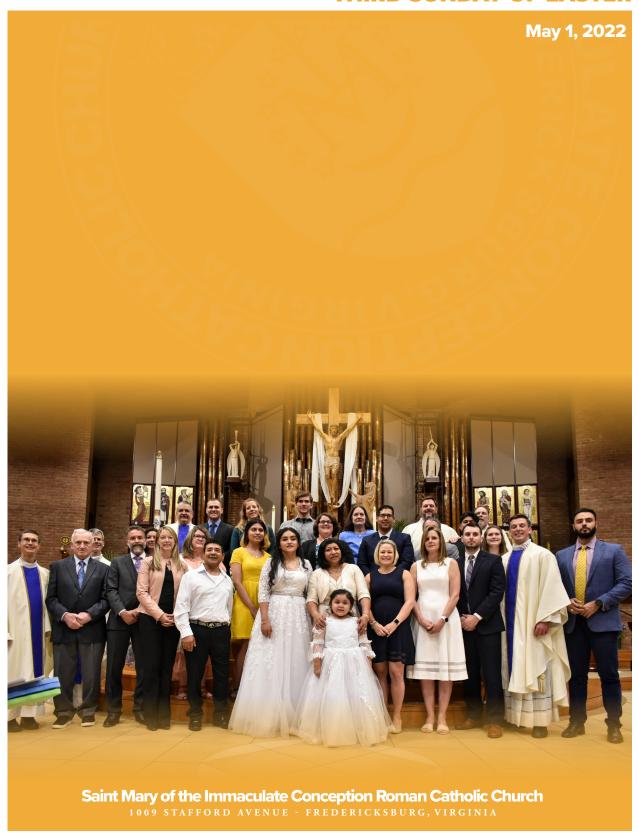
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



announcements

The St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Donations are being excepted for WORKCAMP.

Come and enjoy some fellowship ...its been too long!!!

Mother's Day Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Council 4034 will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 8th from 8am to 12pm in the Parish Life Center. The breakfast is open to the public and is pay-at-the-door.

The cost is Adults/Teens: \$8, Seniors (60 & up): \$7, Children (under 12): \$5. Please join us and treat your Mom this Mother's Day!

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, Monday, after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wednesday, 3pm

CONFESSION

Wednesday 11:30am-12pm, 6:30 - 8:30pm; Saturday, 8-8:30am & 3:30 - 4:30pm

PARISH OFFICE

540-373-6491 fax: 540-371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org stmaryfred.org Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm; Students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30am - 1:30pm

Fr. John Mosimann, Pastor Fr. Sean Koehr, Parochial Vicar Fr. Michael Folmar, Parochial Vicar Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar Fr. Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio

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Director of Music, David Uschold Asst. Director of Music, Malinda Jones

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553 Director, Sheri Castellarin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran

OUTREACH

Director, Elena Doyle

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 the parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication. Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception 1009 Stafford Avenue Fredericksburg, VA 22401

from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

"You may offer one another a sign of peace."

There you go. Could this be the sign of the end of the pandemic? We are returning this invitation to the celebration of our parish Masses. And many of you may say, "really, I started doing that a year ago!" Yes, I noticed! Since writing sometimes fails to tone, here is a smiling emoji:

However, please remember that it is an invitation to exchange a sign of peace. You do not have to shake hands. You may discreetly wave. You may hold your hands in a prayer position and bow. And above all: please be considerate and understanding if the people around you prefer to offer some such alternative sign of peace.

The sign of peace is not meant to be time to visit with relatives, or make introductions. It is a ritual gesture of charity in preparation to receive the King of the Universe. Maybe one benefit of the pandemic is a better understanding that the person next to us in the pew may have reasonable cause for avoiding shaking hands and hugging.

Holy Cross 8:30 'pandemic time' Mass on Sundays? Yep, it is still there. I have been happy with the attendance, thus it continues. The most astute observer notes that it isn't listed in the bulletin among our Masses. This is because of the 'temporary' nature of the addition. More than two years, is a long temporary. Here's another smile for you:

Our Father - holding hands. Yeah, this one seems to have disappeared during the pandemic. But know that it is not supposed to happen for several reasons, which I have written about before and won't repeat. Thanks for not bringing this one back at all!

ONLY 2

SEATS LEFT!

