

PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023



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

capital campaign

Growing Our Legacy of Faith



2022 Capital Campaign

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CONTACT US

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

540-735-4506

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Growing Our Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Since our Capital Campaign entered the public phase in December, total pledges have increased by 36% and the number of families participating by 60%!

Let's keep this momentum going by making April & May just as successful!

PLEDGES	MONTHLY PLEDGE TOTAL	CUMULATIVE PLEDGE TOTAL	NUMBER OF PLEDGES	NUMBER OF SCHEDULED VISITS	NUMBER PRAYERFULLY CONSIDERING
PRIOR MONTHS			132	149	19
NOVEMBER	\$425,600.00	\$2,783,396.82	29	45	18
DECEMBER	\$478,699.00	\$3,262,095.82	33	47	17
JANUARY	\$420,690.00	\$3,682,785.82	67	98	36
FEBRUARY	\$441,555.00	\$4,124,340.82	80	121	58
MARCH (AS OF 3/24)	\$269,135.60	\$4,393,476.42	65	108	39
			406	568	187

Not yet Visited?

We will be calling you, please accept a no - pressure visit so that we can explain in detail the history, discernment, needs, and sacrifices needed for **"Growing our Legacy of Faith"**. These personal and direct appeals are far and away the most effective means to communicate with you! The information we communicate via the bulletin is a small appetizer of the information we have to share with you.

Visited and Prayerfully Considering

Thank you for your time, and your due consideration of the sacrifices needed to build for the growth of our parish family! **Please provide a response in a week or two, after your visit**, as every pledge builds momentum and encourages our hard work to meet our parish needs. It also helps us in the planning process, allowing us to design what we can afford and obtain Diocesan approval.

from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Last week we conducted an in-pew survey! Thanks for your patience, time, and input! We printed out more than 3500 surveys, and it seems there were not many left over! Yowza!!

We have a dozen volunteers and staff inputting your responses into Survey Monkey which will be used by an expert statistician and data analyst to collect and sort the information! Yes, the expert is my father, who has a masters degree in statistics and a PhD from Michigan in Zoology plus many years teaching statistics and helping researchers to write surveys. And best of all, his consultation fee is just the Hail Marys we can spare! Please pray one or two for him. Thank you!

If you missed the survey, I was seeking your perspective on: questions about adding another Spanish Mass, economic impact of the parish on the City of Fredericksburg, and a few other things pertaining to our Capital Campaign.

If you missed the survey, here is a link and a QR code for you to be able to fill it out. These links will close on Thursday April 6th at 9am. This way all data will be in before the three most sacred days of the year, and we can all focus on what is most important!

To access the survey on a computer:
surveymonkey.com/r/MNK5NY7

or on a phone:



A Blessed Palm Sunday to all, may this week be an enriching journey along the sorrowful way of the cross and resurrection of Our Lord.

pax,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Fr. Mosimann".

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



contact us

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 Novus 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

PARISH OFFICE

540-373-6491 fax: 540-371-0251
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Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm;
Students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
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Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Robert Renner, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Alberto Bernaola
Deacon Dick Delio

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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!

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education

holy cross academy

The Wizard of Oz - "There is No Place Like Holy Cross Academy"

Dorothy: "Weren't you frightened?"

Wizard of Oz: "Frightened? Child, you're talking to a man who's laughed in the face of death, sneered at doom, and chuckled at catastrophe... I was petrified."

Holy Cross Academy families and friends enjoyed this year's drama production of "The Wizard of Oz, Young Performers Version" last weekend. Many of our students had an opportunity to participate, all the way down to our littlest crusaders. Even Father Mosimann had a cameo appearance!

Holy Cross Academy has enjoyed the return of young voices raised in song during mass, special holiday performances, and the icing on the cake, a fantastic musical production.

Thank you to our music teacher, Mrs. Ramos-Burgos, your student actors and amazing volunteers. We are blessed that your yellow brick road led to Holy Cross Academy!

Open Positions at Holy Cross Academy

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

2023-2024 Applications/Tours

We are now accepting applications for 2023-2024. We are still accepting applications for most grades, 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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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

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, one of the most significant moments of the Church year. During this week, we journey with Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his final meal with his closest friends and ultimately to his death on the cross.

As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who even today carry heavy crosses: crosses of hunger, of homelessness, of a lack of resources or security. In these brothers and sisters we encounter Christ, as he walks that long road to Calvary. In these encounters, it's important not to forget an essential pillar of Lenten spirituality—almsgiving—which allows us to help those who are most in need.



This final week of Lent is also a time to reflect on those words of Saint Paul to the Philippians. Jesus emptied himself for us; how might we empty ourselves for others? Our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving have prepared us to wrestle with this question. We must always remember that Holy Week gives way to Easter—the fast turns into a feast. God wins the day. As we prepare to celebrate Easter with joy, it is our responsibility as members of God's one human family to share that joy with everyone, near and far.

First Holy Communion: First Holy Communion Questions For Family Discussion

Who is Jesus? – Answers could include: God's (only) Son, Prince of Peace, our Savior, the Messiah

Do you know any stories about Jesus? Popular ones include Jesus calming the storm, multiplying loaves & fishes, and healing the blind and the lame.

How did Jesus show people that he loved them? He cared for them by healing and serving them while bringing them closer to God the Father.

Why didn't some people like Jesus? Answers could include: he was bringing change which is difficult, and some expected the savior to be a warrior.

