksburg area, is currently in desperate need of tutors for school-aged children needing help with homework. They are asking that tutors commit to two hours per week. Tutoring takes place in the home of the student (due to transportation issues). The kids are wonderful, very well behaved, polite and eager to learn. This is a great volunteer opportunity for high school kids needing community hours, National Honor Society Members, retired folks, empty nesters ..anyone, wanting to connect and teach a child willing to learn. Interested volunteers can start by submitting their information on [ccda.net](http://ccda.net) and clicking on 'volunteers' and they can also contact the volunteer manager, **Arielle Reynoso** at 703-778-9128, or through email, [areynoso@ccda.net](mailto:areynoso@ccda.net). We can match tutors based on their preference for gender and grade level.

## 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



*Even the young parishoners read the bulletin! Photo from Michelle Ferry*



*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.

# from the bishop retired priests

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocesan priests dedicate their lives to serve and guide us on our life-long journey of faith. They have administered the sacraments, counseled, encouraged and prayed for us and our families. And just like many of us, they need a suitable place to live once they reach retirement.

Currently there are 183 diocesan priests faithfully serving Jesus Christ and you, the people who form our diocesan Church. Of these, 22 priests are retired; and over the next ten years 20 additional priests will reach retirement age.

Next weekend, May 19 and 20, at all Masses, the annual second collection for retired priests will take place in parishes in our diocese.

The funds from this annual collection assist several special needs including the ongoing operational expenses of the Saint Rose of Lima Priests Retirement Villa, a residence that includes common areas and private suites for up to 15 priests. This special collection also will provide funds for clergy post-retirement health care, nursing home care, and the priests' pension fund.

I ask you to be as generous as possible, so that our priests, who have faithfully served the People of God in our diocese may be cared for in their retirement years. May Our Risen Lord Jesus bless you with the gift of His peace and watch over you always.

Sincerely in Christ,



Michael F. Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington



# first annual the winning

Dear Folks,

Here are the winners of the first ever St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Photo Contest!

This is always so much fun for me! I truly enjoy all the photos you sent me. The titles shown were given by me (if the photographer had not named it). The judging was done by me and a professional photographer in the parish, and I am confident that your

picks may differ from ours! Also, a tip for next year: sunset photos are very hard to choose as winners...because they all are lovely, but hard to make one stand out from another. Furthermore, this year two of the top three pictures were taken on cell phones!

In addition, please check the bulletin (in weeks following) and Jumbotron (in the Narthex) for honorable mention shots.

Thanks so much for the many entries, I really enjoyed seeing all of your pictures and I wish I could give a prize to every photographer! Start snapping now, because the photo contest will be back next year!!!

pax,  
Fr Mosimann



**Grand Prize (\$75 gift card) — Christina Falkenstein**

*I called this: "Cookie Monster," but the girl's name is Scarlett and she is longing for her Nanny's soft molasses cookies. Fun, Delight, and Joy. If this photo can't put a smile on your face, then I will say a Hail Mary for you! Both judges just loved the whimsy captured in this shot, and were unanimous in our selecting this as our Grand Prize winner. This shot was taken with a cell phone! It is all about being ready for the shot!*



# photo contest entries are in

## **2nd Prize (\$50 gift card)**

**Larry Delaney** — “Clementine”

*Do you love dogs? Then you love this picture. Maybe you love cats, but you still have to admit that this is a great dog! We settled on this as the winner because the dog is just so cute, the lighting is perfect, and the picture sharp. When we kept looking through the photos, we came back to Clementine!*



## **3rd Prize (\$40 gift card)** — **Tina Jackson**

*“Mexican Chandelier”* — The judges loved this fascinating photo. It has incredibly sharp focus, shallow depth of field, beautiful light patterns and a sense of mystery. I hope that it prints well in the bulletin, if not, please look at in on the TV in the Narthex. This reminds me of macro photography captured my imagination as a child, making simple things seem so exotic. This was also taken with a cellphone!



## **4th prize (\$40 gift card)** — **Shawn Smart**

*“Richmond Portrait”* — What a great portrait, taken by the photographer in Richmond, VA. The backlighting, the detail in the shadows, and the illumination of the whiskers on his face. Pictures like this make draw you into the character of the subject. Great use of black and white photography, and again great use of depth of field to draw all attention to the subject.



