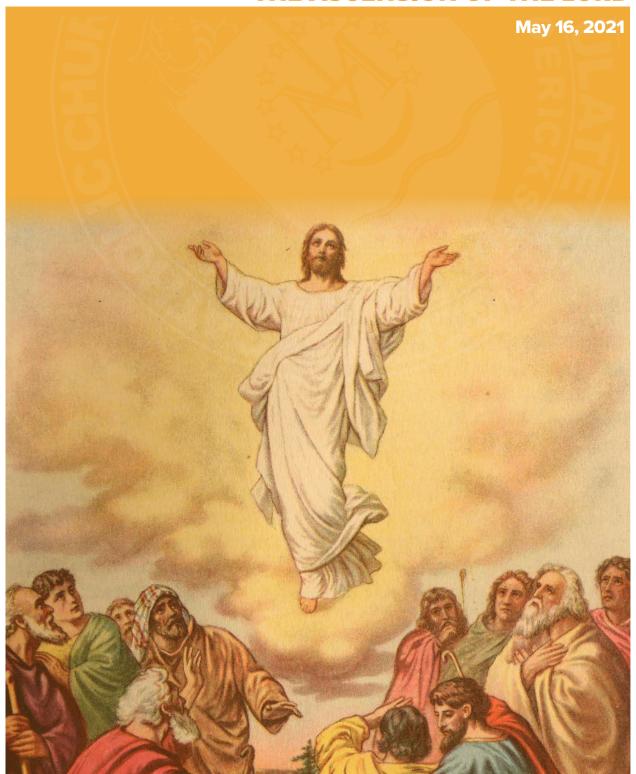
## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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

## announcements

#### **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

## **Spring into Spring with Script Gift Cards**

Spring is here. Many important dates will be occurring during the Spring, including teacher appreciation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, weddings, and a birthday or two. Give the gift of a gift card and support Holy Cross Academy. Can't decide which gift card is best? We have Scrip Gift Certificates available. For more information, just send an Email to the Scrip Coordinator at scripcoordinator@ **holycrossweb.com** or stop by the scrip table after mass. Thanks for using script gift cards!

## 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** 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

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Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm; students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

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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!

# from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

Here in the Easter Season it struck me as a good time to address a question that I often receive about cremation. Is it permissible? In a simple word yes, with a caveat that it must not be chosen as a sign of denial of the Resurrection. The recent history of cremation is that in the 1917 code of canon law, it was expressly forbidden. However, as interest in cremation grew in the western world, a concession was granted in 1963 which was incorporated into the 1983 (and still current) code of canon law. [Canon Law = Catholic Church law]. Canon 1176 reads:

"The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed; nevertheless, the Church does not prohibit cremation unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine."

Because we firmly believe that our bodies will one day share in the resurrection of Our Lord, we must treat them with respect, reverence, and due care. Yes, at the final resurrection, God will resurrect the bodies of everyone who has ever lived and died, whether they were cremated or not, whether any mortal remains still exist or even if every trace of their remains has disappeared.

One very important element is that cremated remains deserve the same respect, reverence, and due care as bodies which are not cremated. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, appropriate placement and transport, and given final disposition in a earthen tomb, mausoleum, columbarium or common grave in a cemetery. It is important to bury such a vessel as soon as possible, no longer than a year after death, in order to complete the Corporal Work of Mercy, of burying our loved ones. "The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or in keeping cremated remains in the home of a friend or relative of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires." (Liturgical Norms on Cremation, 417).

The Church does express a strong preference for the burial of the body rather than cremation. It most clearly brings to mind the life and death of the beloved one, and clearly expresses the loss experienced by every friend, relative, and loved one of the deceased. While Holy Mother Church expresses this strong preference she also wishes to assist her children who chose the option of cremation for a variety of reasons.

Hence the insistence on reverent treatment and burial of cremated remains. All of the faithful benefit from the witness to our faith in the resurrection and the beautiful ability to visit the graves of our loved ones.

