

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2019



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

upcoming

May



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

12 SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, Mass
Scrip on Sale after all Masses

13 Monday, Easter Weekday [Our Lady of Fatima]

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Parish Life Center, Room 100
12:45pm, Bible Study
4:45pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center
7pm, Confirmation Rehearsal, Church

14 Tuesday, Saint Matthias, Apostle

10am, St Mary Book Club, John Paul II House
4:45 Religious Ed, Parish Life Center
6pm, Religious Ed at HCA
6:30pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center
7pm, Confirmation Rehearsal, Church

15 Wednesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Isidore]

9:45am, Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room
3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church
4:45 Religious Ed, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, Religious Ed, Parish Life Center
6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House
6:30pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, John Paul II House
6:30pm, Confessions, Church
7:30pm, Young Adult Meeting, Parish Office Library

16 Thursday, Easter Weekday

9:30am, Craft Group in Parish Life Center, Room 100
6:30pm, Walking With Purpose, Parish Life Center
7pm, Nar-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 100

17 Friday, Easter Weekday

9am, St Anne's Sisters, Faith, John Paul II House
6:30pm, Spanish Legion and Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room

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

NO 8am, CONFESSIONS BECAUSE OF CONFIRMATION
NO 9am, MASS BECAUSE OF CONFIRMATION
10am, Confirmation Mass
10am, Al-Anon in Parish Life Center, Room 204
2pm, Confirmation Mass
3:30pm, Confessions

19 SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Marine Corp Historic Half Marathon—William, St Closed from 6:30am-9am
Coffee Shop after 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, Mass
Scrip on sale after all Masses except 2:30pm
11:30am Evangelization Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room
6pm CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group

pulpit announcements

nota bene (note well, please):

- **Mother's Day Novena Begins This Weekend**
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Flowers for Mary

Next weekend, all children of any age (7 months to 77 years) are invited to bring flowers to place in front of our Lady at the beginning of all Masses, May 18 & 19. A simple act of love to honor her. Flowers will also be available for anyone who wishes to participate.



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

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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	540-373-7553 Director, Sheri Castellarin
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	540-373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	540-373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria Tatiana Beltran
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 Sunday, 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!

from our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

Today is Mother's Day! Happy Mother's Day to all mothers: biological, adoptive, spiritual, godmothers. I assure you of my prayers and blessing. I offer this lovely quote from Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty:

"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral — a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body."

"The Angels have not been blessed with a such a grace. They cannot share in God's Creative miracle to bring new Saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creatures. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation."

"What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?"

Many folks have commented to me that on Easter Sunday they were moved by the beauty of the music throughout the Holy Week. Yet that amazing beauty

is ephemeral. However, the beauty of soul loving God is created to endure forever! Thanks moms for all that you do to give us life and lead us to Life Himself. Today we thank you for your love, generosity and faithfulness. Even if we don't express our love and gratitude daily, you are faithful and treasured. Be strengthened by the grace of God to carry on your vocation.

Next week we will have our little May Crowning Ceremony at the beginning of Masses. All children of any age will be encouraged to bring forward a flower to be placed at the feet of the statue of Mary. If you would like to have your child participate in the procession, just bring a flower to Mass, and the children will be called back to the vestibule before Mass begins. Children who made (or will make) their first Holy Communion this year, are also encouraged to wear their Holy Communion clothes.

Again moms, we love you and thank God for you.

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann



education holy cross academy

Spring and Sports Go Together!

Holy Cross Academy gives Middle School students an opportunity to try several different sports starting in the sixth grade. Our athletic program is an important part of educating the whole child at Holy Cross Academy! We have girls' and boys' soccer, basketball and lacrosse, girls' field hockey and volleyball too. Playing as a Crusader is often the student's first attempt at an organized sport and it is low stress, low cost and all volunteer run.

HCA boasts several championships in our division, VCAC: volleyball 2018, girls' soccer 2016 and 2017, boys' soccer 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017, boys' basketball 2014, 2016 and girls' basketball 2017. As you can see HCA has a robust sports program. Our lacrosse is our newest offering and it is in full swing this spring; come by to see a game!

