FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021



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

announcements

Stations of the Cross Friday's During Lent

7pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish in the Church.

USHERS Needed for ALL MASSES

No special skills required except kindness and a desire to serve your parish family.

Sign up by following the link below signupgenius.com/go/70/ 70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-ushers

Confession Schedule (Confessions continue at the Parish Life Center ONLY)

Wednesdays 11:30am-12pm & 6:30-8:30pm Saturdays 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

Adoration | Wednesday 12:30pm- Friday 9am

Legion of Mary Members and Auxiliaries

The Mass and the ACIES will be held at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church on Saturday, March 27th, 2021 at 9am and it will be live-streamed.

Due to COVID and the limited space we ask that all Auxiliary members attend the Live Stream. Live-Stream Information: You can watch through the church website at saintselizabethandanthony.com

Or you can watch on the church Facebook page at facebook.com/St-Elizabeth-of-Hungary-St-Anthony-of-Padua-Catholic-Church-112191643744294/ or search for "St Elizabeth of Hungary & St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church"

contact us

SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm 10:20am at Holy Cross Academy
	10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am MASS 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 11:30am-12pm, 6:30-8:30pm; Sat., 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

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. Sean Koehr Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly Fr. Michael Folmar Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar 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 - Dr. Stephen Fry, sfry@holycrossweb.com

ST. MARY 540-373-7553 **PRESCHOOL** Director, Sheri Castellarin

RELIGIOUS 540-373-6491 EDUCATION Director, Aristides Lucas OFFICE Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

YOUTH tbeltran@stmaryfred.org Tatiana Beltran

YOUNG stmaryya@gmail.com ADULTS 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

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!



from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

What a year it has been. We have passed the one year anniversary of the shutdown, and many folks are beginning to feel more comfortable returning to Mass. For that I am grateful. I have received several emails from folks wondering just how the accommodations for COVID precautions will affect their experience of praying the Mass. Or alternatively, emails from folks who recently returned and are grateful for those accommodations.

We are going to begin including altar servers once again at our Masses and recently sent an email to reconnect with the team. If you did not receive an email or are interested in altar serving please email stmaryfxbg@gmail.com. A quick word of thanks to Vicky Kopcak who has faithfully directed this ministry for many years, may God reward you, and a welcome to Lara Traylor who is taking the reins moving forward.

I must also thank the many staff members and volunteers who have displayed great generosity in serving during this pandemic. It has required a degree of flexibility and understanding in the face of ever-changing parameters and requirements from the Commonwealth. I honestly don't think that most parishioners understands how difficult it has been this year to keep this parish running.

I will leave you with these words of Pope Benedict in an address to Volunteers from 2008:

"Volunteers want to be asked, they want to be told: "I need you" – "You can do it!" How good it feels to *hear words like these! In their human simplicity, they* unwittingly point us to the God who has called each of us into being and given us a personal task, the God who needs us and awaits our response. Jesus called men and women, and gave them the courage needed to embark on a great undertaking, one to which, by themselves, they would never have dared to aspire. To allow oneself to be called, to make a decision and then to set out on a path – without the usual questions about whether it is useful or profitable – this attitude will naturally bring healing in its wake. The saints have shown us this path by their lives. It is a fascinating and thrilling path, a path of generosity and, nowadays, one which is much needed. To say "yes" to volunteering to help others is a decision which is liberating; it opens our hearts to the needs of others, to the requirements of justice, to the defense of life and the protection of creation. Volunteer work is really about the heart of the Christian image of God and man: love of God and love of neighbor."

Brothers and Sisters, you are wanted, needed, appreciated and loved! Welcome back to all of our parish members, and all who work so hard to make St. Mary's a family!

