

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 7, 2019



*St. Mary in Richmond praying for life April 3*

**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

# upcoming

## April



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

### 7 SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

*Scrip on Sale after all Masses Except 2:30pm*

**CYM WorkCamp Big Board Fundraiser after all Masses**

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group

### 8 Monday, Lenten Weekday

4:45pm, RE Classes, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, RE Classes, Parish Life Center

7:30pm, RCIA, Church

**8:15pm, Taizé, Church**

### 9 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

10am, St Mary Book Club, John Paul II House

4:45pm & 6:30pm, RE Classes, Parish Life Center

6pm, RE Classes at Holy Cross Academy

**6:30pm, The Tale of the Three Trees by HCA Students, Church**

7:30pm, Life, Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room

7:30pm, Adult Confirmation Class, Parish Office Library

### 10 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

9:45am, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room

**12pm, Micah Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Service, Church**

**12:30pm, Micah Reception, Parish Life Center**

3pm, Divine Mercy Devotion, Church

4:45pm & 6:30pm, RE Classes, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Confessions, Church

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

6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

### 11 Thursday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr]

9:30am, Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100

6:30pm, American Heritage Girls, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Walking with Purpose, Parish Life Center

6:30pm, Confirmation Formation Night at Holy Cross Academy

6:30pm, Additional Lenten Confession, Church

7pm, Nar-Anon Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 100

### 12 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

6:30pm, Additional Lenten Confessions, Church

7pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

7:30pm, Via Crucis, Church

### 13 Saturday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr]

8am, Confessions, Church

10am, Mariamante Sewing Circle, John Paul II House

10am, Baptisms, Church

10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center

2:30pm, Confessions (early start time), Church

3:30pm, Youth Craft Club, Parish Life Center, Room 204

7pm, Marriage Ministry Date Night, Parish Life Center

### 14 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

*Scrip on Sale after all Masses except 2:30pm,*

6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

### ▪ Donate to the CCW Baby Shower

*More information on page 9*

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

*More information on page 10*

### ▪ A letter from the Bishop

*Read the letter on page 13*

### ▪ St. Mary's Lenten Program - "Put Out Into the Deep" *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 7:00pm in English and at 7:30pm in Spanish.

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. **Our last Lenten Soup Supper is April 12.**

## 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

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am  
M/W/F: 12 Noon  
Saturday: 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

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm;  
Saturday, 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

### PARISH OFFICE

540-373-6491, fax 371-0251  
stmary@stmaryfred.org  
Monday - Friday, 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

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Director, Aristides Lucas  
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

### YOUTH MINISTRY

540-373-6491  
Director, Leo Chavarria  
Tatiana Beltran

### YOUNG ADULTS

stmaryya@gmail.com  
540-847-1872

### 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!

## stmaryfred.org



# 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
<b>March</b>						
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	<b>April</b>		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,

This week we took two busses to the first Virginia March for Life. It was inspiring to see the great crowd at the state capital! Now to just continue that momentum into the elections this fall. It is so important that we are kind and vocal in letting candidates for office know that it is viable run a Pro Life platform.

And how is your Lent going? If you answer "oops!" then I have a quote for you: *"The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."* – St. John of the Cross

Two weeks remain. To use a sports analogy, it's the 4th quarter. Champions and saints are made now.

Have a blessed Lent.

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann

## Saints of Central Italy!

Join fellow parishioners on a  
parish pilgrimage to Italy

October 8 - 18, 2019

Please contact Margaret Ford  
at Fredericksburg Travel  
419 Sophia Street, Frederickburg, VA 22401  
Phone 540-373-6900  
Single supplement \$525. Travel Insurance \$252  
(coverage up to \$4000)  
**PRICE \$3995**

**Pick up next week's bulletin  
for more information**





# education holy cross academy

## Many Happenings!

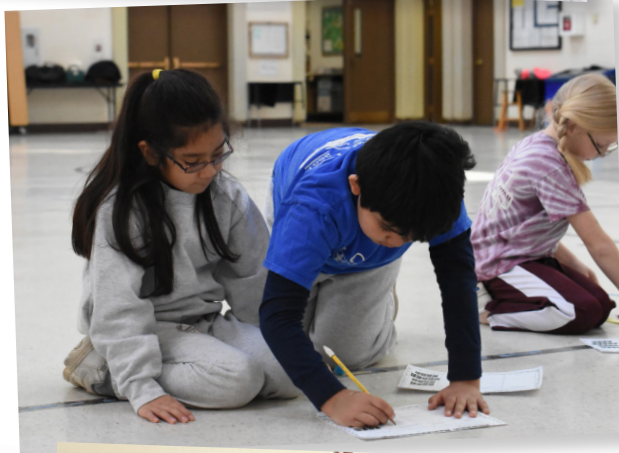
Please join us on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm for our moving presentation of the Tale of the Three Trees. Our 6th graders present this moving meditation on Jesus' total gift to us.

