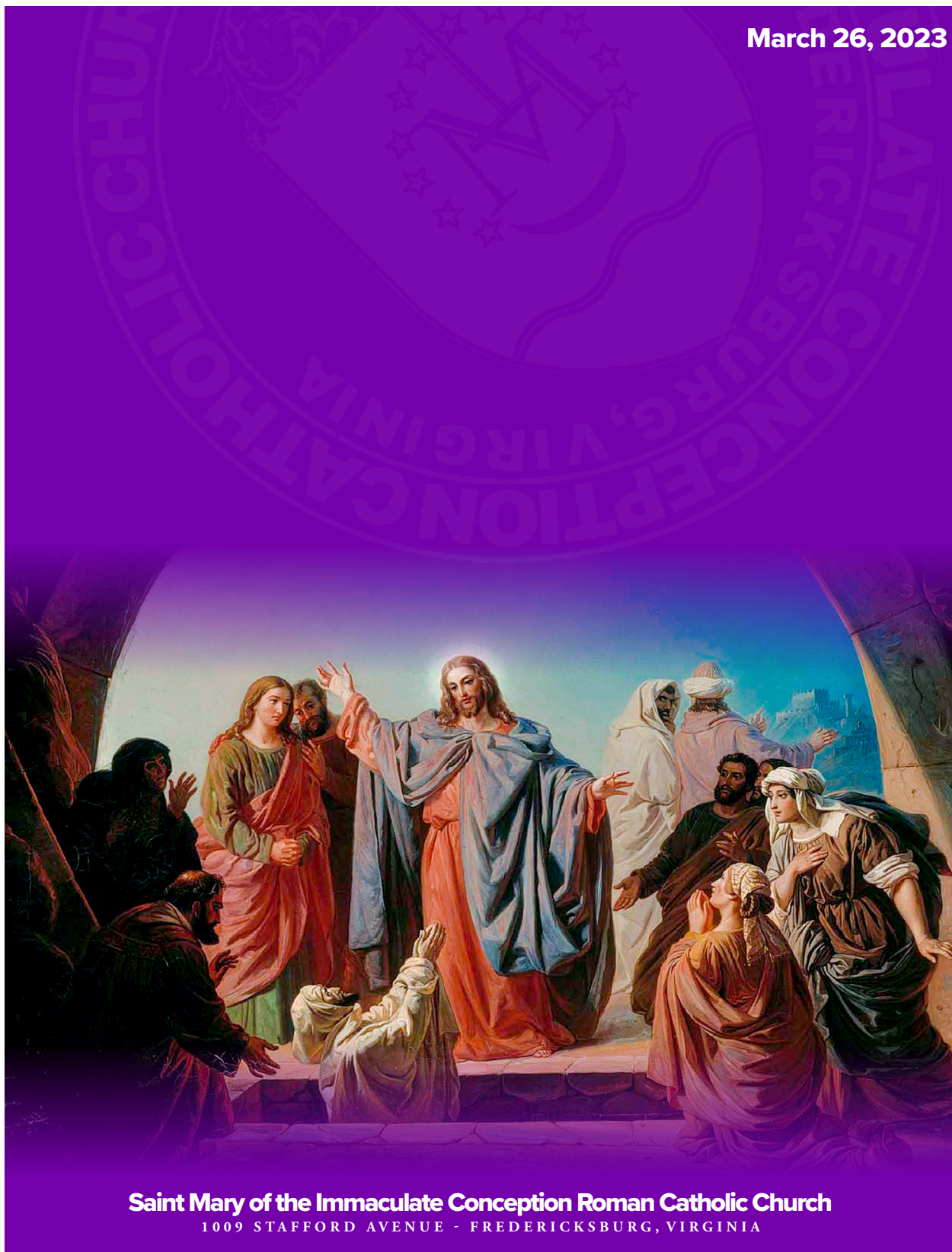


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023



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

capital campaign

Growing Our Legacy of Faith



Growing Our Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign

WE ARE MORE THAN HALF-WAY THERE!