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Fr Mosimann

USHERS NEEDED

Ushers needed to assist parishioners celebrating the Sacred Triduum at the Fredericksburg EXPO Center. If you are able to help with one or more Masses, please sign-up at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-thesacred

education

holy cross academy



A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



HCA Registration for the 2021-22 School Year Now Open

As the parish school of St. Mary, we encourage parishioners to consider Holy Cross Academy for your family. HCA is pre-K3 through 8th grade National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence offering a strong academic program, daily religious instruction, character formation, numerous extracurricular opportunities, a variety of music and art programs, and so much more. Our students are blessed to receive weekly religious instruction from our parish priests and Mass weekly. Holy Cross Academy students and their families support the Fredericksburg community through a variety of service projects throughout the year.

We recognize that Catholic education can seem out of reach for some families. It is our goal to never turn away a family seeking a Catholic education for their child(ren). The Diocese of Arlington offers tuition assistance and scholarships to students accepted by or attending a diocesan Catholic elementary school. Details can be found on our website, **holycrossweb. com**. You may also give us a call at 540-286-1600 to get your questions answered and schedule a private tour. For more information about our preschool, please contact Sheri Castellarin, Director, at 540-373-7553 or **preschool@holycrossweb.com**. We would love to learn how Holy Cross Academy can be a blessing for your family!

HCA Preschool

Our HCA preschoolers ended February with our annual Donuts with Dad event, this year modified to be a drive through. It was fun getting to sit in the front seat of our dad's cars, eat Krispy Kreme donuts, and watch a special video of our preschoolers telling their favorite "dad jokes."

Moving into March, signs of spring are everywhere at Holy Cross Academy Preschool! Walk through the PLC after mass and you'll see kites, clovers, Dr. Seuss' "things," and a forest of truffula trees. But even better than that, you'll see how our youngest Crusaders are preparing their hearts during this season of Lent through performing acts of kindness, special prayer intentions, and learning about the Trinity. They have even learned a special Lent song. We are so very blessed to have this special place on the St. Mary campus to play, learn, and grow!

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. If you have a three or four year old child, please contact our preschool director, Mrs. Sheri Castellarin via phone at 540-373-7553 or by email at **preschool@ holycrossweb.com** to schedule a visit.



WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491 4 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Academic Year 2021-2022

What is the program?

The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program provides financial assistance to families in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington through funding from diocesan parishes as well as the *Rooted in Faith~Forward in Hope* Capital Campaign Endowment. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition.

Who is eligible?

- Students attending or accepted by a Diocese of Arlington Catholic school (K-12).
 - Preschool and Pre-K are not eligible.
 - Not applicable to students of private Catholic schools associated with the Diocese and/or international students.
- Students who are Catholic and members of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or military base parish.
- Families who reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington and are registered and active members of a diocesan parish or a military base parish.

How do I apply?

- Submit financial aid assessment application and all supporting tax documentation by due date
 - Applications will be completed electronically online at <u>online.factsmgt.com/Signin</u>
 Only one application is required per family.
- Remit processing fee.
- Families seeking aid for students in BOTH ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL should follow the high school submission date.

Priority Deadlines: HIGH SCHOOL

January 18, 2021

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 17, 2021

Awards

Awards are made for **ONE ACADEMIC YEAR** and are based on each family's demonstrated financial need. Individual schools determine the amount and the distribution of all awards for each academic year. The schools will contact families when award decisions have been made. Once these final award decisions have been made, the schools will then credit the tuition accounts of approved families.

\$3,688,975 awarded in 2020

• For more information •

Questions regarding process

Mallory Sigmon 703.841.2519 mallory.sigmon@arlingtondiocese.org

Questions regarding application FACTS Grant & Aid 1.866.441.4637 https://factsmgt.com/parent-resources/grant-and-aid/

Award decisions

Please contact your school.

Diocesan Tuition Assistance

Office of Catholic Schools

https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Tuition-Assistance/

education

religious education

LECTIO DIVINA on ST. MARY FACEBOOK with DEACON ALBERTO on TUESDAY, MARCH 16 7PM

Religious Education Video Links on Parish Website

The video links for the "**Week of March 15**: "Christ Our Life" Chapter 22; "Year 2 First Communion (Grades 4-6)" and "Year 2 First Communion (Grades 7-12)" Lesson 22. Video Links from the "**Week of September 28**" to the "**Week of March 15** are on the Parish Website **stmaryfred.org** on the "Religious Ed Videos" tab by grade. Scroll down after clicking on the desired grade to see the links.

