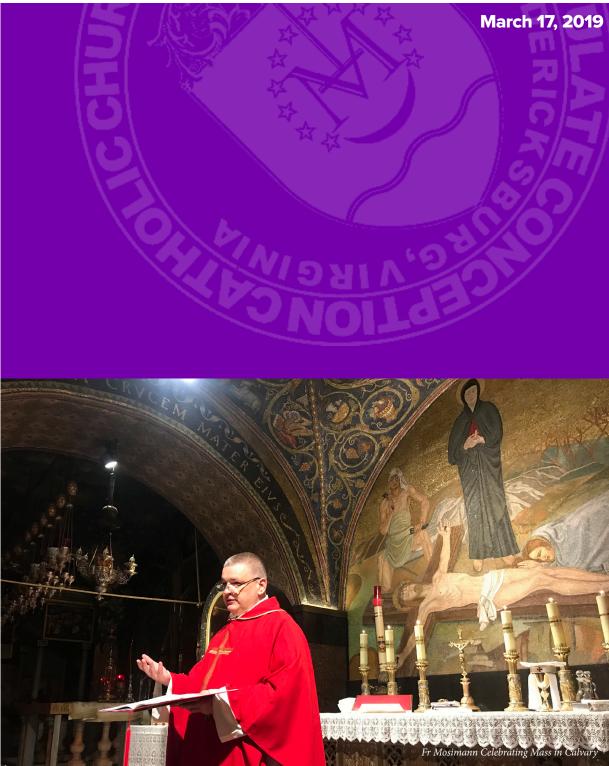
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church 1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA





CONCEPTION

Roman Catholic Church

17 SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- Coffee Shop After 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, Mass Scrip on Sale after all Masses Except 2:30pm 11:30am, Evangelization Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room 6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group
- **18 Monday, Lenten Weekday** [Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] 10:15am Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidio in Parish Life Center, Room 100 12:45pm Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 7:30pm RCIA, Church

19 Tuesday, SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:30am CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room 7:30pm Adult Confirmation Class with Deacon Alberto, Parish Office Library

20 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

9:45am Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions, Church 6:30pm Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 6pm Catechist Training, John Paul II House 6:30pm YOUCAT, John Paul II House 7:30pm Young Adults Meeting, Parish Office Library

21 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

9:30am Craft Group in Parish Life Center, Room 1009:45am Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room6:30pm Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center7pm Nar-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 100

22 Friday, Lenten Weekday

9am St Anne's Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House
6pm Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Life Center
6:30pm Spanish Legion and Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room
7pm Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House
7pm Stations of the Cross
7:30pm El Via de la Cruz

23 Saturday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop]

8am Confessions, Church 10am Baptisms, Church 10am Al-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 204 3:30pm CYM Youth Craft Club in Parish Life Center, Room 204 3:30pm Confessions, Church

24 SUNDAY, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Coffee Shop After 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am Mass Scrip on Sale after all Masses Except 2:30pm 11:30am New Family Welcome, Parish Life Center 6pm CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

• Virginia March for Life - SAVE THE DATE: April 3 More information on page 4

 Noticias en Español Más información en la página 13

• St. Mary's Lenten Program - "Put Out Into the Deep" More information on page 11

• BLA Payments - Do Not Use Faith Direct Note More information on page 15

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

Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Suppers

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday evening during Lent. Stations are at 7pm in English and at 7:30pm in Spanish. On April 5 the First Friday Evening Mass will follow the Spanish Stations of the Cross.

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

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

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YOUTH MINISTRY 540-373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria Tatiana Beltran

OUTREACH 540-373-6491 Elena Doyle - edoyle@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 Parishioner Welcome meetings held in the Parish Life Center on fourth Sun days, 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!

lent & holy week

calenda

Confession Schedule Lent and Holy Week

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

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

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

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

Horario para Confesiones durante Cuaresma y Semana Santa +

Puede encontrar el horario completo de confesiones en el calendario a la derecha.

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

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

Tendremos El VIA CRUCIS en español cada viernes durante la cuaresma a las 7:30pm (Primero Viernes, 10 de marzo, a las 7:30pm)



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





8:00AM Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

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

11:45_{PM} Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Night Prayer will conclude Eucharistic Adoration in the Activity Center.