You are Invited to Celebrate a

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Father P. Mosimann
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION



TUESDAY, MAY 17 | 4PM

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception 1009 Stafford Avenue Fredericksburg, VA 22401

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Kindly RSVP to our Parish Office stmary@stmaryfred.org or 540-373-6491

"How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?

I will raise the cup of salvation..."

Psalm 116 12. 13

pax et bonum,

Fr Mosimann

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ALPINE EUROPE PILGRIMAGE

Including the Passion Play of Oberammergau

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 5 - 15, 2022

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to our 8th graders making their confirmation this weekend! May God always be in your life so that you have someone to lean on as you grow, learn, and become who you're meant to be.

Please pray for our 2nd grade students as they prepare for their First Holy Communion next Saturday, May 7th.



The Holy Cross Academy PTO organized a group event at the Fredericksburg Nationals Stadium for a night of action packed fun! Many of our families enjoyed the beautiful night and opportunity to play on the field.



Vocations Mass

Holy Cross Academy eighth grade students attended the Annual Mass for Vocations at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas. Eighth graders from all around the Diocese of Arlington celebrated Mass with Bishop Burbidge. Students heard from Father Michael Isenburg, Diocesan director of vocations and Father James Waalkes of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Falls Church. They were encouraged to pray and ponder what vocation God had in mind for them. After lunch and time to socialize, students returned to school.

2022-2023 Applications/Tours

Holy Cross Academy is still accepting applications for Kindergarten. Application information is available on the school website at **holycrossweb.com/admissions**.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Cross Academy Kindergarten, please contact Mrs. Deena Lanier, Admissions Coordinator, at **dlanier@holycrossweb.com** or 540-286-1600. If you are interested in a tour, please complete the online form at **https://bit.ly/3B3sb8s** to be scheduled.

If you are interested in HCA Preschool at St. Mary, please contact Mrs. Sheri Castellarin at **HCAPreschool@holycrossweb.com** or call 540-373-7553.



Open Positions at Holy Cross Academy

Are you or someone you know thinking of a career as a Catholic educator? Holy Cross Academy has the following open positions for the 2022–2023 school year.

- Elementary Classroom Teacher
- Full Time Guidance Counselor
- Middle School Math Teacher
- Part Time Librarian
- Substitute Teachers

For more information on these positions and others in the Diocese of Arlington, please visit: bit.ly/32w7x3T.

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religious education

Religious Education Events

Monday to Wednesday, May 2-4

Religious Education Classes

Monday, May 2 | 6pm

First Communion Rehearsal for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 4:45pm students and Home Taught students

Tuesday, May 3 | 6pm

First Communion Rehearsal for Holy Cross Academy Students

Saturday, May 7 | 10am

First Communion Mass for Holy Cross Academy students

Saturday, May 7 | 12 noon

First Communion Mass for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 4:45 students and Home Taught students

Monday to Wednesday, May 9-11

Religious Education Classes, Last Week of classes

Monday, May 9 | 6pm

First Communion Rehearsal for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30

Saturday, May 14 | 12 noon

First Communion Mass for Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 6:30

Monday to Wednesday, May 16 to September 7

No Religious Education Classes



The Tuesday 6pm Sixth Grade CCD class at Holy Cross Academy studied the Old Testament during the year and related it all to Jesus. What better way to understand the underlying meaning of Jesus' institution of the Eucharist than to celebrate a Messianic Passover Seder? The Catechist, Mrs. Shira Howe, hosted a Seder dinner and invited her students and parents.

Sacrament of Confirmation

- At Confirmation, our faith and membership in the Body of Christ is confirmed or strengthened.
- Confirmation connects us to a larger community.
- At Confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- The Spirit moves us to imitate the love and service of Christ and the saints.
- At Confirmation, we recommit to participate in the Church's work and mission.
- The Holy Spirit inspires us to Gospel action that includes human development and work to end injustice.
- Confirmation calls us to share Christ's mission to promote life and dignity.

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First Holy Communion

After two years of preparation and making their First Penance, our First Holy Communion candidates are ready to receive the Body and Blood of Christ on May 7 and 14. Thereafter they will fully participate in the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Furbarist

First Holy Communion celebrates a child's growth and participation in the Body of Christ, the Church. They and their guests dress in their best attire and celebrate this rite of passage in the Catholic Church. Guided by family and parish community, they will continue to mature and participate in the Catholic Faith. This is why families must ensure that their Religious Education continues.

Please remember that most Religious Education happens in the home. A child's relationship with Christ depends on how well the Catholic faith is lived in the home. Religious Education classes are essential, but they only enhance what happens in the home.