3 First Holy Communion Retreats

Monday, March 15 at 5:30pm Tuesday, March 16 at 4:30pm Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30pm

All starting in the PLC. Please complete at least 16 Religious Education Lessons for your class and sign up.

First Holy Communion 2021 Video

The Mass – A Life-Giving Prayer

Come with Brother Francis as he celebrates the life-changing power of the Mass. This video is a unique way of helping children experience the presence of Christ in the Mass. watch.formed.org/videos/the-massa-life-giving-prayer

CRS Rice Bowl 2021: For Lent For Life:

Week 4: Elo, Village in Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste is a small Asian country, slightly larger than the state of Connecticut. It's on the other side of the world near Australia, and it's one of the world's newest countries—only 18 years old. In comparison, the United States will be 245 years old this year!

Many families in Timor-Leste live in rural areas and work as farmers. But challenges like changing weather patterns make it difficult to grow enough food. With training from CRS, families are starting home gardens to grow different vegetables, beans

and other foods that are rich in nutrients like vitamin A and iron. The gardens are built to withstand droughts and flooding, and the families add the food they grow—such as spinach, cabbage, peanuts, carrots and



tomatoes—to their daily rice staple, providing more nourishing meals that help children grow and stay healthy. Parents attend nutrition groups in their communities where they learn how to build and improve their gardens.

Eliza and her husband Paulino have six children. After participating in her community's nutrition group, she and Paulino started a home garden and began growing different crops based on the rainy and dry seasons. They also started raising chickens, which provide additional protein to their meals and income from selling the eggs. Eliza wants her children to be healthy and says, "I know the vegetables provide essential vitamins for them."

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PICK OF THE WEEK

March 14, 2021



JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

With this year being consecrated to St. Joseph, we celebrate the feast day of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



SIGN UP FOR FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP | CLICK REGISTER THEN ENTER PARISH CODE F6F228

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

7 ways to LOVE Lent pick 1 or ALL

1. Wednesday Nights with Jesus & St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life and faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

In an effort to learn more about the incredible spirituality and life of St. Joseph, our parish priests will offer the following reflections:

February 24IFidelity & Grace - Trustful surrenderMarch 3IFaithfulness to the Interior Life - SilenceMarch 10IThe Worker - Labor as a gift from GodMarch 17IHusband - Love for and guardian of MaryMarch 24IFather - Love for and teacher of Jesus

Join us in the Church

6:00pm – Adoration (all-night)
6:30pm – Reflections on St. Joseph
6:30-8:30pm – "The Light is On" Confessions in the PLC
6:45pm – Rosary

2. Engage 2021 Lent Reflections

Each Monday, beginning February 22nd you will receive a reflection from Bishop Barron on the season of Lent and its practices. We invite you to take the time to watch the short video and respond with your thoughts. To signup to receive them visit our website **stmaryfred.org** and click on the link found at the top of the page entitled Lent 2021 and join "**Engage 2021**".

3. Lenten Challenge

Great "Challenge" for the entire family! This Challenge lasts for 25 days beginning Ash Wednesday. Receive a daily email with the days Challenge and see if you and your family members or friends can rise to the occasion! Challenges are simple and meant to focus our attention on lent, love and sacrifice. To sign-up for the Lenten Challenge visit our website **stmaryfred.org** and click on the link found at the top of the page entitled Lent 2021 and join "Lenten Challenge"

4. Stations of the Cross

Make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

Every Friday in the Church 7pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish (live-streamed too).

*Booklets are always available in the vestibule of the Church. Always welcome to come privately or with your family and journey together.

5. Daily Mass & Adoration

Meet Jesus in the Eucharist Daily - 6:30am, 9:00am and noon (M,W,F) Adoration - Wednesdays 12:30pm-Fridays 9am.