8:00AM Office of Readings / Morning Prayer

12:00 - 2:30PM "Tre Ore," The Seven Last Words

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



3:00PM The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

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

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

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

7:30PM El Via Crucis (En Español)

10:00pm Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)



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

8:00AM Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

11:00_{AM} **The Blessing of Easter Food** For those who practice the beautiful Eastern

European custom of having Easter foods blessed, please place baskets of traditional foods on the steps along the front of the altar.

8:30PM The Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

What Sunday is to the week, Easter Sunday is to the year. This holiest of nights we celebrate the victory over death and promise of eternal life given to us by Jesus Christ in his resurrection from the dead. The Liturgy includes the Service of Light, the Vigil of



Readings and Psalms, the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for those who have prepared all year for initiation in the Catholic Church, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note the unusual time that we begin: it marks the end of twilight and the beginning of the Solemnity of Easter Sunday.

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

Easter Sunday April 21

8:00, 10:15AM, AND 12:30PM (BILINGUAL/BILINGUE) The Resurrection of the Lord

ALL Masses will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center

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

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

from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

Happy St Patrick's Day! Remember 2 years ago when it fell on a Friday in Lent? What to do? What a crisis of epic proportion? How did the Irish, and the wannabe-Irish survive without corned-beef? Is my Irishness more important than my Catholicness??? Wait..... Our Orange-Loving-Pastor is Irish? One eighth in the blood! One of my great grandmothers was Delia Daggett born in county Meath. So out of respect for St. Patrick, my ancestors, and for all the beloved Irish in our parish: no orange clothes for me today!!

But back to the Friday St. Patrick crisis of 2017: well, our Bishop has stepped in to let us off the hook, letting us choose another day that week to abstain from meat. Because the law of abstaining from meat is an ecclesiastical law, it can be lifted by the competent authority (the Bishop, and in some cases by me!) However, we do we fidelity and obedience to ecclesiastical law. Why? Well, these are the rules of our family. Every family has its rules, so that the family runs smoothly, and directed to the purpose for which it exists. Church law serves the same function, protecting our rights, and imposing obligations designed to help us get to heaven.

Which brings me to the Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All three are critical for our living the gospel. It is not sufficient to say I am just doing one or the other. Why? Because each part corresponds to a part of the Gospel call of conversion. We are called to renounce sin (fasting helps here to get our appetites under control), love God (prayer is rooted in this love and feeds it) and love our neighbor (our positive acts of kindness and charity flesh this out). If we say that we are loving God without rooting out sin, then we are sorely deceiving ourselves. If we embrace great penances, but fail to love our neighbor, then we are not following through on the Gospel. All three are necessary for living the Gospel, not just during Lent, but especially during this time when we focus on our spiritual lives. We face the reality of our lives and sin, and turn to God. This is the act of ongoing conversion that we should be undertaking every day of our lives.

Anyway, enjoy your green beer today (unless you gave it up for Lent)!

pax et bonum,

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Fr Mosimann

VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE SAVE THE DATE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019 RICHMOND, VA

- 🥑 VirginiaMarchforLife.org

JOIN US TO STOP PRO-ABORTION EXTREMISM IN VIRGINIA!

St. Mary's parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend the VA March for Life! We will be providing bus service. Details for the March are still being confirmed. If you are interested in transportation, please email stmary@stmaryfred.org and include the number of people in your party. You may sign-up via email or by calling the parish office at 540-373-6491. 11 am Rally at State Capital - 12pm March for Life

Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of transportation

WE MUST **NOT** REMAIN SILENT!

education holy cross academy

Great Fun, Great Learning

Sometimes you have an opportunity you just can't pass up. This happened a few weeks ago at Holy Cross. Through the initiative of one of our parents, the Harlem Rockets came to HCA. Our varsity Crusaders joined them on the basketball court for an entertaining game of sharp shooting and high jinx! We were proud of our student athletes for their demonstration of good sportsmanship and athleticism.

