

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 31, 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

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
Holy Cross Academy Art Show after Masses, Parish Life Center

April

1 Monday, Lenten Weekday

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

2 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit]

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 in the Parish office Library

3 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church
4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study in the 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 in the Parish Office Library

4 Thursday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

9:30am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100
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
7pm, Baptism Class in the Courtyard Meeting Room

5 Friday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest]

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 in the Courtyard Meeting Room
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House
7pm, Stations of the Cross
7:30pm, Via Crucis

6 Saturday, Lenten Weekday

8am, Confessions, Church
10am, Baptisms, Church
10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204
2pm, Spanish Baptism Class in the Courtyard Meeting Room
3:30pm, Confessions, Church
6pm, KofC Family Dinner, Parish Life Center

7 SUNDAY, FIFTH 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):

▪ **Holy Cross Academy Art Show** this weekend in the Parish Life Center

▪ **Virginia March for Life - Join us April 3**

More information on page 6

▪ **Noticias en Español**

Más información en la página 13

▪ **St. Mary's Lenten Program - "Put Out Into the Deep"** *More information on page 15*

▪ **BLA Payments - Do Not Use Faith Direct Note**

More information on page 10

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 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

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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

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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						
10 1st SUN	11	12	13	14	15	16 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
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,

Let me share with you a story that came to me recently. A priest had a family come to him because their son was experiencing some troubled times. The young six year old had never been baptized, and the family did not attend church, yet they turned to the priest in this difficulty. On entering the Church, the boy was transfixed and walked up to the front where he knelt down and stared ahead. When they asked him what he was looking at, he said, "He is in there.... He is in the box." "Who?" "The good guy. He comes to me when I am in trouble." Priest, family, and boy were all amazed as he stared at the tabernacle.

That story gave me a little chill. How much God loves each of us that he does not sit by and wait, but searches us out to draw us to the heart of His love, the fountain of His mercy. "May Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time." I love that prayer.

And I think that we way underestimate the power of prayer. I believe that if we could see the effects of our prayers rippling through the centuries as love builds up love, then we would do nothing else but pray. Ok, that may be hyperbole, but I am confident that in eternity we will not regret a single moment we have spent in prayer, and we will wish we had prayed more!

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

"Mary Poppins Jr" Comes to Holy Cross Academy

The singing, the dancing and 'ahhh' the story. Holy Cross has a vibrant drama club that has been putting on fantastic productions for many years. The plays have ranged from Alice in Wonderland to Aladdin, The Little Mermaid and The Wizard of Oz. This year's production did not disappoint. Mary Poppins Jr was our school play this year and once again it was a great show that featured singing, acting, and tap dancing. Students from kindergarten to 8th grade were featured in this amazing production. We have so many talented students and invite you to please come by and see for yourself.

Speaking of talent, make sure you stop by the Parish Life Center to see our HCA artists on display. You will see a variety of work done by students from kindergarten through 8th grade. You will see an exhibition of drawing, sculptures, weaving and prints. Our teachers and students never cease to amaze us.



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Holy Cross Academy Transition Team

A Transition Team has been created from volunteers in our school and parish family who have expressed an interest in assisting with the leadership transition at Holy Cross Academy. The members of this group have expertise in the area of education and/or have a vested interest in the school continuing its long history of academic excellence and Catholic formation built by the Oblate Sisters and faculty. The Team is seeking constructive input/suggestions from the community in order to work together for the good of our children. Please feel free to reach out directly to holycross@stmaryfred.org
God bless you!

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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Welcoming God's Forgiveness

Even if you have never received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can still talk to a Priest or religion teacher about it. If you have already started receiving it, you can see a priest to ask for forgiveness. Don't be afraid to tell God about the bad things you have done- you will receive his love more than ever.

Becoming Reconciled

In the evening, when you pray, try to remember what happened during the day- the things you did or the things you said that were not loving. If you think you have hurt someone's feelings, ask God to forgive you and to give you the strength and courage to make it up with that person"



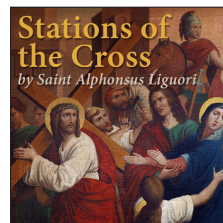
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Stations of the Cross

By Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Journey with Christ to Calvary

Personally follow Christ and His Sorrowful Mother on their journey to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. Moving meditations by Saint Alphonsus Liguori accompanied by the beautiful Latin hymn, *Stabat Mater*, draw you into a more intimate experience of the Church's powerful Lenten prayer.



"Holding a crucifix while meditating on the Stations of the Cross... so moving. Thank you, Jesus, for the Cross."