Stewardship begins with **the recognition that everything we have, has been given to us by God.**

The Capital Campaign confronts us with the thought of giving, that sometimes can be overwhelming. One parishioner shared, "I have never been asked to make a 5-year pledge before. This is a new way of thinking about giving for me and my wife and we had to discern what was right for us."

What are the things that we spend money on monthly? Considering these can help us see the possibilities of a gift in a new light.

Expenses	Monthly	Yearly	Total Over 5 Years
Manicure/Pedicure (Monthly)	\$50	\$600	\$3,000
Cell Phone Upgrade	\$100	\$1,200	\$6,000
Chick-fil-A (Family of 4 2-3 trips/month)	\$200	\$2,400	\$12,000
Amazon (orders of items we don't really need)	\$300	\$3,600	\$18,000

Every gift is a blessing and every gift makes a difference. Please prayerfully consider a pledge response that will work best for you and your family. Pledges can be paid monthly over a 5-year period and can be a line item in your family budget.

2022 Capital Campaign

Growing Our Legacy of Faith

CONTACT US

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions about the "Growing Our Legacy of Faith" Capital Campaign

540-735-4506

capitalcampaign@stmaryfred.org

from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Three things this weekend:

1. Saturday is the Feast of the Annunciation! One of two solemnities that are so big that the church breaks its fast and penitential season to celebrate this major feast. (The other is St. Joseph's Feast Day which was last Monday).

When I meditate on the Annunciation, I contemplate the disposition of the Blessed Virgin to do whatever the Lord asked of her. I consider her radical availability, "be it done unto me according to your will." That generosity of availability for the Lord is one that we can cultivate and pray for.

We can cultivate it by doing the difficult things that would otherwise cause us to recoil. We can pray for added strength when we see that we said 'no' where our conscience was urging us to say 'yes.' Recently, I had a conversation with someone who is looking to apply for a job that they expect will be a stretch but also difficult to even be hired! The conversation led me to believe that his nerves and anxiety were really the Lord stirring his soul for the next way he wants him to grow. Enjoy the Feast of the Annunciation! Your 'yes' in the hands of God can work miracles.

2. Wizard of HCA!! By the time you read this, there will be, at most, one more production of our school play, The Wizard of Oz. There are rumors of a pastor having a small but wonderful role! Stay tuned for a picture, in case it happens!

3. Parish Survey. There are a couple of things I'd like some parish data on, especially a possible new Spanish Mass, and economic impact of the parish. I am asking folks to fill it out at Mass, but if you miss it, there will be other opportunities as well.

4. (yes, I know I said three). Extra confessions before Holy Week. Schedule on page 4.

pax,



Fr. Mosimann

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

WITH FR. MOSIMANN & MARGARET FORD
MAY 20-JUNE 3, 2023

Stay at Kilkea Castle, Waterford, Killarney, Galway, and Dublin among others and visit the beautiful Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, Our Lady of Knock Shrine, St. Bridget's Well, Klymore Abbey and many more sites — including DAILY MASS!

For a full itinerary and to reserve your ticket, contact Margaret Ford at Fredericksburg Travel 540-373-6900 or via email at fredtvl@aol.com.

lent & holy week

calendar

Confession Schedule Lent and Holy Week



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

STATIONS of the CROSS
in English at 6:30pm Fridays of Lent

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.

*Tendremos **EL VIA CRUCIS** en español cada viernes durante la cuaresma a las 7pm*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
March		14	15 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm	16	17	18 8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
12 3rd SUN						
19 4th SUN	20	21	22 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm	23	24	25 8:00am - 8:30am & 3:30pm - 4:30pm
26 5th SUN	27 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7pm	28	29 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm	30	31 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7pm	April
2 PALM SUNDAY	3 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7pm	4 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7pm	5 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 7pm	6 HOLY THURS	7 GOOD FRIDAY	8
9 EASTER SUNDAY	10	11	12 11:30am - 12pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

The discipline of the Church includes abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent (solid purple days) and fasting and abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting includes one regular meal, and the other two small meals are not to exceed a regular meal in quantity, with nothing between meals.