Along with their professional basketball moves and acrobatic stunts, the Harlem Rockets brought several important messages to our students. They demonstrated how to have fun while working hard. They exhibited courtesy and respect to everyone they encountered. They stressed the importance of a good education, and ended the game with a resounding thank you to all our teachers and staff. We are confident that this was one of those events that our students will talk about for years to come!

We want to wish a happy St. Patricks' Day to all our parishioners from all of us at Holy Cross Academy and St. Mary Preschool!





Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. Saint Mary Preschool and Holy Cross Academy are a wonderful place to learn and grow. Stop in some time to see us or give us a call at 540-286-1600 for HCA or 540-373-7553 for our Preschool, and we will tell you all about our wonderful parish school where we learn each day to Live Jesus and to love and care for one another.

our parish religious education

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Pray to God in your own words

To pray is to talk to God. You can begin with simple words like 'I love you,' 'thank you,' 'forgive,' 'please,' and invent your own prayer. Write your own prayer or copy a prayer that you like.

Pray to God in different ways

There are many ways to pray. You can read the Gospel or a page of a collection of poems; you can remain silent or you can sing... This evening, when you talk to God, choose a way that is different from the way you usually do.

Let yourself be filled with the light of God; feel yourself bathing in love.



Religious Education First Holy Communion 2019

The sacraments mark the most sacred transitions – indeed, transformations - that we undergo! Baptism offers us a new life in Christ and a new identity as children of God. And each sacrament that follows it brings new graces for growth to our life lived in faith.

In the Eucharist, we find the most profound transformation – bread and wine transubstantiated into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Jesus Christ. In receiving the Eucharist, we experience the closest communion with Jesus that is possible.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

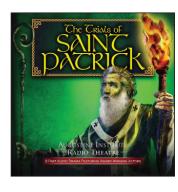
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—Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, Archbishop, Archdiocese of Denver



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Week 2 - Journey to Uganda ENCOUNTER ANNET

BOWL

Annet's youngest sister calls her Mom—and for good reason. Since their parents' deaths 4 years ago, 16-yearold Annet has been caring for her three siblings: Gladys, 6, Irene, 8 and Emmanuel, 10.

While Annet is happy to be away from the violence, life in Bidi Bidi is hard—especially for a young woman trying to raise her siblings. That's why CRS is building houses for families like Annet's. A place to call home means Annet can rest a little easier at night knowing her family is safe.

"My hope is to raise my siblings," she says. "And I know I can do it with the help of CRS and my Catholic faith." crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-2

our parish youth ministry

Youth Craft Group

All children between the ages of 4-11 are invited to participate. Meetings are are 3:30pm in the Parish Life Center, room 204. There is a small fee for each craft to offset the cost of materials.

March 23 - Beaded bracelets and Rosaries - \$5

April 13 - Easter crafts - \$5

April 27 - Photo frame craft - \$5

May 11 - Fabric Bag Painting (\$10)

Please Email **Ms. Julia at Julia.Apicella@gmail.com or call 540-394-1212** if you are interested in joining the craft group. Children may attend one or all the activities we have planned for the year.

Stay Up-to-Date

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

Fitness Club

Open to youth in 6th - 8th grade

April 13

May - No meet up

June 8

July 13

August 9

Contact Rachael Luciani for more info at **lucianir@comcast.net**

ASL and Cued Speech Club - ALL kids 4-8

March 7, 14, 28

April 4, 11

May - 2, 9

We will share our faith and learn to talk with our hands! We will teach American Sign Language (ASL) and Cued Speech. To register or for more information, contact Mrs. Lauren McAdams at **lauren. mcadams2@protonmail.com**

6:30 - 7:30pm | John Paul II House



SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH NIGHT OUT

4.26.19

ANDREW THIELEN BIG BAND JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER AT UMW

Reserve Your Table Today CALL MARTY FOR TICKETS (540) 373-0259 MORE TICKET INFORMATION ON PAGE 11

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parish life get involved wednesday - Friday women at the San Dami

Wednesday - Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

From Wednesday 12:30pm to Friday 9am

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

– Pope Francis

Come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass. At least two people must be present with Our Lord at all times during Adoration.

