

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024



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

capital campaign

grow our legacy in faith

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Number of Pledges to date: 1185

Amount Pledged to date: \$7,254,439.19

Total Amount Paid towards pledged commitments:
\$2,718,369.70

Percent of 5-year pledges collected to date: **37%**

Percent of donors actively making payments **86%**

Thank you to all those who have pledged and those who are making offertory contributions towards the Capital Campaign.

Paying by Cash

To ensure that your payment is properly credited towards your pledge, be sure to include your envelope number, name, and address on the back of the payment envelope labeled "Growing Our Legacy of Faith".

Paying by Check

To ensure that your pledge payment is properly recorded, please fill out the necessary information on the back of the payment envelope that is labeled "Growing Our Legacy of Faith." Additionally, make sure to write "Capital Campaign" on the memo line of your check. If you have an investment company make the payment on your behalf, please let them know to include your name and "Capital Campaign" on the memo line.

Campaign and Building Committee Update:

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD! Our parish family participated in the celebration of the groundbreaking for the expansion of Holy Cross Academy, at our annual picnic on Saturday, April 20th! We will share the highlights from this event in next week's bulletin.



from our pastor

Dear folks,

Let me renew an exhortation that I share from time to time, because we can all use a reminder: be good to our neighbors, as it regards to the difficulty of parking on public streets. I will support the right of citizens to park where allowed by law and good neighborly relations. However, I will also support the right and duty of the city to enforce parking regulations.

This came up recently when a parishioner parked in a 'resident only' zone, and asked if I could do anything about the ticket they received. My spiritual authority does not extend to parking tickets!

There are many ways we are actively trying to engage and be good to our neighbors: adding Sunday Masses at Holy Cross Academy especially on Feast Days, and starting additional Saturday Spanish Mass at St. Judes. We pay every week for the sheriff who helps with traffic flow, for big Masses the Knight of Columbus help with parking, and we have bulletin and pulpit reminders such as this one. Moreover, we have the tradition of Celebrating Easter at the Expo Center and now the Triduum!

My list of ways to be a good neighbor:

1. Obey all traffic laws and postings about where parking is permitted, being careful to be within the lines where parking spots are delineated. Being especially careful not to block driveways.
2. Please use the parking lot as much as possible. Many folks park along other residential streets when there are still plenty of parking spaces in the lot (obviously b/c it allows for a quicker departure and not having to deal with the lot) but that is why the lot was created.
3. When you do park on residential streets, be sure that you are parking where it is permitted! For example, weekday parking is residential only on certain streets. Law enforcement has a duty to ticket this behavior.
4. When you encounter neighbors, remember that you represent Jesus and His Catholic Church!
5. When you drive on residential streets, especially Stafford Avenue, remember this is a neighborhood with children at play.

Let's be good neighbors, as charity begins with the Lord, and continues as we exit the parking lot and into all of our daily lives.

pax,



Very Reverend John P. Mosimann V.F.
Pastor

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, June 6th
St. Mary Parish Night at the BallPark
More info coming!



announcements



New Parishioner Welcome

Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Mosimann and members of our Welcoming Committee are looking forward to meeting you and introducing you to the many fantastic ministries at St. Mary so that you (and your family) can share your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot on **Sunday, April 28th 9:30a - 12:30p** for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Committee Team and with your new pastor. bit.ly/46pMXhh

Meetings will take place in the Courtyard Meeting Room (Fr. Rooney Room) behind the church - the room with all the crucifix's on the wall!

If you have any questions, please email Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org.

contact us

stmaryfred.org

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
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
stmary@stmaryfred.org
stmaryfred.org
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 9pm;
Students staff office weekdays until 9pm,
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays (Closed)

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, Vicar Forane, Pastor
Reverend Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Robert Renner, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Kevin Dansereau, 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

MUSIC

Director of Music, musicministry@stmaryfred.org
Assistant to the Music Ministry, Emma Atkinson

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

540-286-1600
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234
Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry,
sfry@holycrossweb.com

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553
Director, Sheri Castellarin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Aristides Lucas
Associate Director, Katherine Evans
Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Katherine Evans

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

education

holy cross academy

Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt

HCA kindergarten students joined their eighth grade buddies for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Almsgiving Lesson

Before the Easter Break, Mrs. Dunneback's Kindergarten class spread kindness throughout our school community. In a beautiful act of almsgiving, they anonymously bestowed gifts upon our dedicated faculty and staff, spreading joy and gratitude.