Holy Thursday

APRIL 6

(No 6:30am or 9am Masses)

8AM - St. Mary Church

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

7:30PM - St. Mary Church

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

Adoration in the Parish Life Center

Followed by Night Prayer beginning at 11:45pm. (Liturgy of the Hours)

Good Friday

APRIL 7

(No 6:30 or 9am Masses)

8AM - St. Mary Church

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

12 - 2:30PM - St. Mary Church

"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.

3PM - St. Mary Church

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.

6:30PM - St. Mary Church

Stations of the Cross (English)

7PM - St. Mary Church

El Via Crucis (Español)

8PM - St. Mary Church

Night Prayer

Holy Saturday

APRIL 8

(No 9am, 5pm or 7pm Masses or Confessions)

8AM - St. Mary Church

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

11AM - St. Mary Church

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 - St. Mary Church

The Easter Vigil

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 9

8AM, 10:15AM, 12:30PM (BILINGUAL)

The Resurrection of the Lord

ALL Easter Masses will be celebrated at the Fredericksburg Expo Center

Please note: there will be NO 2pm, 5pm or 7pm Masses on Easter Sunday!

Masses will not be held at the church or at Holy Cross Academy on Easter Sunday

announcements



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SUNDAY MASS

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

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 6:30am, 9am, & 12pm
Saturday 9am
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
First Friday 7pm Norvus Ordo (Latin Mass)
First Saturday 8:00am – Fatima Prayers & Rosary
followed by 9am Mass

CONFESSION

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

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stmaryfred.org
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Students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
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Fr. Sean Koehr, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Robert Renner, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Alberto Bernaola
Deacon Dick Delio

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski
Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone
Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey
Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez
Parish Secretary, Giovanni Camacho

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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
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education holy cross academy

Design For Excellence

Throughout this school year, Holy Cross Academy has been undergoing the Virginia Catholic Education Association's accreditation process, Design for Excellence. The school community completed a comprehensive self-study of its goals and how well its curriculum, student services, finances and facilities allow the school to achieve its mission. After we completed our self-study, a team of educators, not connected with the school, visited the school to judge the accuracy of our self-study and to offer commendations and recommendations to help us strengthen our program.

Perhaps the most vital part of the accreditation process was the updating of Holy Cross Academy's Mission Statement. The updated statement reads, Holy Cross Academy forms young men and women to be saints, scholars, and leaders in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother. We feel that this aspirational statement perfectly reflects how we aim to form our students during their years at Holy Cross Academy.

On March 10, Holy Cross Academy successfully completed our accreditation visit. Our visiting team of eight veteran educators thoroughly enjoyed their time on campus spending time with our students and educators. The team visited each classroom and met with all faculty and staff, our priests, HCA parents, and students. They remarked about the engagement of Fr. Mosimann and his brother priests in the life of our school, our dedicated teachers and our wonderful, happy students. We look forward to receiving our official certification later this spring.

As with all hard work there is reward. Faculty and staff enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and play after our successful visit.

2023-2024 Applications/Tours

We are now accepting applications for 2023-2024. Some of our grades are full but we are still accepting applications, including Kindergarten. Application information can be found on our school website at holycrossweb.com/admissions.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Cross Academy (K-8), please contact Mrs. Deena Lanier, Admissions Coordinator, at dlanier@holycrossweb.com or 540-286-1600.

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



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Open Positions at Holy Cross Academy

Interested in joining our team? Holy Cross Academy has openings for a Guidance Counselor and a Middle School Science Teacher. For more information on this position and others in the Diocese of Arlington, please visit bit.ly/32w7x3T

education

religious education



We Need Adult Volunteers!