Calling all Crafters

Boy Scout Troop 1410 is hosting a Spring No Frills Scrapbook Crop-A-Thon Saturday, March 30 from 9am–9pm at HCA. Only \$35 per person! You bring your photos and supplies and we will provide a 6-foot table, snacks/drinks (meals on your own), and Boy Scouts to carry your supplies to and from your car. Please contact Torie Baldwin at **keetongirl2@yahoo. com** to register by March 23.

Cursillo

Cursillo is an active community, alive in the Arlington Diocese and across the world! We are given a chance to participate in a fun, fast paced 3 day weekend, followed by small group reunions which foster community within the local church. The small groups meet to enrich each other's lives and bring accountability in the areas of piety, study and action - the main tripod on which Cursillo is built. Currently in the diocese there are weekends planned for men and women at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Va. The cost of a weekend is \$250 which covers the lodging and meals. Upcoming weekends are for women: March 28-31 and a September TBD. For men: May 2-5, and the fall is TBD.

Please visit **arlingtoncursillo.org** or call Tammie Chute 540-370-6343 for more information.

Council of Catholic Women Yard Sale

Spring is coming, even though it may not seem like it now! This is a good time to start your cleaning out and putting your no longer needed possessions to good use.

This is the opportunity to donate those unused treasures to help the parish and community charities that CCW supports. The Council of Catholic Women is planning the annual yard sale for Saturday April 27, 8am–2pm, the Saturday after Easter, in the Parish Life Center.

You may drop off items at the Parish Life Center during:

Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25 from 9:30-11:30am and 4:30–7pm

You may also drop off items all day \overline{D}

Friday, April 26 – 9:30am–7 pm

We are accepting plants, books and DVD's, jewelry, toys, baby and children's articles (no clothing), handbags, luggage, medical, electronics, furniture, and other household items.

Catholic Scholarship Opportunity

The Associates of St. John Bosco, Inc., is pleased to announce our \$3,000 (x3) and \$4,000 (x1) scholarships for the academic year 2019-2020 to be awarded to college students pursuing a course of study that will ultimately lead to rendering a service to the Church in their adult years. The scholarships will be granted to a Roman Catholic student with a permanent residence within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington who seek to give back to the Church through service in their adult years. The criteria of the scholarship, submission requirements, and application can be found on our website at **asjb.org**. Deadline is May 1, 2019.

Legion of Mary

All active and auxiliary members are invited to participate in the annual Acies Ceremony at 10:30am on Saturday, March 30 at St. Anthony Church in King George, Va. Preceding the Acies, there will be a High Latin Mass at 9am which all are welcome to attend. Please call Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 for more information or a ride.

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?

This small group's 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**



around the parish get involved

Parish Night Out Tickets On Sale!

Last year our popular Parish

Night Out was sold out-don't

miss your chance! Join us for a great night of fun and catching up with parish family and friends. Includes dinner and dancing to the music of The Andrew Thielen Big Band, at the Jepson Alumni Center at UMW. Tickets are \$75 per person. Cash bar 6-11pm, Dinner 7-8pm, dancing until 11:30pm. Not only a great value for the money with the great food and orchestra-the night includes drawings for great door prizes throughout the evening—wine and champagne packages, movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates, Theater passes, and more... Please join us! For info or tickets, please call Marty at 540-373-0259 to reserve your table!



Join your parish family as we journey together with Bishop Barron and learn about the SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND HOW TO COUNTERACT THEM.

Sign-up to receive a weekly video (at no cost) that you can watch with your family or small lenten group. You will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions directly to Fr. Mosimann as the material is presented.

Just text **2019Lent** to **84576** to get started OR go to **stmaryfred.org** and join Flocknotes via email. Make sure to join/select the "**2019** *Lenten Parish Retreat*" JOIN TODAY and journey with us this lent!