6. Confession

Let yourself be healed by Christ and progress in your spiritual journey. "Confession is the soul's bath – receive it often." Padre Pio Wednesdays 11:30am-noon and 6:30pm-8:30pm

Saturdays 8am-8:30am and 3:30pm-4:30pm

7. Rosary

"The rosary is the weapon for these times." Padre Pio 6:00pm Live-Streamed Daily



lent & holy week

calendar

Confession Schedule Lent and Holy Week

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

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

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

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

Horario para Confesiones durante Cuaresma y Semana Santa +

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

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

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

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



The discipline of the Church includes abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent (solid purple days) and fasting and abstaining from meat on Ăsh 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.



The Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday) Will be celebrated entirely at the Fredericksburg Expo Center in order for us to accommodate the maximum number of parishioners.

Holy Thursday

(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

9AM Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) -STREAMING ONLINE ONLY

7:30PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER 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 Saint Mary Church, where adoration will continue until midnight as we accompany Jesus in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Following Mass, Caravan to St Mary Church Vigil at the Altar of Repose

Concluding at Midnight followed by Night Prayer. (Liturgy of the Hours)



(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

9AM Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) -STREAMING ONLINE ONLY

12:00-2:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER Confessions

12:00 - 3:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER "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 - FXBG EXPO CENTER 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 - FXBG EXPO CENTER Stations of the Cross

8:00PM - FXBG EXPO CENTER El Via Crucis (En Español)

Holy Saturday ARPIL 3 (No 9am, 5pm or 7pm Masses or Confessions)

9AM

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) -STREAMING ONLINE ONLY

11:00_{AM} - FXBG EXPO CENTER 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 - FXBG EXPO CENTER 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.

Easter Sunday

APRIL **4** 8am, 10:15am, 12:30pm (bilingual), and 2:30pm confirmation mass **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

2:30pm is a Confirmation Mass for St Mary Confirmation Students

our parish happenings



The Manna Project Food Drive

Please bring donations to Mass at St. Mary Church & Holy Cross Academy

Donations of ALL non-perishable items welcome!

Additional needs include: Paper Towels Toilet Paper Baby Wipes Diapers Toiletries

Monetary donations accepted!

FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL FOOD BANK

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Join us for some faith, fun and fitness! All fitness levels welcome.



Part-Time Help Needed

New parishioners to our area are in need of some help with light housework, cooking, transportation to medical appointments and errands.

They are seeking a kind, loving and trustworthy person. Schedule is flexible, part-time and paid hourly. If interested please contact Elena Doyle at **edoyle@stmaryfred.org**

WANT TO SPEND AN HOUR ACCOMPANYING JESUS?

JOIN US FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER NOON MASS UNTIL FRIDAY AT 9AM

For more information, contact adoration@stmaryfred.org or lori.fowlkes@gmail.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

1ST & 3RD FRIDAY

- MARCH 19TH
- APRIL 16TH
- MAY 7TH

PARISH LIFE CENTER 6:30PM-8PM 6TH-8TH GRADERS

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

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vida parroquial noticias en español



Tenemos miembros de nuestra parroquia disponibles para ayudarles

9-4PM

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN CONTACTE A ELENA DOYLE A EDOYLE@STMARYFRED.ORG HABLA ESPAÑOL El Grupo de Oración Carismático Parroquial, "Confiados en Jesús y María" les invita a su streaming live por Facebook en su página @ confiadosenjesus, todos los viernes, comenzando el 31 de julio.

> Itinerario: 7pm Santo Rosario 7:30pm Animación 7:40pm Oración y Alabanza 8pm Tema de formación

Estudio Bíblico en Español

St. Jude Church, Fredericksburg, VA Iniciando el sábado 27 de febrero, 2021 Sacerdote, Profeta, Rey

- Fechas: cinco sábados consecutivos empezando el
 27 de Febrero. Seis temas diferentes
- Hora: 6:30 8:00 PM
- Lugar: Iglesia St. Jude y/o Vía ZOOM
- Costo: \$25 (incluye libro de texto, ver videos, discusiones en clase y materiales informativos adicionales)

Para registrarse y más información, Sr Tony Gibert Email: tonygibert61@gmail.com | Texto: 540-287-6067

¿Quiere hacerse CIUDADANO?