Holy Cross Academy is accepting applications for teachers for the coming school year. If you are

interested in applying, please email a cover letter and resume to Sr. Susan Louise at principal@holycrossweb.com.

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 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.

Holy Cross Academy is seeking a business manager, effective immediately. This position is full-time. Applicants must have experience with QuickBooks. Payroll experience is preferred. The Business Manager is responsible for Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable. Salary is based upon experience. Interested applicants should email their resume to Sr. Susan Louise at principal@holycrossweb.com



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our parish religious education

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Let Yourself Be Led

"Look around at the people who take care of you. Besides your parents, who are the ones you turn to for advice? Make a list of those who lead and guide you. Keep adding names to the list as you think of them during the week."

Name the people around you who love and respect you?

Write their names down and pray for them. Keep adding to the list.



Importance of Religious Education

"Actively religious people are more likely than their less-religious peers to describe themselves as 'very happy'" pewforum.org/2019/01/31/religions-relationship-to-happiness-civic-engagement-and-health-around-the-world/



Sincere Thanks

This will be the last week of Religious Education classes for this school year. We want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who make our program of Catechesis such a successful and fruitful ministry for its more than 800 students.

Thanks to our Catechists and their assistants. They spend untold hours in preparation and teaching each week in order to pass on the Catholic faith to a new generation of believers.

Thanks to the families for allowing us to help them pass on Christ's teachings and faith to their children. We all struggle with many distractions but they have made Christ a very important part of their life. Keep it up and pass it on (Evangelize).

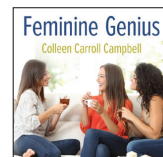
FORMED PICK

Feminine Genius

By Colleen Carroll Campbell

Celebrate Women

Discover the uniqueness of the nature and vocation of women, which are gifts from God to the whole world. Author and TV personality Colleen Carroll Campbell will give you a brand new appreciation of the dignity of women.



"Hands down the best talk I've ever heard on the subject. Everyone needs to hear it!"
—Marie, New York, NY

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2. click register
3. enter parish code:
F6F228



faith music crafts games snacks fun prizes

CAT CHAT
Vacation Bible School

CATHLETICS!

TRAINING TO BE CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

ISING K TO RISING 5TH GRADERS

JOIN US JUNE 17-21 FROM 9AM-12PM

COST: \$25/CHILD

REGISTRATION OPEN APRIL 29 - MAY 24 DURING PARISH OFFICE HOURS

our parish youth ministry



May 11, 2019

Rejoice at Bash!

Jackie Francois Angel

Paul J. Kim

Vigil Mass for Sunday

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH!

LOTS OF FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS WELCOME!

Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Fitness Club

Open to youth in 6th - 8th grade

May - No meet up | June 8 | July 13 | August 9

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

Youth Craft Group

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

May 11 - Fabric Bag Painting (\$10)

May 25 - Tie-Dye Shirts (\$10)

June 8 - Fabric Hat Painting (\$10)

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

Stay Up-to-Date

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

StMaryCYM



#GetInvolvedBeTransformed

parish life get involved

Mother's Day Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your mother, living or deceased - or your grandmother, godmother or someone who is like a mother to you. Beginning this weekend, May 12, Mothers' Day, a Novena of Masses will be offered for all the intentions placed in front of the altar. These intentions will remain before the altar throughout the Novena. Mothers' Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Parish Office.

CCW Update

Summer is almost here and with that Comes our final meeting for this season, and it is a very important one. We hope you will mark your calendar for May 21 at 10am In the Courtyard Meeting Room. Please join us. We need you for The election of our officers, for voting on the distribution list for our charity funds, and for an opportunity to volunteer to serve at our Parish Picnic on June 2.

Senior Luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on Tues. May 21, 2019. Doors open at noon and a hot lunch will be served. All seniors in the parish are invited and admission is free. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors. Usually ends around 2pm. No reservation required. Questions? Call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580.