—Marcia R, St Teresa's Church

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Week 3 - Journey to Sierra Leone
ENCOUNTER WAISA

Waisa didn't spend a single day in school. When she was young, no one thought girls should receive an education. Plus, there was work to do. She helped her twelve siblings at her family's farm. She was responsible for helping her mom sell meat to their neighbors.

That's why Waisa insists that her 12-year-old granddaughter, Kumba, attends the nearby CRS-sponsored school, so she can learn how to make a difference in her community and her country. And, through the nutritious lunch that CRS gives to each student every day, Kumba and her classmates can focus on their studies and not on their hunger. Read more at crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-4

Religious Education First Holy Communion 2019

Catechesis in preparation for the first reception of the Eucharist

Teaches that the Eucharist is the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice for the salvation of all and the commemoration of the last meal he had with his disciples

Teaches not only the 'the truths of faith regarding the Eucharist but also from First Communion on ...they can as full members of Christ's Body take part actively with the People of God in the Eucharist, sharing in the Lord's table and the community of their brothers and sisters'

Ensures that the baptized have been prepared, according to their capacity, for the sacrament of Penance prior to the First Communion

Develops in children an understanding of the Father's love, of their participation in the sacrifice of Christ, and of the gift of the Holy Spirit"



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

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

parish life get involved

April Family Dinner

The April Family Dinner will be held on **Saturday, April 6 from 6-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center**. The net proceeds will be donated to local charities. The menu includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Ben Casserole, Fresh Garden Salad, & Ice Cream. The dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults/Teens:\$7, Seniors (60&up):\$6, Children (7-12):\$5, Children (under 7): Free. THE MAX COST PER FAMILY is \$25.

St. Mary Book Club

The next meeting of St. Mary Book Club will be on Tuesday, April 9, at 10am in the John Paul II House. We will discuss Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper, by Brant Pitre. Dr. Pitre shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. Using his in-depth knowledge of the Bible and Jewish traditions, Pitre answers such questions as: What was the Passover like at the time of Jesus? What was Jesus' purpose for instituting the Eucharist during the feast of the Passover? Dr. Pitre also explains how Jesus united the Last Supper to his death on Good Friday and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. This is another great book for Lent. For more information, please email Maureen Guilfoyle at maureenpsg@verizon.net.

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.

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!

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



"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

parish life get involved

*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.

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.

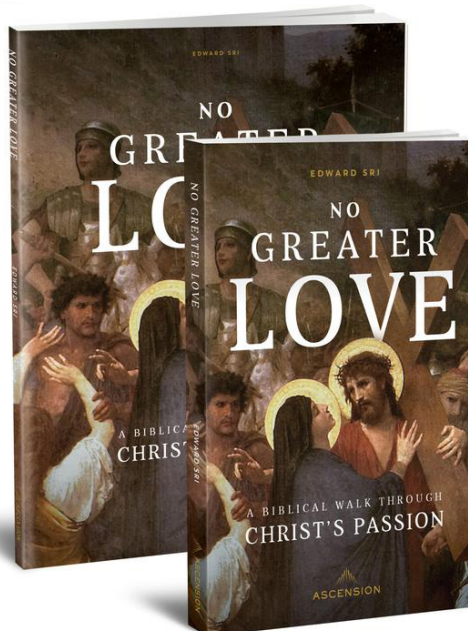
Authored and presented by Edward Sri, No Greater Love also features: Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.

- 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.



parish life get involved

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.

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.

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

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!

vida parroquial acontecimientos



GRUPO DE ORACIÓN “CONFIADOS EN JESUS Y MARIA”

Día de reunión: Todos los viernes

Hora: 7pm

Lugar: Casa Juan Pablo II

Cena de sopas- todos los viernes a las 6pm en el Centro de Vida Parroquial

Vía Crucis en español- a las 7:30 en la iglesia



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!**

around the parish happenings

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.

Catholic Radio Host Dr. David Anders Coming to DC!

Join WMET and the Guadalupe Radio Network as they host their annual Fishers of Men Dinner featuring Dr. David Anders on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Catholic University at 7 p.m. Former US Senator Rick Santorum and his wife Karen also will be honored at this event. For more info visit grnonline.com.

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.

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. 2019 schedule:

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 Dobyne, Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site)

Refugee Mentors Needed

Catholic Charities, Migration and Refugee Services is looking for dedicated volunteers to mentor refugee young adults.

- Open to working one-on-one with a refugee young adult
- Orientation & Training Provided
- Mentors must be 21+ years old
- Mentors must work in pairs

Have a friend or significant other with whom to share this experience?

Pregnant?

Feeling trapped and alone?
Know someone who may be?

