

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 24, 2019



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

upcoming

March



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

25 Monday, THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidio, Parish Life Center, Room 100
12:45pm, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room
4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
7:30pm, RCIA, Church

26 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

9:30am, CCW Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 100
4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6pm, Religious Education Classes at Holy Cross Academy
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
7:30pm, Adult Confirmation Class with Deacon Alberto, Parish office Library
7:30pm, Life, Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

27 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

9:45am, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room
11am, Red Cross Bloodmobile, Parking Lot
3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church
4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room
6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House
6:30pm, Confessions, Church
7:30pm, Young Adults Meeting, Parish Office Library

28 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

9:30am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100
1pm, Birthright Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room
6:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, CYM ASL and Cued Speech Group, John Paul II House
7pm, Nar-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 100

29 Friday, Lenten Weekday

9am, St Anne's Sisters in Faith, John Paul II House
6pm, Lenten Soup Supper, Parish Life Center
6pm, WorkCamp Formation Night at HCA
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, Via Crucis

30 Saturday, Lenten Weekday

8am, Confessions, Church
10am, Baptisms, Church
10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204
3:30pm, Confessions, Church

31 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

■ Marriage Ministry Encounter Recap

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■ Virginia March for Life - Join us April 3

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■ Noticias en Español

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■ St. Mary's Lenten Program - "Put Out Into the Deep"

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■ BLA Payments - Do Not Use Faith Direct Note

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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

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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. Colin Davis
Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly
Fr. Michael Folmar
Deacon Alberto Bernaola
Deacon Dick Delio

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski
Parish Secretary, Jachebel Rios
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, Sheri Castellarin

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 - 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 calendar

Confession Schedule Lent and Holy Week



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

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)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
March	11	12	13	14	15	16
10 1st SUN						8am 3:30pm
17 2nd SUN	18	19	20 6:30 - 8:30pm	21	22	23 8am 3:30pm
24 3rd SUN	25	26	27 6:30 - 8:30pm	28	29	30 8am 3:30pm
31 4th SUN	April		3 6:30 - 8:30pm	4	5	6 8am 3:30pm
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7 5th SUN	8	9 Extra Confessions 6:30pm until finished	10 Extra Confessions 6:30-8:30pm	11 Extra Confessions 6:30pm until finished	12 Extra Confessions 6:30pm until finished	13 8am 2:30pm
14 PALM SUNDAY	15 Extra Confessions 6:30pm until finished	16 Extra Confessions 6:30pm until finished	17 Extra Confessions 6:30-8:30pm	18 HOLY THURS	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20 No Confessions
21 EASTER SUNDAY	22	23	24	25	26	27

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.



Holy Thursday

APRIL 18
(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

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

7:30PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper

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

11:45PM
Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)
Night Prayer will conclude Eucharistic Adoration in the Activity Center.

Good Friday

APRIL 19
(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

8:00AM
Office of Readings / Morning Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

7:00PM
Stations of the Cross

7:30PM
El Via Crucis (En Español)

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

Holy Saturday

APRIL 20
(No 9am, 5pm or 7pm Masses)

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

11:00AM
The Blessing of Easter Food
For those who practice the beautiful Eastern European custom of having Easter foods blessed, please place baskets of traditional foods on the steps along the front of the altar.

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

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

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

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

Easter Sunday

APRIL 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,

As you some of you may have heard by now, last Friday I announced to Holy Cross staff and families that the Oblate Sisters will not be returning to Holy Cross Academy next year. I held off announcing it to the parish at large to give school families some time to tell their children, but for 21 years the Oblate Sisters have been a member of our parish family and I know this will come as difficult news for many of you.

I wish the very best of the Oblate Sisters, and I'm grateful for their ministry the past 21 years to our parish and our school. There's been a lot of sadness and confusion about my decision not to renew their contracts at the school for next year, and I'd like to assure you that my reasons have nothing to do with anything scandalous. The simple fact is that priests and sisters have to move on as part of their ministry, and someone has to be the person to decide when that happens. In this case, as pastor, that falls to me. I know many of you have questions or would simply like to express your opinion to me. There's not much more I'm able to say on personnel decisions, but please know I'm here for you, and am happy to listen.

Moving forward, everyone in the parish is invited to a meeting with me on Monday, March 25, at 7pm in the church about the steps moving forward at Holy Cross. Holy Cross is our parish school and the many blessings and graces that flow out of HCA are a huge benefit to the parish family at large, and I want to involve all of you in the next steps. So far, a lot of the feedback has understandably been asking if another religious order will be taking over HCA or, if not, what steps will be made to maintain the strong Catholic identity and high standard of education. My answer is that I'm currently doing everything in my power to make sure a religious order serves you at Holy Cross Academy. That's my main priority, but because of the nature of the process I cannot guarantee it. But what I can guarantee is that Holy Cross will remain a school where the children of our parish are given a solid, faithful Catholic education of the highest quality. I hope to see many of you on Monday.

pax et bonum,



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. *11am 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

National Junior Honor Society

Holy Cross Academy inducted 23 new members to the National Junior Honor Society this week. To be invited to apply for this organization, a student must maintain an academic average of 93 or above throughout Middle School. In the application, the student must show how she/he has demonstrated leadership, citizenship, character and service, in addition to the high academics. The student must be approved by the faculty council. NJHS members are required to maintain these standards moving forward. We are truly proud of our newest members.