Saint Mary Book Club

On Tuesday, May 14, we will meet in the John Paul II House and will discuss John O'Neill's The Fisherman's Tomb, The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search. In 1939, a team of workers beneath the Vatican unearthed an early Christian grave. This surprising

discovery launched a secret quest that would last decades - a quest to discover the long-lost burial place of the apostle Peter. From earliest times, Christian tradition held that Peter was executed in Rome by Emperor Nero and buried on Vatican Hill. But his tomb had been lost to history. Now, funded anonymously by a wealthy American, a small army of workers embarked on the dig of a lifetime. This seventy-five year search is a story of the triumph of faith and genius against all odds. If you have any questions, please email Maureen Guilfoyle at maureenpsg@verizon.net.

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.

Parish Night Out Thank You!

We wish to thank all who attended and supported our annual Parish Night Out and made it another memorable evening! Thanks to our door prize sponsors: Bavarian Chef, El Patron, It's About Thyme, La Petite Auberge, Old House

Vineyards, Orofino's, Riverside Center for the Performing Arts, Ulman's Jewelry, and several very generous parishioners. We hope you will support these local businesses that have generously supported us. And of course, special thanks to the Jepson Center staff, the fabulous Andrew Thielen Big Band, and especially Marty & Sue Bridi who have coordinated this event for the last eleven years. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR for Parish Night Out "XII".

Attention Class of 2019

The Associates of St. John Bosco will be hosting four College Nights throughout the Arlington Diocese for graduated high schoolers headed to college in the fall. All events will be from 7-9pm:

June 19 - St. Mark's, Vienna

July 1 - All Saints, Manassas

July 17 - Basilica of St. Mary, Alexandria

July 24 - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg

The purpose of these free events is to help students keep their faith while transitioning into college. Catholic college students from George Mason, Mary Washington, UVA, Virginia Tech, William & Mary and others will be in attendance to meet students and share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. It's a wonderful chance to meet fellow peers going to your school before even stepping foot onto campus! Free dinner with registration and the chance to win door prizes! Student registration can be found by visiting asjb.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

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 to schedule a time.



SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

marriage ministry

DATE NIGHTS AT SAINT MARY'S

All married and engaged couples are warmly invited to invest in their relationship by attending "Date Night". Meet members of your parish family and grow in your vocation, intentional loving each other more fully!

SATURDAY, MAY 11

6:30pm | Wine & Cheese

7-9pm | Presentation

"The Four Things I Wish I Knew Before I was Married" Presented by Fr. Colin

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

6:30pm | Wine & Cheese

7-9pm | Presentation

"Agape Love~Loving for over 50 Years!"
Our seasoned married couples share their tips for a lasting and holy marriage.
What a treasure!!!

All gatherings are at the St. Mary's Parish Life Center

If you are interested in joining the Marriage Ministry Team, we would love to welcome you. Please contact Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org

vida parroquial

noticias en español

¿Desea casarse por la iglesia?

La fecha de la próxima reunión del Grupo de Convalidaciones ha sido cambiada del 12 de mayo al 2 de junio de 12-2pm en el Centro de Vida Parroquial. Para más información contacte al Diácono Alberto o a la Sra. Leticia González.

El Grupo de Oración de la RCC "Confiados en Jesús y María"

Parroquia St. Mary's Fredericksburg, VA

TE INVITA AL SEMINARIO DE VIDA EN EL ESPÍRITU

HABLA, SEÑOR, QUE TU SIERVO ESCUCHA
1 Sam 3.10

**SÁBADO 25 &
DOMINGO 26 DE
MAYO DE 2019**

**Hora:
8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Para más información e inscripciones
contactar a los hermanos:

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Isabel Bermúdez: (540) 295-3093

Elvis Lara: (540) 287-8480

Ulises Reyes: (540) 684-8857

Email: confiadosenjesusymaria@gmail.com

Facebook: @confiadosenjesus

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

MISA DIARIA lunes a viernes 6:30am y 9am
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 9am
Adoración Perpetua- miércoles
12:30pm hasta viernes 9am
Novena Medalla Milagrosa- lunes
después misa 9am
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 Chavarria
Tatiana Beltra

BAUTISMOS clases el primer sábado del mes a las
2pm 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

RCIA lunes 7:30pm comienzan en septiembre -
más información en la oficina parroquial

CORO PARROQUIAL practicas los viernes 7-9pm, domingos
12:30-2pm en el salón 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 7pm en la Casa Juan Pablo II

LEGIÓN DE MARÍA JUNIOR viernes 6:30-8:30pm en el
Salón Father Rooney

LEGIÓN DE MARÍA viernes 8pm en Salón Father Rooney

Los artículos deben ser enviados dos semanas antes de la
publicación. Envíe los artículos a bulletin@stmaryfred.org.
¡Gracias!