Not stopping there, these thoughtful students brightened everyone's day by offering beverages, treats and a class crafted card to everyone they encountered with the "Treat Wagon".

Their selfless gestures remind us of the power of compassion and the joy found in giving. Let us all be inspired by their example as we continue to foster a culture of kindness and generosity.

2024-2025 Applications/Tours

We are still accepting applications for Kindergarten, First, Second, and Fourth grade. Application information may 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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education

religious education

Upcoming Events

Monday to Friday, Registration of Religious Education students at the Parish Office.

Mon-Wed, April 22-24
Religious Education Classes

First Holy Communion #1
Students who attend Holy Cross Academy
Tuesday, April 23
Rehearsal at 6pm in the church
Saturday April 27
First Communion Mass at 10:30am in the church, candidates assemble in the PLC

First Holy Communion #2
Religious Education students who attend class on Mondays at 6:30pm
Monday, April 22
Rehearsal at 6:30pm in the church
Saturday, April 27
First Communion Mass at 1pm in the church, candidates assemble in the PLC

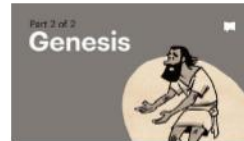
Monday to Wednesday April 29 to May 1
Religious Education Classes

First Holy Communion #3: Religious Education students who attend class on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays at 4:45 pm.
Monday, April 29: Rehearsal at 6:30pm in the church
Saturday, May 4: First Communion Mass: at 10:30am in the church, candidates assemble in the PLC

First Holy Communion #4:
Education students who attend Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at HCA, and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Taught students
Tuesday, April 30: Rehearsal at the church
Saturday, May 4: First Communion in the church, candidates assemble



Week of April 21, 2024



Genesis Part 2 | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on Genesis 12-50, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Genesis, God promises to bless rebellious humanity through the family of Abraham, despite their constant failure and folly.



Lectio: Mark

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.



Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Is your marriage all it can be? Beloved unlocks the sacrament of marriage in 12 sessions, showing how God designed it to fulfill you. Open to all couples, young or old.

**SIGN UP FOR FREE AT [FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](https://formed.org/signup)
CLICK REGISTER THEN ENTER PARISH CODE: **F6F228****

CAT CHAT
Vacation Bible School

We Need Teen Volunteers!

Are you interested in helping kids learn about their Catholic faith in a fun and exciting way during Vacation Bible School? Come volunteer! VBS will be held July 15-19. Registration forms are available in the parish office. Registration fee per teen volunteer is \$15.

A WILDERNESS ADVENTURE THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS
Jesus in My Heart

SACRAMENTS: BAPTISM, EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION, RECONCILIATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, HOLY ORDERS, MATRIMONY

our parish happenings

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 www.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!

Mother's 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 12, 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.

Need from Outreach

We currently have two parish families in desperate need of a vehicle. The vehicle can be any size.

If you are able to donate a car you no longer need to the parish, please contact Elena Doyle edoyle@stmaryfred.org.

Parishioner seeking employment. Bilingual receptionist/with accounting course work and tax certifications in need of trusted employer. If you are hiring or know of someone seeking a hardworking employee, please reach out to Elena at edoyle@stmaryfred.org. Thank you.

St Mary Young Adults

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 Tyler at stmaryyava@gmail.com - we would love to have you!

Public Rosary

Join other parishioners at noon in front of St. Mary on Saturday (3rd Saturday of the month) too pray the Rosary as requested at Fatima by our Lady for Peace. RSVP to michaelgkasey@verizon.net.