Our Holy Cross Academy Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is one of the ways that our parish school encourages and recognizes the leadership and positive contributions of our Middle School students. They are an amazing group of young people and we know that they will help to make our world a better place!



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Great Train Race & Caboose Run

**GTRfredericksburg.com
May 5, 2019**

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

Religious Education First Holy Communion 2019

Children's preparation for the first reception of the Eucharist begins in the home. The family has the most important role in communicating the Christian and human values that form the foundation for a child's understanding of the Eucharist. Children who participate in family activities like family meals, games, trips, prayers and Sunday Mass experience the Eucharistic mystery in an initial way and gradually learn to join with the liturgical assembly in prayer.



Christyan DhathCroos is from a farming village in Sri Lanka, but he spent half of his life in India. He and his family fled there during Sri Lanka's civil war. He was only 14 years old when they left. When he returned to his homeland 16 years later, Christyan was 30, and the family farm was in shambles.

That's why CRS is helping Christyan and others like him rebuild their lives. That means helping to clear overgrown sections of farmland and ensuring those farms have access to water. Christyan is now growing rice, pumpkin and peanuts. Because of the assistance from CRS, Christyan can give his family things he never had.

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Bearing Fruit

This week, you can continue your Lenten efforts by visiting or calling a sick person and then praying for him or her. This is an excellent way to bear good fruit.

Living in hope

This week, try to look at the people and events in your life through the eyes of hope. In your Lenten booklet, draw or tell about an act of charity or an attitude of hope that a person could show when faced with a difficult situation.

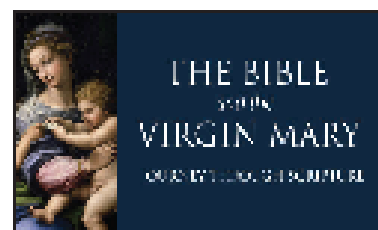


FORMED PICK

The Bible and the Virgin Mary *Episode 2: Handmaid of the Lord*

One "Yes" Changed Everything

Join Matthew Leonard as he takes a closer look at Saint Luke's account of the Annunciation. See the Blessed Virgin Mary's "yes" in a whole new light!



"My devotion to Mary is forever transformed after listening to this study!"

—Michelle R.

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



JOIN FORMED 1. [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) 2. click register 3. enter parish code: **F6F228**

our parish youth ministry

Youth Craft Group

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

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.

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

Stay Up-to-Date

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

StMaryCYM    
#GetInvolvedBeTransformed

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

parish life get involved

New Bible Study Opportunity

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.

While taking this study or reading this book, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love—drawing closer to Jesus than ever have before.

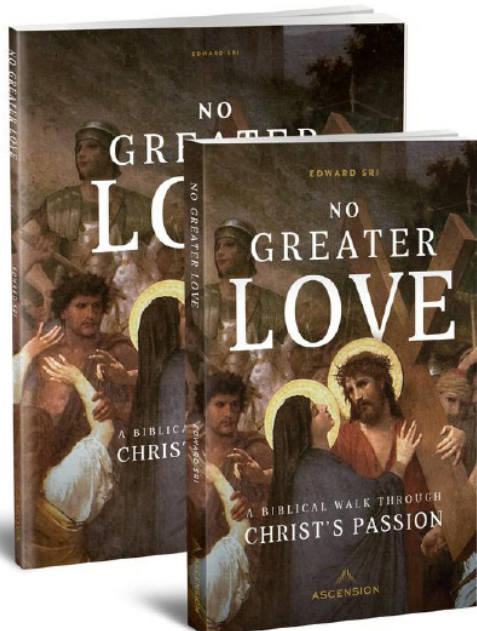
Authored and presented by Edward Sri, No Greater Love also features: Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.

- The No Greater Love Study Pack includes a workbook and book.
- This Study Pack is essential for each leader and participant in the study.
- The full-color workbook includes session overviews, home preparation readings, engaging study questions, helpful responses, and talk notes that follow the presentations in the corresponding video series.
- Note: This Study Pack is for both leaders and participants.

Cost: \$20/person

Class size limited to 40 participants—please register early.

Class Dates: Wednesday, April 10 at 9:45am; then Wednesday, April 17 (Holy Week); April 24; May 1; May 15; May 22. Class run time should not be longer than 90 minutes.



"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

*Topics to be determined

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

marriage ministry conference recap

On March 9, St. Mary's Marriage Ministry Team hosted Greg & Julie Alexander from the Alexander House Apostolate to lead a Marriage Conference entitled "Building Stronger Marriages and Relationships." The Conference was attended by 100 married couples who listened attentively to the Alexander's message "God has a plan for your marriage". The dynamic conference allowed for time for each couple to privately evaluate their marriage, examine their conscience, allow for forgiveness and healing. The Alexander's spoke boldly about each person's role in assisting the other to get to heaven, cherishing the gift of marriage and treating each other with love, respect and great care.