# first annual special

## "Young Photographer"

**Gemma Guthrie**

*Donuts — Love the texture and artistic framing.*



## "Architecture"

**Toni Roberts**

*Sky Scraper — love the lines piercing the sky.*



## "St. Mary Fred"

**Heather Smithson, Server** - a daily moment in parish life.

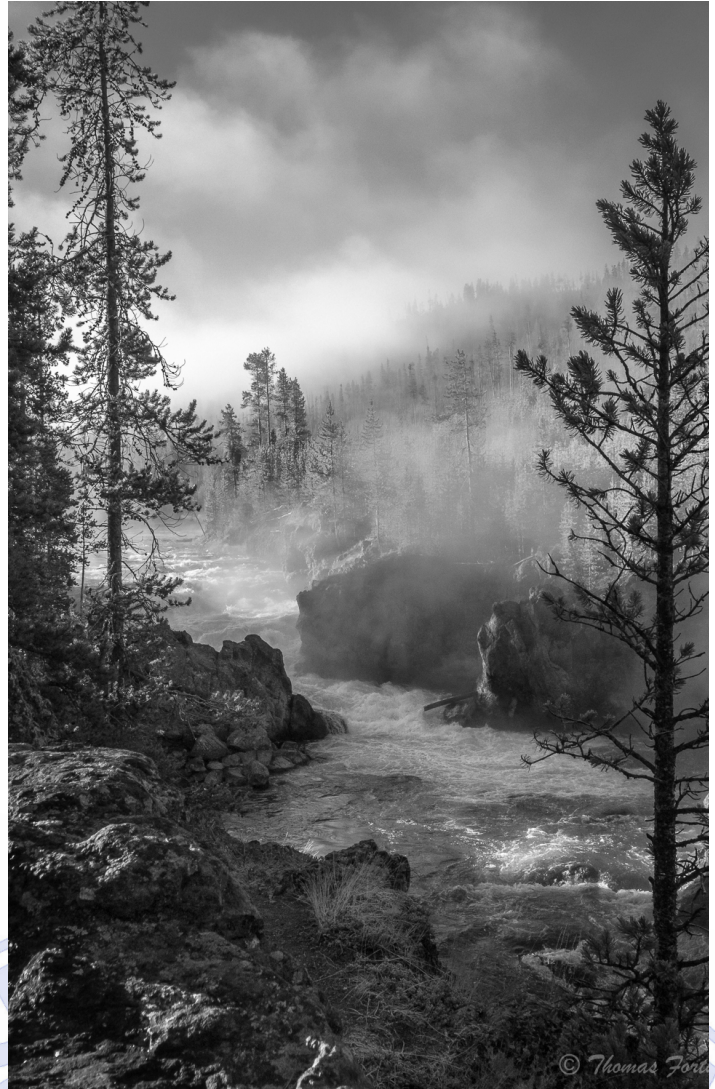


# photo contest categories

## "Landscape"

**Tom Fortune**

*Firehole River, Yellowstone — superb landscape!*



## "Best Chicken"

**Donna Haring**

*Hawaiian Rooster — yes, we got tons of chicken pictures...so we had to create a category.*



## "Pets"

**Toni Roberts**

*Man's Best Friend — Warmth and snuggle, why we love dogs!*

## Honorable Mentions

(photos will be shown in upcoming bulletins)

Bill O'Connor  
Chris Lewis  
Dori Sewell  
Emma Atkinson  
Jay Bapple  
Joan Frey  
John Cardone  
John Wills

Josie De  
Margaret Young  
Mary Jo Medosch  
Maryalice Adams  
Rosemary Loring  
Ruth Tucker  
Wanda Cushing  
Yesi Lemus



# parish life

# happenings

**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.



Photo by: Lisa-Maria Mazzucco

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.

## 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

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

# parish life happenings

## Micah Furniture Bank

In all, counting the New Hope loads we took at Micah's request, we handled a total of 17 loads of furniture April 21 — 14 truck and 3 trailer — our biggest effort to date!