Recruiting Catechists: More Top Reasons to Become a Catechist

- Help nourish the Faith of Children
- Meet Wonderful People
- Grow in Faith and Learn
- It is a Rewarding Experiencing
- Help Improve Your Catholic Parenting

We also need Assistant Catechists, Prayer Aides, Office Assistants and Substitute Catechists

Join the parish team that nourishes the faith of our children. Call 540-373-6491 or email **religioused@stmaryfred.org**.

happenings

Public Rosary

As Promoted by America Needs Fatima in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Saturday, June 4 at noon in front of St. Mary there will be a public Rosary offered. Please join fellow parishioners for this prayerful event. Contact **michaelgkasey@verizon.net** if you have questions.

Items Needed for Refugee Assistance

Catholic Charities Migration Refugee Services is seeking car seats (infant to toddler), bikes and sewing machines. If you are able to donate any of these items, please deliver directly to their office:

100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 135

Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Call to confirm hours: 703-399-0066

Pray the Rosary with Our Parish

Join your parish family every morning to pray the Rosary, Monday through Friday immediately following the 6:30am Mass and Monday through Saturday at 8:15am before the 9am Mass. On Thursday mornings, the Rosary is offered for all Priests.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Have the Blessed Mother to visit your home? Contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail.com.

Join Us for Communal First Saturdays Devotion at St. Mary's

Saturday, May 7 beginning at 8am.
We'll pray the Fatima Prayers, with
the Rosary immediately, then
followed by the Holy Sacrifice of
the Mass at 9am. Then we'll keep
company to the Blessed Mother
for 15 minutes after the Mass,
while meditating in one of
the mysteries of the Rosary.

happenings

MISSIONARIES TO THE FAMILY

AN INITIATIVE TO REVITALIZE THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Do you desire to share the joy you've found in married life with others? Do you want to study your faith as a couple and serve your parish? Can you make a 2 hour per week commitment? Discover this amazing invitation to discern, prepare, and accompany families in your parish and community.

Informational Meeting for Couples
Thursday, May 5th, 7:00-8:30 PM
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Location TBD





Initiative Includes:

- A Year of Catholic Formation
- Weekend Retreats
- Spiritual Direction
- Training in Accompaniment

In partnership with the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame

Please RSVP by contacting Elena Doyle at the parish: 540-373-6491, edoyle@stmaryfred.org.

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Requisitos para recibir los Sacramentos

BAUTISMO

- Debe ser miembro de la Parroquia 90 días antes de solicitar el Bautismo
- Tomar las clases previo al bautizo
- Las clases son el primer sábado del mes a las 12 del mediodía

Llame a Jachebel a la oficina parroquial al (540) 373-6491, para programar la fecha del Bautismo al menos cuatro semanas por adelantado.

MATRIMONIO

- Debe ser miembro de la Parroquia
- Contactar a la Parroquia seis meses antes para iniciar la preparación

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

- Niños de 1ro y 2do grado
- Preparación de 2 años

Inscripciones abiertas julio 2022 llamar a la oficina parroquial

CONFIRMACIÓN

- Jóvenes de 6to -8vo grado
- y Secundaria (High School)
- Preparación de 3 años

Inscripciones en la oficina julio 2022

RECONCILIACIÓN

- Miércoles 11:30 am 12:00 pm, 6:30 8:30 pm
- Sábados 8:00 8:30 am y 3:30 4:30 pm

QUINCEAÑERA

- La guinceañera necesita tener el Sacramento de la Confirmación
- No hay misas privadas
- Sólo hacemos una Misa de guinceañera al mes

Para más información comunicarse con la oficina parroquial al 540) 373-6491



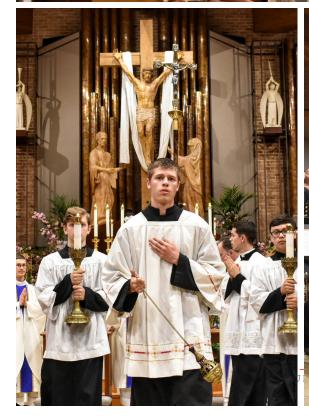
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Weekly Offertory

Donations Received April 12 - April 19

| Sunday Offertory (includes Easter Sunday) | \$25,490.51 |
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| Easter Second Collection for Parish Developme | ent |
| Maintenance | \$23,541.42 |
| Parish Debt Reduction Fund | \$338.00 |
| Good Friday Holy Land Shrines | \$4,865.42 |