St Mary's Singles Group

An open invitation to everyone single and 40 years of age or older for monthly group gathering's like dinners, movies, plays, works of charity, prayers, Mass, and other church events. Contact Eileen Walts at emw5348@gmail.com to get on the email newsletter list.

Meeting monthly to plan events at Wegmans upstairs meeting space at 10am. Our next meeting is May 18.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

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

Big Yard Sale Coming

Save the Date - July 27, 2024

CCW is again having its annual yard sale in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, July 27th. What's junk to you is GOLD to someone else! So set aside all those items you want to donate. Collection times and dates will be announced later.

We will accept gently used baby gear, handbags, furniture, electronics, toys, jewelry, kitchen ware and other household items, books, commercial DVD's, CD's, medical accessories, toys, and tools.

We will not accept clothing, shoes, encyclopedias, outdated text books and car seats.

Proceeds from Council of Catholic Women fundraisers go to our parish, school and local charities. We're counting on you to bring us your "good junk" to help us have a successful sale this year.

St Monica Prayer Group

Adults and mature teens are welcome to join the St. Monica Prayer Group on Saturday, May 11, 2024 following the 9:00 am Mass (9:45 - 11 am) at St. Mary's in the PLC.

our parish happenings



Interfaith Community Council 2024 School Dressing Days

Serving Fredericksburg, King George, Caroline,
Spotsylvania, and Stafford Counties



Provides clothing and school supplies for students **grades K-12** (and Head Start)

To attend the July 2024
School Dressing Days
event you
MUST PRE-REGISTER
one of the following ways:

1) ONLINE www.interfaithcommunitycouncil.org
registration June 16 - July 13



2) IN PERSON REGISTRATION:

- Sat July 13 (10am – 1pm)
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1710 Bragg Rd, Fredericksburg, VA

Where?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1710 Bragg Road, Fredericksburg, VA

When?

Friday July 26, 2024 (9am – 3pm)
Saturday July 27, 2024 (9am – 3pm)

Must bring following to Event Day!

- 1- **Proof of address.** For example:
*Driver's license, DMV ID card, lease, utility bill,
OR a letter from social services, etc
- 2- **For Head Start Students: Proof of
acceptance letter to program**

For more information, send email to
schooldressingdays@gmail.com
Like us on Facebook: School Dressing Days



Interfaith Community Council Días de Vestimenta Escolar 2024

Sirviendo a los condados de Fredericksburg, King George,
Caroline, Spotsylvania, and Stafford



Proveemos vestimenta y materiales escolares para niños Head Start y de K-12 grados

Para participar en los
Días de Vestimenta Escolar 2024
**ES OBLIGATORIO REGISTRARSE
ANTES**

1) POR LA PAGINA DE WEB:
www.interfaithcommunitycouncil.org
*** registration 16 Junio- 13 Julio***



2) O REGISTRASE EN PERSONA en las
siguientes fechas:

- Sábado 13 Julio (10am – 1pm)
La Iglesia de Jesucristo de los Santos de los Últimos Días
1710 Bragg Rd, Fredericksburg, VA

¿Dónde?

La Iglesia de Jesucristo de los Santos de los Últimos Días
1710 Bragg Road, Fredericksburg, VA

¿Cuándo?

Viernes 26 Julio 2024 (9am – 3pm)
Sábado 27 Julio 2024 (9am – 3pm)

¡Deberá traer lo siguiente documentos para la Pre-Registación!

- 1- **Verificación de dirección.** Por ejemplo:
*Licencia de conducir, tarjeta de identificación de DMV,
contrato de arrendamiento, factura de servicios públicos (luz, agua),
O una carta de servicios sociales, etc.
- 2- **Verificación de carta de aceptación al
programa de Head Start**

Para más información **envíe un correo electrónico (email) a**
schooldressingdays@gmail.com
Encuétranos en Facebook: School Dressing Days



our parish
happenings



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4034

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

8 AM - NOON

PARISH LIFE CENTER
1009 STAFFORD AVENUE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA

The Knights of Columbus Council 4034 will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12th from 8 AM to 12 PM in the Parish Life Center.