There is so much going on at HCA that we are not sure what to share with you. Our second graders are learning all about measurements. They worked in pairs to measure three different methods of moving a ball. They kicked, blew, and flicked a light ball and then measured how far each method sent it. Teachers gave them the option to measure in feet, inches, or centimeters.....most said feet was the easiest. After the experiment, they wrote their findings in special booklets. What a fun way to learn, with the help of many generous parent volunteers were there to help.

The Matsiko World Orphan Choir recently visited Holy Cross Academy and put on a wonderful show. The choir is made up of at-risk youth from India, Nepal, Peru and Liberia. Matsiko is a Ugandan word for "hope". This word embodies both the children and the songs that they sing. Through the Matsiko World Orphan Choir, thousands of children will be reached with the hope of a brighter future, and a message of love. The group is the choir of The International Children's Network (ICN ). The mission of International Children's Network is to provide as many of our world's 600 million orphaned and at-risk children a sponsorship for a complete education through their nation's highest university or vocational level. The performers engaged with our students and staff and had lots of hugs to go around. It was very inspirational and moving for all of us.

## 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](mailto:holycross@stmaryfred.org). God bless you!



**A National  
Blue Ribbon  
School of  
Excellence**



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

## Magnifikid

### Not judging others

Just as Jesus does not judge the sinful woman, we should not gossip or criticize others. This week, if you realize you are judging others, stop and say something nice about that person instead.

### Being a maker of peace

If you are mad at certain people or if you are holding a grudge against someone, you can try to make peace. Before finding yourself face to face with that person, ask in the silence of your heart for help from Jesus. Then, try a very simple first step, say hello with a smile. You might be pleasantly surprised at what happens next.



## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### Convinced

#### Why Would Anyone Become Catholic?

Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get answers from some of today's most prolific Catholic converts.

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)



*"As a cradle Catholic, I deeply appreciate hearing the stories and learning the many ways the Lord draws people from all walks of life to the fullness of faith in the Church that He founded! My own faith has been strengthened through these heartfelt and articulate accounts. Thank you!"*

—Allison M.  
Our Lady of the Mount, NJ

### JOIN FORMED

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



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Week 5 - Journey to Gaza

**ENCOUNTER ONA**

Ona always knew she wanted to be a "shining woman" in her community—and an example to her two young daughters. She studied hard and eventually earned her teaching degree from a university. But in Gaza, jobs are hard to find.

That's why in Gaza CRS matches workers with job opportunities. Through CRS, Ona applied for an internship as a teacher and was hired to teach math. Through her internship, Ona gained the confidence and inspiration to branch out on her own. She saved enough money to open a tutoring center. After one month in business, 41 children had visited her center.

### Religious Education Grade 7 Students Performing Corporal Works of Mercy



WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491



# 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



## Stay Up-to-Date

Be sure to stay in the know with St. Mary CYM by visiting [stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry](http://stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry)

**StMaryCYM**      
**#GetInvolvedBeTransformed**

## ASL and Cued Speech Club - ALL kids 4-8

**April 4, 11 | May - 2, 9 | 6:30 - 7:30pm | John Paul II House**

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](mailto:lauren.mcadams2@protonmail.com)

## It's Not Too Late... to Donate!

Missed the memo that the annual CCW Baby Shower happened in March? Looking for another way to increase your Lenten almsgiving? Help us as we help four local pro-life charities by extending our donation drive. Items can be left in the portable crib in the Parish Life Center through April 14 (Palm Sunday).



Please consider donating any of the following baby items: diapers (any size), wipes, formula, baby food, bottles, onesies, sleepers, socks, hats, booties, bibs, baby soap/shampoo, lotion, washcloths, bath towels, diaper rash cream, infant & adult pain relievers, laundry & dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, twin bedding, mattress covers, pillows, co-sleepers & crib sheets, toothpaste, thermometers, shampoo & conditioner, Swiffer & disposable pads, Boppy pillows, infant swings, bouncy seats and car seats.