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-Supportive

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around the parish happenings



Spring Musical

The O'Connell Players at Bishop O'Connell High School are staging the hit rock musical "Little Shop of Horrors" this spring. Showtimes are Thursday, Apr. 4 through Saturday, April 6 at 7pm and Sunday, Apr. 7 at 2pm For ticket information and more visit bishopoconnell.org/ocplayers. Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

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

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!



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APRIL 13, 2019 FREDERICKSBURG, VA

LIFE WALK

a pro-life walk benefitting

Mary's Shelter  BETHANY.
WOMEN'S CENTER CHRISTIAN SERVICES

2019 marks our second annual Life Walk Event!

Acknowledging that LIFE begins at conception and is worthy of protection, the community of Fredericksburg is WALKING in support of the various LIFE-AFFIRMING ministries that directly sustain and offer hope to those most vulnerable

Bring your family, church group, and neighbors for a fun walk, food and music as we raise awareness and funds together!

Every registrant will receive a t-shirt and goody bag the day of the walk!

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APRIL 13 — OLD MILL PARK

After the walk, join us as we cheer on
Fredericksburg's fastest babies in the **DIAPER CRAWL**

REGISTER FOR THE WALK - BECOME A SPONSOR

LIFEWALKFXBG.COM

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Collection Figures for March 24

Offertory \$XXXXXX

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

Second collection next week will support our Parish Building Fund.

Thank you for your generosity!

Choose Life Reflection

Lent is a time to pray for the catechumens of the Church who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The rest of us will renew our Baptismal Promises. In these vows, we reject the empty promises of the devil. One of those empty promises is abortion. Thank You, Lord, for the power of baptism in my life by which I am able to affirm life each day against the power of death.

April Children's Charity

April is the Operation Purple Program of the National Military Family Association. When you hear "Operation Purple Camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! The camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes.

The Operation Purple program was created in 2004 to fill a need identified by military parents to "help us help our kids." The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current

military environment. We do this through a variety of means, including the healing and holistic aspect of the natural world. The program is joint or "purple"—encompassing all Service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve.

Since its creation in 2004, the Operation Purple program has grown to serve approximately 62,000 military children and teens. The Operation Purple program also includes family retreats at national parks and specialized family camps geared to address the needs of children and families of our nation's wounded service members.

For more information, visit their website at militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/camps/

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.

What is the HCA SCRIP Program?

Holy Cross Academy has a program that provides a wonderful way to provide some financial support for Holy Cross Academy. Even if you do not have children who attend Holy Cross Academy, the SCRIP program provides financial support that goes directly to Holy Cross Academy for such costs as assistance for books, uniforms, and supplies, especially for families who need assistance

This is 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 and some very popular area restaurants such as Olive Garden, Red Lobster, IHOP and Outback. There is a complete list at the following website 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 you information and help you purchase gifts cards. Checks or cash are accepted. You can also go online and order gift cards for delivery to either HCA (after 10:30 Mass or during school hours when school is in session) or for pickup after Saturday or Sunday Masses at the Church. And for a way that is most convenient, set up a PayPal account and order gift cards on line for receipt through email. You will need St. Mary's enrollment code to set an account up at shopwithscrip.com but it easy to do. For the enrollment code or assistance, please contact the Scrip Coordinator at scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com or call 540-369-8354 (text okay as well). The Scrip Coordinator will walk you through the process and get you started.

Another advantage to using Scrip is you can prevent scammers from accessing your bank account. When you shop at Target, Walmart or at the gas pump, by using a scrip card instead of your bank card, scammers cannot gain access to your bank account information and thereby access your bank account. The funds are limited to the amount of the Scrip gift card only. Your bank account is safe.

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 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, Michael Dittmer, Janet Fisher, Dave Fisher, Leony Scott, Paul Scott, Wendy Vann, Michael Van, Bob Jankovits, Michelle Thomas

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, Patrick Johnson

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

April

1 MONDAY

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

2 TUESDAY

6:30am Barbara Ann Stauble+
9:00am Rylee Zeak
Dn 3:25-43/Mt 18:21-35

3 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Joan L. Bartolo+
9:00am Ruth Stellino+
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

4 THURSDAY

6:30am Deacon Dick Delio
9:00am Joaquin Perez+
Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

5 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation
8:15am* Matthew Stewart
9:00am In Reparation
8:00pm In Reparation
Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

6 SATURDAY

9:00am Mary That Thi Nguyen
5:00pm Elizabeth Tracey+
7:00pm Jeanne Mancini
Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

7 SUNDAY

7:00am Paul Coyne+
8:30am Stan Guzik+
10:30am Those Who Died in March
10:30am* For Our Parish
12:30pm Eleanor Jones
2:30pm Indira Murillo+
5:00pm Findley Rush+
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.