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in King George and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in Colonial Beach have created a Catholic section within the existing Historyland Memorial Park in King George. The Catholic section will include an altar facing east with a large wrought iron gate bearing the Latin inscription "Coemeterium Sanctae Elisabeth et Sancti Antonii" (Cemetery of St. Elizabeth & St. Anthony). Plots are being sold now. If you are interested in this option or have questions, contact Shelley Buckles at **stanthony@va.metrocast.net** or 540-848-4785.

May each of us, immersed in the Paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord, take great hope that this too is our future!

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Fr Mosimann

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## education

# holy cross academy



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## **Holy Cross Academy - Smiles!**

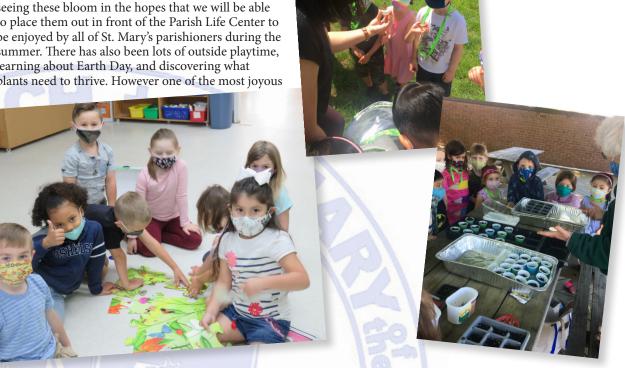
I'm not sure if I've ever seen such enormous, joyous smiles as I saw on the faces of our students as they temporarily removed their masks to receive First Holy Communion on Saturday. This sacrament is an important part of the childrens' faith journey as they learn to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. Huge thanks to Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Durant, and Mrs. Sullivan and all the staff of Holy Cross Academy for their hard work in preparing our students for their big day. We look forward to helping these students continue to grow in their love of our Lord as they continue towards their Confirmation as 8th graders.

## **Holy Cross Academy Preschool**

Spring is such an exciting time of renewal at Holy Cross Academy Preschool! We learned about the life cycle of butterflies and even got the chance to observe the process in our classrooms. The children were fascinated watching caterpillars grow, form a cocoon, and then emerge as Painted Lady butterflies! After observing the butterflies for a few days, our classes released them which was so precious to watch. This led to great discussions about how we are like caterpillars and with God's love can grow and change to become something beautiful beyond our imagination! We also planted flowers with our St. Mary gardener extraordinaire, Arlene Wilkinson. We look forward to seeing these bloom in the hopes that we will be able to place them out in front of the Parish Life Center to be enjoyed by all of St. Mary's parishioners during the summer. There has also been lots of outside playtime, learning about Earth Day, and discovering what plants need to thrive. However one of the most joyous

things that happened this spring is that we were able to host our traditional Mother's Day Tea with our mommies INSIDE the Parish Life Center complete with singing, dancing, and strawberry shortcake! It was so awesome to be able to show our moms all the amazing things we have been learning! Moving forward into our final weeks, we are getting ready for our Preschool Promotion Ceremonies to be held on June 1st. We are excited to announce that over half of our pre-kindergarten four students will be heading up to "the big school," Holy Cross Academy K-8 for the 2021-2022 school year! We are so proud of ALL of our students' progress this very unique year. They have risen to the many challenges that faced us and have grown spiritually, academically, socially, and physically. Holy Cross Academy is indeed a most wonderful place 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.



## education

# happenings







# religious education

## Religious Education Video Links on Parish Website

All lessons for all classes are on the parish website, **stmaryfred.org** and will be there until the end of July. Parents are reminded that students, especially those preparing for sacraments, are expected to complete at least 18 chapters of their texts by the end of July.