**Questions? Contact Jessie Stewart at (540)656-7108 or [hokiegirl07@gmail.com](mailto:hokiegirl07@gmail.com)**



# parish life get involved

## 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 [maureenpgs@verizon.net](mailto:maureenpgs@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](http://arlingtoncursillo.org) or call Tammie Chute 540-370-6343 for more information.

## Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Would you like the Blessed Mother to visit your home for two weeks? Please contact Mary Lou Felts at 571-723-3333 or [maryloufelts@gmail.com](mailto:maryloufelts@gmail.com) to schedule a time.

## 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](http://arlingtondiocese.org). Thank you!

## Calling all Young Adults!

Join the Verso l'Alto Young Adult Group at Saint Mary's for weekly discussions on faith and holiness on Wednesday's at 7:30pm in the Parish Office Library. Not on our email list? Email [stmaryyava@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryyava@gmail.com) to be added or if you would like more information!

## 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](mailto: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.

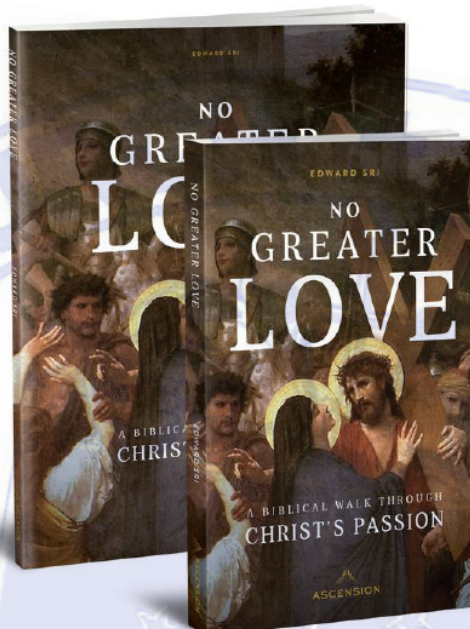
Authored and presented by Edward Sri, No Greater Love also features: Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.

- 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.

## Grupo de Oración "Confiados en Jesús y María"

**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

## 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.

## 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

## **Horario de Misas**

sábado (vigilia)- 5 & 7pm  
domingo- 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm  
2:30- español, 5pm, 7:01pm  
10:30am en la Academia Holy Cross

## **Misa diaria** - lunes a viernes 6:30am y 9:00am

lunes, miércoles y viernes- 12 mediodía  
sábado- 9am  
Primer viernes del mes- 8pm  
Días de obligación- se anuncia en el boletín y en anuncios de la misa en español

## **Devociones** - Adoración al Santísimo diaria entre misa 6:30 y 9:00am

Adoración Perpetua- miércoles 12:30pm hasta viernes 9:00am  
Novena Medalla Milagrosa- lunes después misa 9:00am  
Coronilla Divina Misericordia- miércoles 3pm

## **Confesiones** - miércoles 6:30-8:30pm

Sábados- 8am & 3:30pm o por cita

## **Oficina parroquial** - 540-373-6491, fax 371-0251

stmary@stmaryfred.org  
lunes a viernes- 8:30am-4:30pm  
Secretaria parroquial- Jachabel Ríos (habla español)

## **Ministerio de Jóvenes** - 540-373-6491

Director- Leo Chavarría  
Tatiana Beltrán

## **Bautismos** - clases el primer sábado del mes a las 2:00pm en el Salón Father Rooney (Salón de las cruces al lado oficina)

## **Matrimonio** - contacte la oficina parroquial para más información

## **Convalidaciones** - contacte a la oficina parroquial para más información

## **Quinceañeras** - contacte a la oficina parroquial para más información

## **Educación religiosa (catecismo)** - contacte a la oficina parroquial para más información

## **RICA** - lunes 7:30pm comienzan en septiembre- más información en la oficina parroquial

## **Coro parroquial** - practicas los viernes 7-9pm, domingos 12:30-2:00pm en el salon música Centro de Vida Parroquial

## **Grupo de Parejas** - El cuarto domingo del mes de 12-2pm en el salón 204 Centro de Vida Parroquial

## **Grupo de Oración “Confiados en Jesús y María”** todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en la Casa Juan Pablo II

## **Legión de María Junior** - viernes 6:30-8:30pm en el Salón Father Rooney

## **Legión de María** - viernes 8:00pm en Salón Father Rooney

# 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](http://guadalupefreeclinic.org) or contact us via email: [lcarrington@guadalupefreeclinic.org](mailto: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 at Catholic University at 7pm Former US Senator Rick Santorum and his wife Karen also will be honored at this event. Visit [grnonline.com](http://grnonline.com).