8 short videos. Sent right to you. Join our parish discussion W RD on FIRE

Holy Cross Academy Art Show

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 & SUNDAY, MARCH 31 AFTER MASS IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER



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around the parish get involved

Guadalupe Free Clinic

Medical Volunteers Needed for the Guadalupe Free Clinic (GFC) The Clinic is a 100% free medical clinic founded in 2004 by Fr. Jerome Magat, to serve the indigent and medically-uninsured population of Westmoreland County, Southeast of Fredericksburg. The Clinic is part of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington and operates on the grounds of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in Colonial Beach. The Clinic is seeking medical volunteers; Doctors, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Phlebotomists, Pharmacists, and PharmTechs. The clinic is only open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, so our volunteers normally work once a month or every other month. For more information, please go to our website at guadalupefreeclinic. org or contact us via email: lcarrington@guadalupefreeclinic.org, or by phone at (804)-224-0571.

Diocesan Mass with Anointing of the Sick March 23

Bishop Burbidge will celebrate a special Mass and Anointing of the Sick Saturday, March 23. All members of the diocese (and companions) who are sick or physically/mentally challenged are invited to attend. 11am, Saint Ambrose Church, 3901 Woodburn Rd., Annandale, Lunch will follow for all attendees, at no charge, provided by the Knights and Dames of Malta. Please RSVP (call or text) to Kevin Fischer av 703-475-2906 or email to moonfish3@verizon. net (with name, number attending and contact phone number or email.

Help Needed at Homeless Shelter

The Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter has a program called Bridges. This program operates every Monday from 7-8pm and is designed to provide fun activities for the children staying at the homeless shelter. We are seeking volunteers to lead the kids in activities such as ball, tag etc. and if the weather isn't cooperating, to lead indoor activities (provided by the shelter). A Sign-Up Genius allows groups or individuals to sign-up easily for evenings available. Please consider helping our community.

Please note, this program requires all participants to arrive early. Volunteers MUST complete a registration form and provide a photo ID in an effort to protect the children staying at the shelter.

https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/ showSignUp/70a0f4facaf2aa3f85bridges For more information contact Aaron Sawyer bridges.fxbg@ gmail.com



marriage ministry

"DATE NIGHTS" at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, April 13

Parish Life Center, 6:30-9pm Wine & Cheese

Dr. Maria Fleshood

Licensed Professional Counselor **Topic:** Communication ~ Reflecting One's Interior Life

Saturday, May **11** — 7 - 9pm Saturday, June **8** — 7 - 9pm

Micah Noon Lenten Prayer Services

The Micah Ecumenical Ministries partner churches are coordinating a series of Wednesday noon services during Lent. Host parishes will provide a lunch following the service. Here is the 2019 schedule:

March 13 - Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site), 801 Sophia St., Fredericksburg, VA Preaching - The Rev. Anne Martin, Christ Lutheran

March 20 - Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 308 Hanover St., Fredericksburg, VA

Preaching - The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, The Presbyterian Church

March 27 - The Presbyterian Church, 810 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA Preaching - The Rev. Josh Hagstrom, Fredericksburg United Methodist

April 3 - Trinity Episcopal, 825 College Ave, Fredericksburg, VA **Preaching** - The Rev. Kent Rahm, Trinity Episcopal Church.

April 10 - St. Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA

Preaching - The Rev. Aaron Dobynes, Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site)

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491 **12**

nuestra parroquia involucrarse





UNASE A LEGAL AID WORKS® EL DIA 24 DE MARZO A LAS 3:30 PM PARA **QUE USTED Y SU FAMILIA PUEDAN ESTAR PREPARADOS PARA LO INESPERADO**



El evento será después de la Misa de las 2:30 PM y terminará a las 5 PM. Los niños son bienvenidos (se proporcionará cuidado de niños).

Un abogado de Legal Aid Works® le explicará cómo preparar un documento legal llamado "Poder Legal", el cual usted puede utilizar para especificar qué quiere que ocurra con sus hijos y/o sus propiedades si usted se enferma, tiene una discapacidad o no está presente en los Estados Unidos. Tener un Poder Legal es algo bueno, sin importar su estatus migratorio en este país. Este taller le ayuda a prepararse lo más posible para lo inesperado.