## **Catechist Needed!**

The St. Mary's Family needs you to be a Catechist

Come share your Catholic Faith, Enthusiasm, Peace and Joy

Call the parish office at 540-373-6491 or email religioused@stmaryfred.org

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TUESDAY, MAY 18 at 7PM

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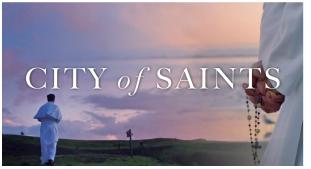
## PICK OF THE WEEK

May 16, 2021

# MATCH

#### **CITY OF SAINTS**

In this series, award-winning director Charles Francis Kinnane tells the true stories of God's grace through the ministries of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey. This influential Catholic film series has inspired over 1.2 million people worldwide.



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## our parish

# happenings

## Prayers & Squares Ministry

Prayers and Squares is offering Patriotic Pocket Squares in Honor of Memorial Day. We will have Memorial Day Pocket Squares available in the church vestibule on May 22nd & 23rd.

Please take one, tie a knot and say a prayer, then give it to someone currently serving or retired from the armed forces. Or you may take one. tie a knot and say a prayer in memory of someone who has served. If you would like to request a prayer quilt for someone who is ill please contact Dian Epp at Dbepp65@outlook. com.



## **Pilgrim Virgin Statue**

Would you like the Blessed Mother to visit your family? A beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima is taken from family to family by the Legion of Mary. Please contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail. com for more information.

Bible Studies

Adult Education at St. Mary's will be back in the Fall...

God willing.

Are you ready for in person Bible Studies? Watch the bulletin for the classes, days, and times!



## **Seven Sisters**

Would you like to support our priests and bishop in these challenging times? Is God calling you to a deeper life of prayer? Please consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate!

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a worldwide mission

of prayer for priests and bishops, formed to intercede for the needs and intentions of priests and bishops, supporting them in their vocation and ministry.

Seven women form a prayer team for one priest, and commit to one Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration per week. Each member prays on

a fixed day of the week for one year (June to June). St. Mary's has eight teams, one for each of our priests, two for our diocesan priests in the Banica mission, as well as one for the bishop.

Any hour of the day is permissible for the day to which you commit, and need not always be at the same time. Under normal circumstances, it is strongly preferred that the hour be made in a Catholic Church so as to adore the Lord in the monstrance or tabernacle. However, for the duration of the COVID health crisis or as long as as is needed for personal health/

safety, members are welcome to pray from home if they prefer. Substitute members provide coverage in the event that a permanent member cannot fulfill her hour.

More information can be found on the Apostolate's website,

sevensistersapostolate.org. If you would like to sign up as a full-time or substitute team member, please call, text, or email Kara Horne at 202.255.3178 or karahorne@gmail.com. Many thanks for your generous consideration!



## vida parroquial

# noticias en español

# PROGRAMA DE CONVALIDACIONES Preparación para el Sacramento del Matrimonio



La Iglesia Católica de St. Mary invita a las parejas que han vivido más de seis meses en unión libre o casados por lo civil a participar de nuestro programa de preparación para el sacramento del matrimonio.

El objetivo de este programa es ayudar a las parejas a reconciliarse con Dios, a vivir una nueva vida en Cristo Jesús y su Iglesia.

Aprenderán sobre el sacramento del matrimonio, la iglesia doméstica, la experiencia del cuerpo, la persona humana, etc.

Próxima sesión: Domingo 23 de Mayo del 2021

Hora: 12:00 P.M. a 2:00 P.M.

Lugar: La casa Juan Pablo II ubicada detrás de la Iglesia.

Para obtener más información en nuestra parroquia póngase en contacto con el Diácono Alberto Bernaola (llame a la oficina parroquial (540) 373-6491), Leticia Gonzalez (703) 473-7218 o Lizette Arce (540) 429-9291.



El Grupo de Oración Carismático Parroquial, "Confiados en Jesús y María" les invita a su streaming live por Facebook en su página @ confiadosenjesus.