If you are interested in helping our kids learn more about their Catholic faith in a fun and exciting way during Vacation Bible School, please email Caryn Vezina at cevezina@gmail.com.

VBS will be held June 26-30, 2023

The VBS theme is: Cool Kingdom Party: Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus.

CRS Rice Bowl

Our sacrifices lead us to the Resurrection

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But just like studying for a test, practicing a sport or saving money, we often must do difficult tasks, make sacrifices and overcome obstacles to reach a worthy goal.

The 40 days we spend praying and doing penance helps us prepare to celebrate the Church's greatest feast day. Jesus had to go through his passion and death before he could rise. Our sacrifices enable us to experience—in a small way—Christ's suffering, and they lead us to the joy and wonder of His resurrection.



Over the last few weeks, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. In Honduras, Rony fixed his reservoir and installed a low-cost system to water his fields. In the Philippines, Raul and Rhodora changed their jobs to ensure their granddaughters can be healthy and finish school. In Kenya, Rebecca learned how to use a new water system and different ways to farm. She also taught others in her community to use these new techniques. Rebecca spent time learning and teaching, but her sacrifice is now benefiting her family and entire community.

Reflection: How do your Lenten sacrifices help our sisters and brothers who are very poor?
Read the entire story of Hope at crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-5

First Holy Communion: Signs of Grace - You are Loved.

Signs of Grace - You are Loved is a series of 8 short videos from the award-winning Augustine Institute Studios, that prepares children for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist by revealing the intimate love God has for us. It also helps meet the crucial need for ongoing formation and catechesis of the family. The video, Presence: For

Children: The Miracle at Every Mass is presented by Fr. John Riley who led our Parish Lenten Retreat a few weeks ago. watch.formed.org/you-are-loved-1

Special Lenten Presentation

Catechist, Fermin McCormick helped Religious Education students better appreciate the crucifixion of Jesus. His primary objective was to provide information and visuals in a story form of our Savior's violent passion and death.



our parish happenings

Spring into Spring with Scrip 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!

St. Mary's Catholic Young Adult Group

Are you between the ages of 18 and 39 and looking to meet new friends in your community? Join the St. Mary's Catholic Young Adult Group! We strive to bring glory to God by serving the young adult population of our parish through faith building activities, opportunities to volunteer in the wider community and relationship building social events. To join us please contact Norvilia at stmaryyava@gmail.com - we would love to have you!

Traveling Blessed Mother Statue

If your family would like the Blessed Mother to visit your home, please call or email Mary Lou Felts to schedule a time. Call 571-723-3333 or email at maryloufelts@gmail.com.

Lenten Faith Based Sharing Time

Join us as we grown in our faith together...

Who: Everyone: men, women, younger to older adults

What: Lenten Faith Sharing

Where: The Father Rooney Room at St. Mary Church

When: Each Thursday, Mass at Noon, followed by directed discussion

Why: To strengthen our daily walk with Christ, our Catholic Faith, and our discipleship

We will begin with prayer and directed conversation each Thursday during Lent. The time will be limited to one hour or

as close as possible. For information or questions, email theresemarx@yahoo.com or tammiehute@hotmail.com We hope you will join us!

Cursillo Weekend

All Catholic women are invited to join in the next Arlington Diocese 156th Women's Cursillo Weekend. Cursillo is a short course in discipleship. It is a retreat weekend with 10-12 talks by laity and Spiritual Directors on daily life and grace. It is inspirational and directed to those seeking to strengthen their faith, join in community, and to make a closer daily walk with Christ. The 156th Women's Weekend will be held at Missionhurst Retreat House, Arlington, VA, April 20-23, 2023. The cost is \$300. and there are financial need based scholarships. For information email theresemarx@yahoo.com or tammiehute@hotmail.com. Please put 'Cursillo' in the memo line.

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an all-volunteer Catholic ministry that serves those in need while bearing witness to the Love of Christ.