## Attention Golfers

The Meagher Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians invites you to participate in the sixth annual Shamrock Charity Golf Classic at Meadows Farms Golf Course on Monday morning, April 29. Proceeds directly support our parish and other local Catholic charities. The cost is \$80 per player or \$300 for a 4 player team. Sponsorship opportunities also available. For further details or to sign up to play, contact Dave McLaughlin, email [dave.mcl@verizon.net](mailto:dave.mcl@verizon.net) or (703) 915-3735.

## 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](http://asjb.org). Deadline is May 1, 2019.

## 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?  
Make us your first call  
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## 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 10** - St. Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA  
**Preaching** - The Rev. Aaron Dobyne, Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site)



# around the parish happenings



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  
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

## DINNER & AUCTION GALA

**April 13 | 6:30-10pm**

University Center Ballroom  
University of Mary Washington

Tickets available online  
**[umwcatholic.org/gala](http://umwcatholic.org/gala)**

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



**APRIL 13, 2019 FREDERICKSBURG, VA**

# LIFE WALK

a pro-life walk benefitting

Mary's Shelter  BETTANY 

2019 marks our second annual Life Walk event!

Recognizing that LIFE begins at conception and in need of protection, the community of Fredericksburg in **VA** is in support of the various LIFE-ADVOCACY 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 gladly bag the day of the walk!

**5K • WALK WITH US**  
**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](http://LIFEWALKFXBG.COM)**

# operations given in love

## Weekly Offertory

### Collection Figures for March 24

Offertory \$35,534

### Collection Figures for March 31

Offertory \$29,803

Parish Building Fund (add'l) \$3,441

Catholic Relief Services \$5,948

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box (2 weeks)  
\$384

*Second collection next week will  
support the Holy Land Shrines.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Choose Life Reflection

*The Passion of Christ was far more  
horrible than our crucifixes portray.  
He suffered to rescue the human life  
He had created, to snatch it from the  
kingdom of death and bring it into His  
kingdom of life. Let us remember this  
Lent that Jesus endured His Passion for  
every unborn child in the womb. He  
endured every pain that the unborn  
might be saved as well as the born.  
Lord, lessen my fear and increase my  
courage, that I may suffer with You for  
the sake of life.*

## 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/](http://militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/camps/)

## 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](http://shopwithscrip.com)

There are several ways you can order/purchase gift cards through the SCRIP program. One is to visit a SCRIP table after most Masses (including HCA). There is a volunteer who will provide you information and help you purchase gift 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](http://shopwithscrip.com) but it is easy to do. For the enrollment code or assistance, please contact the Scrip Coordinator at [scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto: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, Jerry Hall, Zelda Meyer, Jack Ryan, Robert Boggio, Ryan McNichol, Rita Pinion, Jeanne Sampson, Bianca Sanchez, Jackeline Sanchez & Family

**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

#### 8 MONDAY

6:30am Diane Amalfitano+  
9:00am Claire Bereit  
Dn 13:1-62/Jn 8:12-20

#### 9 TUESDAY

6:30am Ryley McNichol+  
9:00am Ruth Stellino+  
Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

#### 10 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Anne Delio+  
9:00am Chiara Stanislawski  
Dn 3:14-95/Jn 8:31-42

#### 11 THURSDAY

6:30am Robert Domaleski+  
9:00am Rita Stanislawski  
Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

#### 12 FRIDAY

6:30am Sandora Fabian+  
8:15am\* Riley McNicol  
9:00am Frederic Kozyra  
Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

#### 13 SATURDAY

9:00am Catherine Doherty  
5:00pm Walter Weir+  
7:00pm Stefan Wolanski+  
Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

#### 14 SUNDAY

7:00am Eliza Ruth Stewart  
8:30am Vinh and Thao Families  
10:30am Malinda Jones  
10:30am\* Hadley Rose Mealey  
12:30pm For Our Parish  
2:30pm Manuel and Consuelo Rios  
5:00pm Linda Kaila+  
7:00pm Charles White+  
Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/  
Lk 22:14-23:56

\* 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.