ST MARY'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

JUNE 2 - 3-7PM
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

HELP IS NEEDED!

Hamburgers, turkey burgers, hot dogs, sausages, baked beans, potato salad, and drinks are prepared by the Knights of Columbus and served by the CCW. Side dishes and desserts provided by parishioners.

To help serve food

Contact the Council of Catholic Women:
Eileen Geary, eileengeary@yahoo.com

To help cook, set up or clean up

Contact Knights of Columbus:
Paul Scott, psscottsis@aol.com / 540-891-9331

PICNIC AT A GLANCE

AMAZING games and rides

LIVE MUSIC in concert by **Vision**

GREAT TASTING

food and drinks served from 3-6pm

AND everything you bring:

If your last name starts with:

A-E: bring chips to share

F-O: bring a dessert to share

P-Z: bring a non-parishable snack

GAMES

Extreme Air Bungee Jumper
Wrecking Ball
Jurassic Adventure
5-in-1 3D Spongebob
Bungee Run / Gladiator Joust
Fire Rescue Obstacle Course
Big Kahuna Dry Water Slide

ACTIVITIES

Face Painting
Pony Rides
Cotton Candy
Sno Cones
Popcorn
Majest Martial Arts Demo

from the bishop please support



May 12, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocesan priests dedicate their lives to serve and guide the faithful on our life-long journey of faith. They have administered the sacraments, preached the Gospel, encouraged and prayed for us and our families. When their full-time service ends, they need a suitable place to live in retirement.

Currently there are 184 diocesan priests faithfully serving Jesus Christ and you, the people who form our diocesan Church. Of these, 22 priests are retired; and over the next ten years 23 additional priests will reach retirement age.

Next weekend, May 18 and 19, at all Masses, the annual second collection for retired priests will take place in parishes in our diocese.

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

I ask you to be as generous as possible, so that our priests, who have faithfully served the People of God in our diocese may be cared for in their retirement years.

May Our Risen Lord Jesus bless you with the gift of His peace and watch over you always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Please Support Our

Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Special Collection:

Next Weekend

Retired Diocesan Priests

"My retired brother priests and I are truly blessed to know of the care and compassion shown by parishioners through this special collection which helps to support us in our retirement years. As a resident of St. Rose of Lima Retirement Villa, I am most grateful for their kind generosity."
~Msgr. John Cregan



St. Rose of Lima Retirement Villa - Dedicated August 2010

BY THE NUMBERS:

- There are currently 22 retired diocesan priests
- Eight priests are currently living at the Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa.
- Over the next 10 years, 23 more priests will reach retirement age.
- Retired diocesan priests may choose to live on their own, with family or friends, at a parish rectory, or at The Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa.
- The Villa can currently accommodate up to 15 retired priests.



AREAS OF SUPPORT:

- The Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa
- Funds for future needs such as health care during retirement and Nursing Home Care
- The Priests' Pension Fund

"This special collection offers us an opportunity to honor our retired priests and their faithful and dedicated service to Our Lord Jesus, His Church and our diocese." ~ **Bishop Michael F. Burbidge**

YOUR DONATION WILL HELP SUPPORT RETIRED PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CHURCH

parish life get involved

Senior Luncheon Coordinator Needed

The Senior Luncheons are a gift to our St. Mary's seniors and provide an opportunity for all to gather, connect and enjoy a delicious lunch and entertainment. The Senior Luncheon Committee hosts 4-6 gatherings annually. We are in need of a new coordinator so that this ministry can continue its warm welcoming charism. Our sweet coordinator, Maria D'Amico is stepping down after serving so generously for over 5 years – thank you Maria! She is willing to show the new coordinator the ropes! Please spend some time in prayer and discern if this is something our Lord might be calling you to do in the service of your parish family. Thank you. If you are interested, please contact Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org or call the office at 540-373-6491. God bless you!



parish life happenings

*We invite all Christians to
gather in the peace of Christ
at St. Mary*

Monday, May 13

*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.