Regístrese para una evaluación inicial y conseguir la participación en un taller de naturalización virtual organizado por Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services. CUÁNDO: 10 de marzo de 2021 ** tenga en cuenta que las evaluaciones iniciales se llevarán a cabo por teléfono hasta el 26 de febrero de 2021 **DÓNDE: ¡¡Desde la comodidad de su hogar !! COSTO: \$ 125 (\$ 75 por la consulta y \$60 por la aplicación). ¿Cómo registrarse?: Complete la hoja de admisión y luego envíela por correo electrónico a citizen.hogar@ccda.net oSydney.bright@ccda.net . La hoja de admisión requerida se puede encontrar en: ccda.net/need-help/imjected-and-refugees/citizenship-and-legal-services/citizenship-application-assistance/

** Debe haber sido un residente permanente legal durante 5 años para calificar para la ciudadanía. **



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Weekly Offertory

Donations Received March 2 - March 9, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$41,656.44	
Parish Debt Reduction	3,737.00	
Micah Love Your Neighbor	460.00	
Church in Central/Eastern Europe		
	73.00	
Black & Indian Missions	93.00	
Arlington Catholic Herald	121.00	
St Vincent de Paul Poor Boz	x 714.15	

Faith Direct Donations 3/4/21

Sunday Offertory	77,005.44
Parish Debt Reduction	6,057.00
Black & Indian Missions	2,388.50
Catholic Relief Services	3,337.00
Micah Love Your Neighbor	150.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Pro-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.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for March

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

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

800 Years of Franciscan Presence, Care, Service

At this special time of year, the entire Catholic community participates in the support of Christians in the Holy Land. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Since the 13th Century, the Order of St. Francis has been walking in Jesus' footsteps, working not only to make Christianity's holiest sites accessible to all the faithful, but preserving the Holy Land's precious Christian community, the "living stones of the Church", through education and scholarships, charity and assistance to the poor and pastoral ministry in 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans and 3 academic institutions. The Good Friday Collection is the primary means of support for this work. It is a Pontifical Collection requested by Pope Francis, and your generosity is truly appreciated. For more information, visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday

Easter

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Easter Flowers.

Envelopes are available in your envelope packets and in the Church.