We are truly blessed to have a dedicated crew of a dozen parishioners. As a result, we have been able to meet (and in April exceed) our parish's commitment to the Micah Furniture Bank.



## june 3, 2018

### 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, [pscottsis@aol.com](mailto:pscottsis@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



# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

### Collections for May 6

Offertory	\$29,967
Parish Building Fund	\$6,350
Catholic Home Missions (add'l)	\$2,506
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$216

*The Second Collection next weekend will help aid our Diocesan Retired Priests.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## 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

*"Gianna Beretta Molla was a simple, but more than ever, significant messenger of divine love. In a letter to her future husband a few days before their marriage, she wrote: 'Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women'. Following the example of Christ, who 'having loved his own... loved them to the end' (Jn 13: 1), this holy mother of a family remained heroically faithful to the commitment she made on the day of her marriage. The extreme sacrifice she sealed with her life testifies that only those who have the courage to give of themselves totally to God and to others are able to fulfill themselves. Through the example of Gianna Beretta Molla, may our age rediscover the pure, chaste and fruitful beauty of conju-*

*gal love, lived as a response to the divine call!" (From the canonization homily of Pope John Paul II) -- Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, a model for all mothers, gave her life to save the life of her unborn baby. She was beatified on April 24, 1994 and canonized on May 16, 2004. Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us.*

*The Most Important Person ..... On earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral — a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.....The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other human creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation ... What on God's earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother.*

*- Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty*

## 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-judgmental, 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 or Wayne at 540-840-5230.**

## "Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these."

Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, call **Father J.D. Jaffe, (703) 841-2514 or email j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.**

## Volunteers Needed

The Office of Migration & Refugee Services, in the Fredericksburg area, **is currently in desperate need of tutors for school-aged children needing help with homework.** They are asking that tutors commit to two hours per week. Tutoring takes place in the home of the student (due to transportation issues). The kids are wonderful, very well behaved, polite and eager to learn. Tutors must be at least 18 years of age unless they are accompanied by an adult. This is a good volunteer opportunity for high school kids/National Honor Society members needing community hours, (as long as an adult is with them) retired folks, empty nesters... anyone, wanting to connect and teach a child willing to learn. Interested volunteers can start by submitting their information on **ccda.net** and clicking on 'volunteers' and they can also contact the volunteer manager, Arielle Reynoso at 703-778-9128, or through email, areynoso@ccda.net. We can match tutors based on their preference for gender and grade level.



# liturgy

# daily bread

## SCRIP Helping HCA

**How it works:** Most of us shop at various local vendors that are supported through SCRIP. These include Giant, Weis, Wawa, Starbucks, Wal-Mart, Target as well as popular restaurants like Olive Garden, Red Lobster, IHOP and Outback. Complete list at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)

There are several ways you can order/purchase gift cards through the SCRIP program. One is to visit a SCRIP table after most Masses (including HCA). There is a volunteer who will provide info and help you purchase gift cards. Checks or cash accepted. You can also order online for delivery to either HCA (after 10:30am Mass or during school hours when school is in session) or for pickup after Saturday or Sunday Masses at the Church. And the most convenient way, set up a Presto Pay account and order gift cards online. You will need St. Mary's enrollment code to set an account. For the enrollment code and assistance, please contact Christi Greenwell at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) or 703-994-2142. She will help get you started.



## 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

#### 14 MONDAY

6:30am Mothers Day Novena  
9:00am Mothers Day Novena  
Acts 1:15-26/Jn 15:9-17

#### 15 TUESDAY

6:30am Mothers Day Novena  
9:00am Mothers Day Novena  
Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

#### 16 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Mothers Day Novena  
9:00am Mothers Day Novena  
Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

#### 17 THURSDAY

6:30am Mothers Day Novena  
9:00am Mothers Day Novena+  
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

#### 18 FRIDAY

6:30am Mothers Day Novena  
8:15am\* Mothers Day Novena  
9:00am Mothers Day Novena  
Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

#### 19 SATURDAY

9:00am Mothers Day Novena  
5:00pm Mothers Day Novena  
7:00pm Mothers Day Novena  
Acts 28:16-31/Jn 21:20-25

#### 20 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish  
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 Mothers Day Novena  
Gn 11:1-9/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

\* 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.