Who were Jesus' special friends? The 12 apostles and those who traveled with Jesus. Why did he need them? A good start to answer to this is to ask your child why they need their friends. Some examples are companionship, support, strength, and to help spread his ministry.

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More discussions questions next week!

Special Presentation to Wednesday 6:30 Grades 7 and 8 Students by Steven Hemler: Why Go to Mass?

The presentation was very convincing and informative and the students, parents and catechists present were more informed of the importance of going to Mass. For several weeks the next we will present paragraphs from the presentation abstract.

Why Go to Mass?

"Not every Mass is going to be a deeply moving experience. Lifelong Catholics may have grown so used to the ritual that they aimlessly go through the motions and find their minds often wandering. So, why bother going to Mass? Here are some important reasons." (Prepared by Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America) cainaweb.org/

our parish happenings

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.

Important BLA Note

Thank you to all our parishioners who have donated to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. If you have signed up to make monthly payments to the BLA, please be sure to send those monthly payment directly to the BLA. Any payments made through Faith Direct or sent to the parish will cause a delay in processing and in recording your payment with the Diocese.

St. Mary Book Club

St. Mary Book Club will meet on Tuesday April 11, 10am-noon approximately, in the Father Don Rooney Community Room. We will discuss Redeeming the Time by Bishop Robert Barron.

We hope to see you there - all are welcome. As always, come along for the discussion even if you haven't finished the book. And if you can't make it in April, our May selection is *The Reunion*, a novel by Dan Ward.

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 tammiechute@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 tammiechute@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 stvdprfredericksburg.com.

Saint Patrick School is Hiring

Saint Patrick Catholic School is in need of a Director for our Extended Day Care program for the 2023-2024 school year. The Extended Day Director oversees the Extended Day Program to ensure that it follows diocesan and state licensing requirements. Applicants should have experience working in a child care setting. A desire to work with children in a Catholic school environment is essential.

St. Patrick School is in need of an Extended Day Care Staff worker for the 2023-2024 school year. Qualified candidates should be 18 years or older and have an interest working with children in a Catholic school environment. This position is ideal for a college student, or recent college graduate interested in working with children or exploring Catholic school teaching as a career. We are looking for an individual who can work five days a week during the school year between 3 and 6pm.

Please send a cover letter and resume to George Elliott at gelliott@saintpatrickschoolva.org.

Micah Thank You

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter has closed for the season. Thank you very much to those who gave their time to volunteer at the shelter and to those who donated various, needed items, such as clothing and blankets. It is because of you that the shelter can remain open and our neighbors can stay dry and warm. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit Micah Ecumenical Ministries, dolovewalk.net or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, thurmanbrisbencenterv.org. God bless you all.

our parish youth ministry



April

Month of the Blessed Sacrament

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 FIGHT CLUB
2 HS CYM	3	4	5	6	7	8
HOLY WEEK - NO YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES						
9 EASTER!	10	11	12 YOU CAT	13 FEMININE GENIUS	14	15 FIGHT CLUB
16 HS CYM	17	18	19 YOU CAT	20	21 MS CYM	22 FIGHT CLUB
23 HS CYM	24	25	26 YOU CAT	27 FEMININE GENIUS	28	29 FIGHT CLUB
30 HS CYM	1	2	3	4		

LEADERSHIP
MINISTRY

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

Big Board Fundraiser!



April 15 & 16

Take a number from the "Big Board" outside of all Masses next weekend and make a donation in that amount to help our WorkCamp teens make homes warmer, safer, and drier this summer! Thank you for your generosity!



vida parroquial

noticias en español

Invitación a participar en la Legión de María



¿PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN?

Presidente: Samuel Meza
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, 3-11
- Preparación de 2 años

CONFIRMACIÓN

- Jóvenes de 6to -8vo. grado
- y Secundaria (High School)
- Preparación de 2 años

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 14 to March 21

Sunday Offertory	\$31,387.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$7,798.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$2,021.00
Turkey/Syria Earthquake Victims	\$50.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$50.00
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul	\$1,471.00

Faith Direct Donations March 15

Sunday Offertory	\$19,701.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$270.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$665.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$230.00
Manna Food Project	\$10.00
Turkey/Syria Earthquake Victims	\$450.00
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$125.00

*Our Second Collection for Easter is our Annual Parish Appeal for Development and Maintenance.
Thank you for your generosity!*

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.

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 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**

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - April

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

David Smetek, Jason Stoker, Joseph Crieg, Larry Dillman, Loraine Lemoine, Mac Frescas, Maureen Bunn, Michael Fedowitz III, Paula Snellings, Re & Chris MacArthur, Sarah Fartro, Teri Cueman, Theresa & Keith Kovalefsky, William David Jackson (Liam), William Debary, 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 Jobes, 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

April

3 MONDAY

6:30am Frances Wildman+
9:00am Florinda Chun
12:00pm George O'Reilly+
Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

4 TUESDAY

6:30am Carolyn Beard+
9:00am Maria Biosca Pierce+
Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

5 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Deacon Dick Delio
8:15am* Matthew Prohaska
9:00am William Marlow
Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

6 THURSDAY

7:30pm For All Priests
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

7 FRIDAY

Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14—5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

8 SATURDAY

8:30pm RCIA Candidates & Catechumens
Gn 1:1—2:31a/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/
Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez
36:16-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

9 SUNDAY

8:30am Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
10:15am For Our Parish
12:30pm For Religious Freedom and the Sanctity of Life
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

** 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.