Ways to Volunteer:

- Be a store cashier or a donations sorter
- Carry recyclables to the dump
- Drop off textiles we can't use at Goodwill
- Become an interviewer after training
- Join our phone committee
- Lots of other jobs

If you would like to share your talents for the Love of Christ by serving those in need, please call 540-898-8065 (an answering machine) and say, "I would like to volunteer." and leave your name and phone number. A volunteer will call you back.

To learn more about our ministry, visit stvdpfredericksburg.com.

Save Your Stuff for the CCW Yard Sale

The CCW's Annual Yard Sale is back! It will be held Saturday, July 15th, at the Parish Life Center, with donation drop off hours on the 13th and 14th. We will be accepting all sorts of items (except for clothing and shoes): Gently used baby gear, handbags, luggage, furniture, medical accessories, electronics, toys, jewelry, kitchen ware and other household items, books, DVDs and CDs. Proceeds from Council of Catholic Women fundraisers go to our parish and school and local charities. Your old dust collector may be someone else's new treasure! Start spring cleaning now and set aside a box of "stuff" to donate!

Easter Flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets and in the Church.

our parish happenings

Easter Baskets for Our Seniors

The Outreach Ministry is collecting items to create sweet Easter baskets for our seniors in nursing homes and/or assisted living facilities. Please consider dropping off your donations to the parish office by April 3rd. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a basket and/or visit please email Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org.

Items need for the baskets (any of these items happily accepted)

Baskets

Dollar Store has great medium plastic tubs that are versatile (see picture for idea)

Tissues (small purse size)

Hand sanitizer

Lotion

Lip balm

Playing cards

Colored pencils

Sugar free mints and/or hard candies

Granola bars (soft ONLY)

Easter Eggs with chocolate treats (like Hershey Kisses)

Prayer cards – Holy Cards





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UNWANTED ITEMS IN
THE CHURCH

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
& SATURDAY ~ 10:00AM-4:00PM**

142 Olde Greenwich Drive
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408

Eight Annual Roses of Castile Gala
in support of

**The Guadalupe Free Clinic
of Colonial Beach**

May 6

Old Hickory Golf Club

more information & tickets found at
guadalupefreeclinic.org

Now in its 18th year, demand for the services of the Clinic (the first Catholic free clinic in the diocese) continues to increase. Join us for an evening of fine dining, auctions, music & dancing.

Seating is limited so order tickets early!

vida parroquial

noticias en español

Invitación a participar en la Legión de María



¿PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN?

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571-723-3807

samuelseza1230@gmail.com

Vicepresidenta: Martha Tueros
703-499-1044
mtueros@hotmail.com

LUGAR Y HORA DE REUNIÓN:

Todos los viernes a las 8:00 p.m.
en el Salón Father Rooney,
ubicado detrás de la iglesia.

¿QUÉ ES LA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA?

La Legión de María es una asociación internacional de miembros de la Iglesia Católica que sirven de forma voluntaria. Fundada en Dublín en 1918 por el laico y Siervo de Dios Frank Duff.

¿QUÉ HACE LA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA?

Los miembros sirven en la vida parroquial a través de un programa equilibrado de oración y servicio. Las actividades de trabajo incluyen evangelización de puerta en puerta, visitas a feligreses, visitas a enfermos o ancianos, contacto callejero, educación religiosa, promover y enseñar el rezo del Rosario, rotaciones de la estatua de la Virgen Peregrina. Todo bajo la guía del Sacerdote asignado.

¿CÓMO FUNCIONA LA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA?

Los miembros se reúnen una vez a la semana para orar, planificar y asignar las actividades de trabajo de dos horas cada semana en parejas.

¿QUIÉN PUEDE PERTENECER A LA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA?

La Legión de María está abierta a todos los católicos que practican fielmente su religión, tengan los respectivos sacramentos, y están preparados para cumplir con todos y cada uno de los deberes que implica la membresía de legionario activo o auxiliar.