El evento es gratuito: NO hay que pagar para asistir al taller ni para la creación el Poder Legal

Si usted quiere hacer un Poder Legar para sus hijos, usted necesitará la siguiente información el día 24 de Marzo:

- > Su identificación oficial (carnet de identificación con fotografía expedido por un organismo oficial del Estado, su pasaporte, su matrícula consular, etc.)
- El nombre de un adulto en el cual confía para que tome decisiones por usted. Asegúrese de que esta persona es un residente legal permanente o ciudadano de este país. Necesitará el nombre completo de este adulto tal y como aparece en su identificación oficial y la dirección del domicilio actual del mismo.
- No es necesario que la persona que será su Apoderado lo acompañe o firme ningún documento, pero hable con ellos antes del taller.

Si usted quiere hacer un Poder Legal para su propiedad, usted necesitará todo lo mencionado aquí arriba MÁS la siguiente información:

- Para cada cuenta bancaria que usted desee que su Apoderado pueda utilizar, escriba el nombre del banco y el número de cuenta:
- Para cada vehículo que usted desee que su Apoderado pueda registrar o vender, necesitará: marca (fabricante), modelo, año, número de identificación del vehículo (VIN) y título;
- Los títulos o escrituras de cualquier propiedad que usted desee que su Apoderado pueda vender o alquilar;
- Cualquier contrato de arrendamiento u otro contrato que usted guiera que su Apoderado pueda terminar o renegociar por usted.

Usted tendrá la oportunidad de verificar los formularios con un abogado. Firmará los formularios una vez se hayan completado y su firma se notificará ante un notario autorizado

Estas conversaciones serán confidenciales. Usted se llevará el Poder Legal a casa y deberá mantenerlo en un lugar seguro. El abogado con el que hablará el 24 de Marzo NO compartirá este documento con el gobierno, la Iglesia o ninguna otra persona.

VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3,



Marcha por la Vida en Richmond, VA miércoles, 3 de abril de 2019

Invitamos a los miembros de nuestra parroquia a que asistan a esta marcha. La iglesia St. Mary's proverá transportación. Para separar su espacio llame al: 540-373-6491

> Se aceptarán donaciones para ayudar a cubrir el costo del transporte.

¡No debemos permanecer silenciosos!



VirginiaMarchforLife.org

happenings

Soup Supper Charity

All free-will offerings made at our Lenten Soup Suppers will support the Virginia Catholic Conference and the March for Life in their prolife efforts to protect the unborn and all human life, especially in their current efforts to stop legislation that would allow abortion up until birth.

Christian Music For All

The Christian Music Café started in October 2012. It is a unique celebration of Christian Music that is spiritually fulfilling. Come to listen or share your talent by singing up to three songs. The Cafe is in the "OpenMic" format for individuals and groups. For those singing, you can bring your instrument. If you can sing, but do not play an instrument, you can bring a CD with "music only". There will be a digital piano. Performer sign-up starts at 6:30pm. The cost is free! We do not charge anyone to come to a sung prayer event! There are free snacks and beverages. All those under age 18, MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Please visit our website for details and a gallery show from past events by clicking on this link: ChristianMusicCafe.org. Also, please visit our Facebook Page and Like & Follow us at facebook.com/ ChristianMusicCafe.

Woodland Spring Formal

St. Anthony's Catholic Church will be hosting a Woodland Spring Formal for ages 14-20 held at the Colonial Beach Community Center on Saturday, May 4th 6pm -10pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person. We will have lessons in ballroom dancing available March 23 and April 6 from 1-4 PM at the L.E Smoot Memorial Libary. Contact Teresa and Mary at kinggeorgedance@gmail.com for further information.