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

## operations

# given in love

## **Weekly Offertory**

Donations Received April 27 - May 4

Sunday Offertory \$25,414

Easter Second Collection for Parish
Development/Maintenance \$655

Parish Building Fund for Debt
Reduction \$4,316

Poor Box St Vincent de Paul \$314.46

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses were offered in April for the following unscheduled intentions:
Joseph Clagett, Mike Stoltzfus,
All Souls (5), +Doris Stefaniga,
Mary Owen (2), +Charles Patrick
O'Malley, +Emil Michalowski,
+Mary Lou Boester, Lloyd Johnson,
The McAdams Family, +John
Druiett, +Annabelle Valenta, and
Paul Lysher.

## **Diocesan Retired Priests' Collection**

#### May 22-23

The Collection for Retired Diocesan Priests assists in caring for our current and future retired priests and offers a way to show gratitude for their many years of dedication and faithful service. Bishop Burbidge encourages all in the Diocese prayerfully to consider a gift to this collection and, in so doing, recognize the profound impact our priests have had on the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Arlington. Their priestly service and witness to holiness has been a benefit for all. This collection bears witness to their dignity in retirement and our appreciation. Thank you for your support and generosity.

## **Pro-Life Reflection**

We remember in our Mother's Day Novena all mothers and offer thanksgiving for the gift of human life. We also know that Mother's Day is often difficult for many, including those who have lost a child, those who have lost or are estranged from their own mothers, and those who are struggling or unable to have a child, among others. We pray that they may be filled with the Lord's peace and comforted by His love.

## Children's Offertory Envelopes for May

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!

St. Vincent de Paul Donations Accepted Monday & Wednesday 10am-4pm Friday 10am-1pm and Saturday 10am-4pm 142 Old Greenwich Drive, Fredericksburg Some pick-up service available - 540-898-8065

## liturgy

# daily bread

## **Saint Mary Prayer List**

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: 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, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kurt Gutzmann, Lois Michell, Frank Pollack, Charlotte Heagney, Joseph Daley, Carolyn Shebora, Jordan Tackett, Melvin Schreckinger, 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, Jack Ryan, Amy Peretta, Janet Fisher, Paul Scott, Wendy Vann, Michael Vann, Michelle Thomas, Jerry Hall, Zelda Meyer, Robert Boggio, 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, Jean Guinn, Sylvia Littlepaige, Andy Johnston, Jacoby Smith, Andrew Prybys, Richard Epp, Barbara Sisbarro, Maria Atkins. Santo Domingo Hernandez Gomez & family, Otilia Dogmoc, Samantha Stumpf, Lonnie Dalton, Gail Erickson, 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, 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, Schauobe Johnson, Paul Lysher, Doug Johnson, Anne Graf, Linda Wolf, Sharon Bender, 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, Cloyd 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, Penny Russell, Kathleen Szyna, Helen Guichard, Peter Boland, Eugene Wingert, Joshua White, Mary Kazalski, Paula Snellings, Mary Farrell Bennett, Kathleen Bagshaw

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, Davon Bare

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

## May

#### **17 MONDAY**

6:30am All in Our Mother's Day Novena 9:00am All in Our Mother's Day Novena Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

#### **18 TUESDAY**

6:30am David Frasher+ 9:00am Father Mosimann Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

#### **19 WEDNESDAY**

6:30am Thelma Odilia Rivera+ 8:15am\* Lorraine Herrara+ 9:00am Prudencia Chism+ Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

#### **20 THURSDAY**

6:30am Huguette Moreault+ 9:00am Charles White+ Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

#### 21 FRIDAY

6:30am Mary Buer 9:00am Karen Scanlon+ Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

#### **22 SATURDAY**

9:00am Lenard Majeski+
5:00pm Sylvia Chase
7:00pm Nguyệt Thi Nguyễn+
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

#### 23 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish

8:30am Martin Joseph Stanislawski

10:30am Edward Holzworth

10:30am\* Freddy and Leticia Gonzalez 12:30pm Allison and Nick Williamson

2:30pm Valeria Orellana 5:00pm Katie Luciani

7:00pm Liz Sposato

Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

\* 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.