Donations Received April 20 - April 25

| Sunday Offertory | \$25,993.00 | |
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| Easter Second Collection for Parish Development/ | | |
| Maintenance | \$1,298.00 | |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$8,130.00 | |
| Parish Debt Reduction Fund | \$482.00 | |
| Good Friday Holy Land Shrines | \$470.00 | |
| Poor Box St Vincent de Paul | \$1,141.00 | |

Faith Direct Donations April 15

| Sunday Offertory | \$20,745.00 | |
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| Easter Second Collection for Parish Development/ | | |
| Maintenance | \$1,145.00 | |
| Parish Building Fund for Debt Reduction | \$660.00 | |
| Good Friday Holy Land Shrines | \$195.00 | |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$200.00 | |

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Pro-Life Reflection

So where was Thomas on that first Easter night? Perhaps he was out looking for Jesus! After all, he had to see things for himself. Yet Thomas did not find Jesus until he returned to the community of Peter and the other Apostles. We too need the community of the Church united around the successor of Peter. There we find the strength to affirm life. Lord, keep me always in union with the Church and vigorous in proclaiming life!

Birthright Thank You

Dear St. Mary Parishioners, On behalf of all Birthright volunteers and their clients, we thank you for your March for Life which produced so many diapers and gift cards for us. We thank you for your ongoing support in saving babies. The new mothers and we are so grateful for your care.

Operation Rice Bowl Reminder

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy!
Our Lenten journey with CRS
Rice Bowl ends as we encounter
our risen Lord. We reflect on our
brothers and sisters whom we have
walked with, and we commit to
bring Easter joy to each person
we meet in our daily lives. Don't
forget to turn in your CRS Rice
Bowl to the Parish Office by April
30. Checks should be made payable
to St. Mary Catholic Church with
"Rice Bowl" in the memo line.

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!

Mothers' 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 May 8, Mothers' Day, a Novena of Masses will be offered for all your Mothers' Day intentions. Mothers' Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church.

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!



liturgy



Saint Mary Prayer List - May

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:

Chris Breth, Christopher Tierney, David Smetek, Faith Hinkle, Gemma Anglin, Jason Stoker, Joanne O'Brien, John Curtis, Joseph Kreig, Katie Armitage, Larry Dillman, Lorraine Beyer, Louise Curtis, Mark Smetek, Mary Farrell Bennett, Natalie Smith, Paul Lysher, Randy James, Shirley Bozicevic

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:

Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, 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, John Fartro, Michael Fedowitz Jr., Eric Menser, Sean Penczak, Will Atkins, LT Scott C. Boyd

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

St. Mary Prayer List

As a reminder, we will update our prayer list in the bulletin as a monthly listing. If you would like to include a person on the prayer list, please email **stmary@stmaryfred.org** or call the office at **540-373-6491**.

Your intention will be included for the month. If you would like your intention to remain, please reach back out and we will happily include it for an additional month.

Thank you.

Are You Affected By A Loved Ones' Addiction to Drugs?

If you are, please be aware that there is a program at St Mary that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with this problem. The program is called Nar-Anon.

One of the best benefits of Nar-Anon is that you will find compassion and support from others who are experiencing similar problems and struggles as well as people who have made it through these struggles. You will have the opportunity to hear stories from other members who have addicts in their families as well and see what coping mechanisms worked for them.

All information and discussion at the meetings are non-judgmental, informative, and strictly confidential. The meetings are in Room 100 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8 pm and are open to the community at large. For more information, contact Wayne at **cushingwr@gmail.com**/540-840-5230 or Wanda at **wandasj823@gmail.com**/540-538-6978.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

May

2 MONDAY

6:30am Jesus and Dolores Guzman+ 9:00am Ruth Stellino+ Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

3 TUESDAY

6:30am Patricia Druffner+ 9:00am Gary Lohman+ 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

4 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Fr. Stefan Starzynski+ 8:15am* Charles White+ 9:00am Rachel Luciani Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

5 THURSDAY

6:30am Joseph Cascio+ 9:00am David Uschold Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

6 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation 9:00am In Reparation 12:00pm In Reparation 7:00pm In Reparation Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

7 SATURDAY

9:00am A Special Intention 5:00pm Fr. Sunny Joseph 7:00pm For Our Parish Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

8 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 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

* 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.