Mary's Shelter

10th Annual Summer Soirée

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you

*hope
and a future*

—Jeremiah 29:11

**August 3, 2019
SAVE THE DATE**



operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

May 5 Offertory will be in next week's bulletin. Thank you.

Second Collection next week will support Diocesan Retired Priests.

Thank you for your generosity!

Diocesan Retired Priests' Second Collection - next weekend

There will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests on the weekend of May 18 & 19. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served our diocese so faithfully over the years. Currently there are 22 retired priests and an additional 23 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you for your kind support.

"Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these." Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

May Children's Charity

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of May will be donated to the Children's and Teen's Programs of Empower House (formerly the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence). These programs provide ongoing support for children ages 5 to 12 affected by domestic violence and teens affected by dating violence and domestic violence.

Faith Direct

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception with electronic donations through Faith Direct. Signing up is easy! Visit faithdirect.net and use our parish code of VA635 or call 1-866-507-8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Choose Life Reflection

"Gianna Beretta Molla was a simple, but more than ever, significant messenger of divine love. In a letter to her future husband a few days before their marriage, she wrote: 'Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women'. Following the example of Christ, who 'having loved his own... loved them to the end' (Jn 13: 1), this holy mother of a family remained heroically faithful to the commitment she made on the day of her marriage. The extreme sacrifice she sealed with her life testifies that only those who have the courage to give of themselves totally to God and to others are able to fulfill themselves. Through the example of Gianna Beretta Molla, may our age rediscover the pure, chaste and fruitful beauty of conjugal love, lived as a response to the divine call!" (From the canonization homily of Pope John Paul II) -- Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, a model for all mothers, gave her life to save the life of her unborn baby. She was beatified on April 24, 1994 and canonized on May 16, 2004. Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us.

The Most Important Person On earth is a mother. She cannot claim

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

Cardinal Joseph Mindszent



liturgy

daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Tracey Hansen, Elizabeth Ames, Aleisa Barber, David Arnold, Maryann Greetsinger, Antonio Ferrara, Wilson and Joan Parker, Emma Gilbert, Virginia Gannon, Daniel Burke, Dorie Lee, Christopher Szyal, 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 Matern, 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, Britany 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 Stoeher, 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, 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, Janet Fisher, Dave Fisher, Leony Scott, Paul Scott, Wendy Vann, Michael Vann, Bob Jankovits, Michelle Thomas, Jerry Hall, Zeld Meyer, Jack Ryan, Robert Boggio, Ryan McNichol, Bianca Sanchez, Jackeline Sanchez & Family, Mary Hope Burkett, Dick Geary, Mary Dudash, Sean Duarte

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 Haken-son, 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, 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

May

13 MONDAY

6:30am All in our Mother's Day Novena
9:00am All in our Mother's Day Novena
Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

14 TUESDAY

6:30am All in our Mother's Day Novena
9:00am All in our Mother's Day Novena
Acts 1:15-26/Jn 15:9-17

15 WEDNESDAY

6:30am All in our Mother's Day Novena
9:00am All in our Mother's Day Novena
Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

16 THURSDAY

6:30am All in our Mother's Day Novena
9:00am All in our Mother's Day Novena
Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

17 FRIDAY

6:30am All in our Mother's Day Novena
9:00am All in our Mother's Day Novena
Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

18 SATURDAY

9:00am All in our Mother's Day Novena
5:00pm For Our Parish
7:00pm All in our Mother's Day Novena
Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

19 SUNDAY

7:00am All in our Mother's Day Novena
8:30am All in our Mother's Day Novena
10:30am All in our Mother's Day Novena
10:30am* All in our Mother's Day Novena
12:30pm All in our Mother's Day Novena
2:30pm All in our Mother's Day Novena
5:00pm All in our Mother's Day Novena
7:00pm All in our Mother's Day Novena
Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-35

* 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 "un-scheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.