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

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

operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Donations Received March 7 to March 13

Sunday Offertory	\$25,012.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$7,873.00
Turkey/Syria Earthquake Victims	\$1,085.00
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul	\$1,368.00

The Second Collection next weekend is for Parish Debt Reduction. Thank you for your generosity!

Pro-Life Reflection

Lent is a season of life. The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ have brought us the new life we now live. We commit ourselves to join all our suffering to His for our own salvation and that of the whole world. *Jesus, I offer You all my sufferings, that they may be borne in union with Your Cross and may help bring about a Culture of Life starting with me.*

Children's Charity - April

The children's charity that will benefit from offerings in April is the Operation Purple Program of the National Military Family Association. When you hear "Operation Purple Camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! The camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes.

The Operation Purple program was created in 2004 to fill a need identified by military parents to "help us help our kids." The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. We do this through a variety of means, including the healing and holistic aspect of the natural world. The program is joint or "purple"—encompassing all Service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve.

Since its creation in 2004, the Operation Purple program has grown to serve nearly 70,000 military children and teens. The Operation Purple program also includes family retreats at national parks and specialized family camps geared to address the needs of children and families of our nation's wounded service members.

For more information, visit their website at militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/camps/

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's EVERY Wednesday following the 12 noon Mass ALL DAY – ALL NIGHT Wednesday & Thursday Concluding on Friday Mornings at the 9am Mass.

"To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the GREATEST GIFT OF LOVE – the tender love of Our Father in Heaven"
- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**Contact: Serena Nguyen,
Coordinator
Adoration@stmaryfred.org**

RENT-A-CREW!



Help us get to WorkCamp!

WHO: The teens of St. Mary Youth Ministry

WHAT: Your spring yardwork tasks DONE!

WHEN: On YOUR schedule!

WHERE: On YOUR property!

WHY: To fundraise for Diocesan WorkCamp and our mission trip to Banica, Dominican Republic this summer!

**To get a quote and request a crew, contact
Catie Espiritu or Tatiana Beltran**

cespiritu@stmaryfred.org
tbeltran@stmaryfred.org



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - March

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

Anna Gawlik, Anthony Yantiss, Bonnie Toboz, Chris & Re McArthur, Chris Breth, David Smetek, Eileen McVicar, Joanne O'Brien, John Gawlik, Joseph Krieg, Karl Eugene, Keith and Theresa Kovalefsky, Larry Dillman, Lina Frescas Dobbs, Lusia Gawlik, Maxwell Ayers, Michael (Mikey) Walh, Monika Gawlik, Shirley Bozicevic, William (Liam) David Jackson, Slawek Gawlik, Gary Rolla, Kati Ryan, Valerie Barcheski, Charlie Clawson, Lexie Haglund

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

Joseph Gardner, 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, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobs, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, 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

March

27 MONDAY

6:30am Michael J. Kelly+

9:00am Jean DuBois+

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11

28 TUESDAY

6:30am Christine G. McWhirt+

9:00am George B. McWhirt III+

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

29 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Daniel Anthony Jenkins

8:15am* Rosaria Rumore+

9:00am Henry Fedowitz

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

30 THURSDAY

6:30am Martha Joyce Mattson+

9:00am Charles White+

12:00pm Sergio Cuevas+

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

31 FRIDAY

6:30am Paul Nestor

9:00am Ruth Stellino+

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

April

1 SATURDAY

9:00am Pierre Charbonner+

5:00pm David Faltisco+

7:00pm Nancy Ronckovitz+

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

2 SUNDAY

7:00am John J. Murphy

8:30am Carolyn Beard+

8:30am* Andy Pacheco+

10:30am All Those Who Died in March

10:30am* For Our Parish

12:30pm Rosa Maria Mercado Villanueva

2:30pm Hector Alejandro Camacho

5:00pm Sister Gloria Christi Bereit

7:00pm Florinda Chun

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

** 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.