Pro-Life Fundraising Screening of 'Unplanned'

Thursday, March 28th at 7pm **Regal Cinemas Fredericksburg**

The past month has been an eye opener for all Pro-Life Individuals ... We are under attack and we must stand strong! This Pro-Life Fundraiser is one way to help our nonprofit maternity home be there for these women and babies that need our help the most! Tickets are free, but we do ask for a donation to help our mission. To reserve your seat, see more details, and make a donation, please visit paulstefanhome. org. If you have any questions or would like to sponsor this event, please call or email Randy James at 540-379-7077 or rjames@paulstefanhome.org

WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED **EVERYTHING** UNPLANNED

> UMW CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

DINNER & **AUCTION GALA**

April 13 | 6:30-10pm University Center Ballroom University of Mary Washington

> Tickets available online umwcatholic.org/gala

All proceeds go to fund programming, scholarships, service trips and retreats for our student community

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary Monday, April 8 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.



happenings get involved

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Catholic Scholarship Opportunity

The Associates of St. John Bosco, Inc., is pleased to announce our \$3,000 (x3) and \$4,000 (x1) scholarships for the academic year 2019-2020 to be awarded to college students pursuing a course of study that will ultimately lead to rendering a service to the Church in their adult years. The scholarships will be granted to a Roman Catholic student with a permanent residence within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington who seek to give back to the Church through service in their adult years. The criteria of the scholarship, submission requirements, and application can be found on our website at **asjb.org**. Deadline is May 1.

New Bible Study Coming Soon! No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk

Through Christ's Passion Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage.

Much more information in next week's bulletin!

BLA Payments

Please Do Not Use Faith Direct Electronic Giving Program Thank you for supporting the 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). Please be aware that BLA pledge payments should NOT be made through our parish's Faith Direct Electronic Giving Program. Gifts given in this way will be delayed in being sent to the Diocese for processing & posting to your record. You may set up a recurring monthly payment for a BLA pledge, at: arlingtondiocese.org. Thank you!

Pregnant? Feeling trapped and alone? Know someone who may be? Make us your first call -Non-Judgemental -Confidential -Supportive Fregnancy tests available All Services are FREE **Birthright**. Fredericksburg 540-898-8558 24 hour help line: 1-800-550-4900 2006 Laferente Blud #202

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operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Collection Figures for March 3

Offertory	\$36,036
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box</i>	\$290

Collection Figures for March 10

Offertory	\$35,855
Church in Central & Ea	stern Europe
	\$8,883

Black & Indian Missions	\$5,690
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$332

March Faith Direct Deposit

Offertory	\$67,139	
Building Fund	\$5,721	
Church in Eastern & Central Europe		
	\$2,009	
Black & Indian Missions	\$1,915	
Catholic Relief Services	\$2,639	
Little Sisters of the Poor*	\$4,354	
*Parish Collection Rescheduled to August		

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in February for the following unscheduled intentions: +Shantal Manjarrez, +Rose Mary Junak, +Paul Miller, +Mark Clinton, Bill Miller, +Lorna Kimball, Toni Painter, +Bonnie Emory, +Joan Callaghan, +Patricia Fedigan, Frederic Miller, +Katherine Pereira, Corinne Feroldi, Katharine Feroldi, Gavin Feroldi, Jenna Rockenstyre, John W. Prohaska (2), +Freda Kelly, Father Mosimann, Barbara Michalski, Julia G. Abbott, Wanda Cushing, and +All Souls.

Choose Life Reflection

"Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift," **usccb.org/perfect-gift**). *In this Lenten season, may God show us the way of compassionate respect for all human life.*