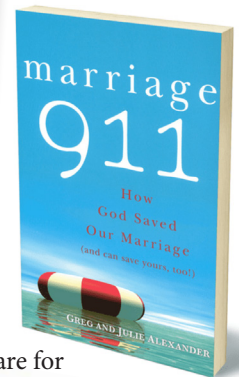
Join in the parish "Date Nights" which are opportunities to enrich your marriage and create fellowship. See schedule on page 10.

"As the family goes, so does the church" stated Fr. Mosimann. "In this special year dedicated to the family, the creation of a Marriage Ministry will hopefully encourage couples to let Jesus in so that He can be the one to guide their marriages."



Parishioner's Anne and Joe Carroll shared, "The Marriage Conference was an amazing kick-off event for the new Marriage Ministry at St. Mary's. Not only did we receive many blessings for our marriage that day but we witnessed the renewal of so many marriages. We're looking forward to the monthly Date Nights!"

The Marriage Ministry Team is always open to new members to help plan and organize the ministry. If you are interested, please contact Elena Doyle edoyle@stmaryfred.org.



Copies of the book, **Marriage 911: How God Saved our Marriage** written by Greg & Julie Alexander are for sale in the Parish Office for \$11 while supplies lasts



around the parish get involved

Parish Pilgrimage is Sold Out

March 30, gathering at 7:45am in the church parking lot, departing at 8am

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.

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.

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.

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: 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 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.

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 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 Dobyns, Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site)

around the parish get involved

Parish Night Out Tickets On Sale!

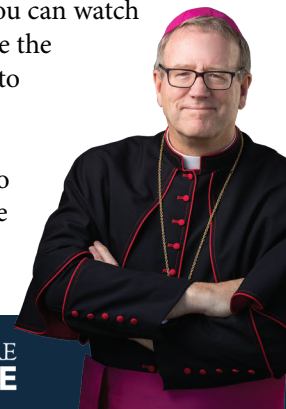
Last year our popular Parish Night Out was sold out—don't miss your chance! Join us for a great night of fun and catching up with parish family and friends. Includes dinner and dancing to the music of The Andrew Thielen Big Band, at the Jepson Alumni Center at UMW. Tickets are \$75 per person. Cash bar 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

WORD on FIRE
ENGAGE



happenings get involved

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 Café 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 Library. 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 non-profit 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



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

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!

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.

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**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 Legal 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 quiera 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,
2019
RICHMOND, VA**



VirginiaMarchforLife.org

**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!**

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Collection Figures for March 17

Offertory \$33,147

Parish Building Fund \$10,183

Church in Central Europe (add'l) \$582

Black & Indian Missions (add'l) \$2,281

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$504

Thank you for your generosity!

Next week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection gives aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies help Jesus in the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the collection today. For more information, visit usccb.org/catholic-relief.

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Los fondos recaudados en esta colecta proporcionarán comida a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados que han sido desplazados y llevarán el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todos los pueblos aquí y en el exterior. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuye generosamente a la Colecta de CRSC. Es Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás? Infórmate más acerca de la colecta en usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Choose Life Reflection

The truth of God's Word exists before Mary's own choosing. She submits to a word, a truth she did not create. At the heart of the "pro-choice" mentality is the idea that we create our own truth. This mentality holds that the value of

the unborn child, and that child's right to exist, depend upon the choice of the mother. Lord, let it be done to me also according to Your word, now and always!

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.

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 pro-life efforts to protect the unborn and all human life, especially in their current efforts to stop legislation that would allow abortion up until birth.



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.

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 Russo, 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 Keddle, 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, Michael Dittmer, Janet Fisher, Dave Fisher, Leony Scott, Paul Scott, Wendy Vann, Michael Van, Bob Jankovits

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.

Al 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.**

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

March

25 MONDAY

6:30am Rosa Dumenech
9:00am Teresa O'Connor
Is 7:10-8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

26 TUESDAY

6:30am Dennis T. Brosan
9:00am Kevin O'Keefe+
Dn 3:25-43/Mt 18:21-35

27 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Helen Strowholier+
9:00am Jachebel Garcia-Rios
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

28 THURSDAY

6:30am Christine G. McWhirt+
9:00am George B. McWhirt III+
Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

29 FRIDAY

6:30am Nancy Danby
8:15am* John and Lysuelle Slaughter
9:00am Barbara Wallace
Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

30 SATURDAY

9:00am Josefina Catolico
5:00pm William Strader
7:00pm Mattha Minh Duer
Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

31 SUNDAY

7:00am Lawrence J. Finkel
8:30am Alfred Puppo+
10:30am For Our Parish
10:30am* Ann Rosta+
12:30pm Husselman Family
2:30pm Familia Tueros Vargas
5:00pm Bon Van Than
7:00pm Bich Dao Le
Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-32

* 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.