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Deanna White, David Mares, 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, Frank Pollack, Leslie and Charlotte Heagney, Joseph Daley, Carolyn Shebora, Jordan Tackett, Melvin Schreckinger, Stephen Inguanti, Rhonda Wolfe, Delia Flores, Bruce Berry, Glen Gress, Bobby Blankenship & family, Buddy & Vincent Yerkie & Family, Carolyn Allen, Mitchell Wood, Isaac, Nikolai & Bridget Sherba, Felicity Peletier, Leah Sanford, Jason Stoker, Makenna Anne Koetzle, Peggy Silverman, Jack Ryan, Amy Peretta, Janet Fisher, Paul Scott, Wendy Vann, Michael Vann, Michelle Thomas, Jerry Hall, Zelda Meyer, Robert Boggio ,Ryan McNichol, Bianca Sanchez, Jackeline Sanchez & Family, Mary Hope Burkett, Dick Geary, Sean Duarte, Dave & Joy Zerby, David Silberman, Mrs. Joann A. Formeller, Jim Matarese & Son, Paula Hass, Leony Scott, Catherine Laski, Winifred Herrin, Brenda Leffel, Deborah Nunez, Larry Hays, Alma Keyes, Mary Carr-John, Phil Fuller, Jean Guinn, Sylvia Littlepaige, Andy Johnston, Jacoby Smith, Andrew Prybys, Richard Epp, Barbara Sisbarro, Maria Atkins. Santo Domingo Hernandez Gomez & family, Ótilia Dogmoc, Linda Rager, Samantha Stumpf, Lonnie Dalton, Gail Erickson, Brenda Dudley, Debbie Beebe, Blanca Garcia, Rildo Ribelino Soto, Giles Morgan, Kim Matkovsky, Frances Conn, Christine Frescas, James Murphy, Daniel Burke, Joan Baker, Stephen O'Byrne, Marian Wilinski, Martha Clements, Bernard Cruz, Margaret Krebbel, Floyd Carver, Jr., Michael Sharkey, Jerry Werline, Patricia Johnston, Claire Matthews, Zachary Payne, Ernalina Kyle, Betty Curtis, Patrick Sherba, Sr., Dennis Farmer, Ernalina Kyle, Maria Wood, Margie Hougasian, Maria Wood, Robert Gibson, Mary Brussell, Bruce Mattern, Miles Wood, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpey, Danielle Mc'Carty, Scott Robey, Kellan Moran, Mary Bostain, Dilma Magalhaes Da Silva, Carol Mauro, Michael Robertson, Michol Durham, Maureen Mizzles, Michael Wood, Paul Remick, James Hogan, Brenda Skinner, Lourdes Jeane De Toledo Moura, Kristen Burns, Erin McMakin, Margaret Nault, Daniel Foster and the Foster Family, Teresa Triplett, Greg Carneal, Annie Duffy, Jimmy Duncan, Deirdre McQuade, Schauobe Johnson, Paul Lysher, Doug Johnson, Anne Graf, Deirdre McQuade, Linda Wolf, Sharon Bender, Greg Marfori, Patrick Sevbro, Rhett Loveless, Emma Bang, Rhoda Stackhouse, Karen Short, Amber Short, Adam Rousson, Marybeth Moss, Mary Jean Williams, Linda & Frank Walter, Kay Simmons, Randy Gardiner, Heather Issues, Kristy Fairbanks, Glen Sharlun, Rhoda Stackhouse, Robert Derouin, Thomas Moeller, Julianne Kelsey, Cesar Smith, Leo Conwell, Clovd Anthony Arce, Matt and Brittnay Meyer, Pam Shapiro, Doug and Dede Meyer, Sara Meyer, Matt Busby, Zelda Meyer, Royal Schmidt Jr., Kelly Keiser, William J. Chavez, Emily Clemente, Tom Burke, Claire Dougherty, Shanon Berry, Mary Ulmer, Jeanie Conwell, Gary Rolla, Grace Sherry, William F. & Anna Mary Perez Dealderett, Faith Hinkle, Jack Grey, Jim Mann, Sue Silvers, William Callahan, Genevieve Callahan, Gilbert Flores, Julia Seale, Paul Hood, Kathy Kabat, Helen Guichard, Marc Wood, Jean Conwell, Mary Ann Seidlinger

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, 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, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobes, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Daniel Algert, Jason King, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti

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

Al / Nar Anon Support Available

Al Anon is 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 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 Wayne at cushingwr@gmail.com** / **540-840-5230 or Wanda at wandasj823@gmail.com** / **540-538-6978**

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

March

22 MONDAY

6:30am Percy Loving+ 9:00am Alan Cascio+ Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11

23 TUESDAY

6:30am Joseph Stanisławski 9:00am Barbara Walor+ Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

24 WEDNESDAY

6:30am The Nash Family 8:15am* Rosalie Red+ 9:00am Paula Kelly+ Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

25 THURSDAY

6:30am The Garrison Family 9:00am Marcel and Augustine Astier+ Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

26 FRIDAY

6:30am Pat Donlan 9:00am Ruth Stellino+ Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

27 SATURDAY

9:00am Jachebel Rios 5:00pm George and Lucille Cralle 7:00pm Nancy Rockovitz+ Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

28 SUNDAY

7:00am George B. McWhirt II+
8:30am Christine McWhirt+
10:30am For Our Parish
10:30am* Rosario Rumore
12:30pm Our Military Living & Deceased
2:30pm Santiago & Elvirade Carranza
5:00pm Jennifer Hess+
7:00pm Edward Ingle+
Mk 11:1-10/ls 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy Please remember, Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If a desired date is no longer available, 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.