March Children's Charity

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

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liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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, Daniel Burke, Dorie Lee, Christopher Szynal, Joy Zerby, Mariah Ceidlinger, Kelly Carperter-Silvers, Suzi Eggleston, Bernad Castillo, Michael Durant, Matthew Gomer, Tricia Davis, Martha Clements, Donna Long, Mary Ann Maynard, Zachary Payne, Margaret Krebbel, Adrianna Pruitt, Deanna Pruitt, Montgomery Wood, Gail Russell, Patricia Russó, Charles Dittmer, Bruce Mattern, Dorothy Simmons, Nikolai Sherba, Sharon S., Barbara Clarke, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpe, Maureen Mizzles, Miles Wood, Mary Ellen Kearney,Kay Simmons, Robert Meyer, Marc and Susan Wood, Lita Mary Mamboyo, Nathan Apicella, Timothy Travis, Kaden Sabo, Robert Nathan Servetnick, Dianne Clancy, The Chevchuc Family, Christina Bolt, Bruce Bates, Richard Casaldi, Alex Tonn, James Evans, Larry Dillman, Theresa Kovalefsky, Amber Moser, Erin Krieg, Matthew Meyer, Brittany Meyer, Sara Meyer, Douglas & Dorothy Meyer, Karla Dorsey, Mary Jean & Don Williams, Linda & Frank Walter, Cathleen Mihalaki, Re Macarthur, Jordan Tackett, Bridget Sherba, Randy McNulty, Riley Horstick, David A., Marty T., Janet Yerkie, Brittany Yerkie, Elizabeth Stoehr, David Semeglo, Robert L Gomer, Carla J Gomer, Lorena Hernandez, Thomas Moeller, Lorraine Becker, Gerald Gardiner, Larry Delaney, James Keddie, Lorena Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez and Edgar Giovanni Castro, Julio Diaz, Kelly Murray, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, James Derouin, Karen Danis, Jim Mann, Muriel Bovat, Gina Wood, Michelle & Lawrence Hudson, Monica White & Patrick White, Betty McKee, Arturo Mendoza Sanchez, Vickie Coburn, Susana Rios- Villagrana, Jeff Shinrock, Mary Ulmer, John Michaelides, Joyce Tally, Dona Tally, Thomas Biddulph, Pat Tholen, Fernando Guadarrama, Margaret Dougherty, Betty Gil, Adrienne Menjivar, Deanna White, David Mares, Mary Dudash, Chuck Boyer, Daniel Bustamonte, Hector Rios-Villagrana & Family, Miguel Correa & Family, Tamlyn Leaf, Gordon Leffel, Graciela Chavez, Nico Luiggi, Vickie Coburn, Ana B. Rojas, Maria Mangini, Melanie and Chris Koumentakos, Maryanne Schram, Jackie Davia Johnson, Jenna Cappello, Matt Seidlinger, Benjamin Grillo, Gavin Menteer, Jim Seidlinger, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kurt Gutzmann, Lois Michell, Albert Lemanski, Frank Pollack, Leslie and Charlotte Heagney, Joseph Daley, Carolyn Shebora, Melvin Schreckinger, Stephen Inguanti, Karen Scanlon, Rhonda Wolfe, JJohn Druiett, Delia Flores, Bruce Berry, Glen Gress, Bobby Blankenship & family, Buddy & Vincent Yerkie & Family and William Davis III, Carolyn Allen, Elise Dutton, Nancy Firestone, Mitchell Wood, Felicity Peletier, Leah Sanford, Dawn Dittmer, Jason Stoker, Makenna Anne Koetzle, Peggy Silverman, Jack Ryan, Amy Peretta

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, Jason Cullinan, Estrella Bernaola, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser

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

AI Anon Surviving the Weekend Group

For those 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. Especially at this time of year, it's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. **There is an Al Anon meeting 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 100 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**.

SAINT MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION www.stmaryfred.org

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

March

18 MONDAY

6:30am Ann Wallace+ 9:00am E. Francis Egglestone+ Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

19 TUESDAY

6:30am John W. Prohaska 9:00am Stan Guzik+ 2 Sm 7:4-16/Rom 4:13-22/Mt 1:16-24a

20 WEDNESDAY

6:30am James O'Neil+ 9:00am Christopher Ducic+ Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

21 THURSDAY

6:30am Carolyn Cavanaugh+ 9:00am Charles White+ Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

22 FRIDAY

6:30am John R. Gallagher 8:15am* For Our Parish Priests 9:00am Frank Tarantina+ Gn 37:3-28a/Mt 21:33-46

23 SATURDAY

9:00am Joseph Stanislawski 5:00pm All Souls 7:00pm Rose M. Valge+ Mi 7:14-20/Lk 15:1-32

24 SUNDAY

7:00amPaul Coyne+8:30amFor Our Parish10:30amPaula Kelly+10:30am*Michael Coughlin+12:30pmOur Military Living & Deceased2:30pmGaby Terracina5:00pmDaniel Corbett7:00pmBich Dao LeEx 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-12/Lk 13:1-9

* 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.