We will also be holding a Baby Bottle Campaign and will collect items for Mary's Shelter. Please bring any donations (diapers, formula, wipes, etc.) to the PLC during the breakfast.

The breakfast is open to the public. Donations appreciated.

Please join us and treat your Mom this Mother's Day!



our parish youth ministry

WORKCAMP BIG BOARD FUNDRAISER & Adirondack chair raffle!

WWW.TENYURL.COM/R16BOARD24



SCAN HERE TO DONATE ONLINE



YOU COULD WIN A PAIR OF BEAUTIFUL
CHAIRS MADE BY OUR WORKCAMPERS!

WorkCamp is an annual week-long youth ministry program that provides teens throughout the diocese an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship. The camp-style program combines prayer, daily Mass, confession, great speakers, and service to those in the community in need of warmer, drier and safer homes. Please consider supporting our St. Mary teens as they embark on this transformational opportunity! Thank you!

Do you have skills in basic home repair and maintenance?
Do you want to help families in need in our diocese?
Are you available June 24 - 27th?

We need YOU!



to serve as a WorkCamp
Contractor with us this
summer!



Contact Youth Ministry for more details

April 2024

Youth Ministry Calendar



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

Month of the Blessed Sacrament

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th)
Every Sunday, 6:00 - 8:30pm
Parish Life Center
Dinner, friends, and faith formation for high school!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (6th-8th)
1st and 3rd Fridays, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Parish Life Center
Dinner, friends, and faith formation for middle school!

YOUCAT (9th-12th)
Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00pm
John Paul II House
Dive deeper into your Catholic faith!

HIGH SCHOOL FIGHT CLUB (9th-12th BOYS)
1st & 3rd Saturdays, 6:30-8:00am
Parish Life Center
Explore what it means to be a Man of God!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIGHT CLUB (7th-8th BOYS)
2nd & 4th Saturdays, 6:30-8:00am
Parish Life Center
Explore what it means to be a Man of God!

FEMININE GENIUS (6th-12th GIRLS)
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm
John Paul II House
Explore what it means to be a Woman of God!



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Rocknote



vida parroquial

noticias en español

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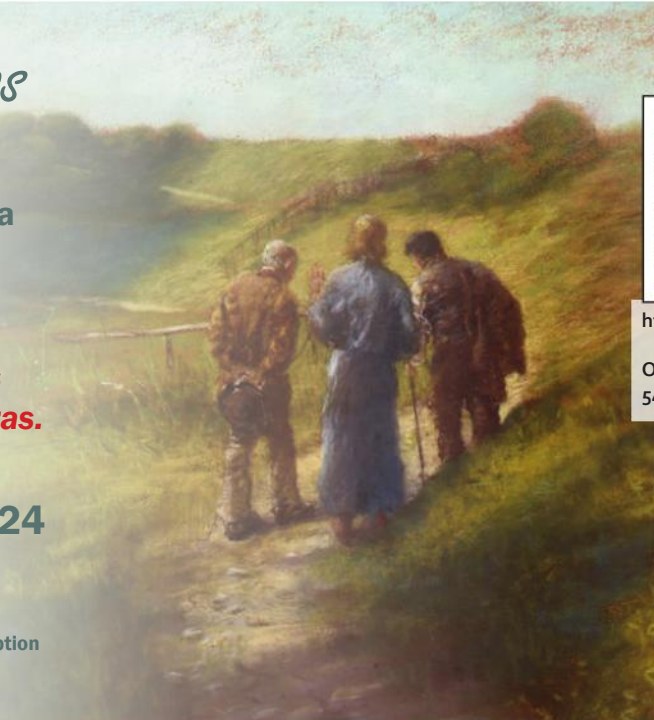
contemplaremos

Ven a tener un
encuentro con Jesús a
través de la Palabra

**Nos ardía nuestro
corazón mientras nos
explicaba las escrituras.**

25-26 de Mayo 2024
8am-5pm

Centro de Vida Parroquial
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
1009 Stafford Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22401



Registrate



\$50

<https://bit.ly/3PAz5dO>

O en persona en la oficina con Giovanni
540-373-6491 o gcamacho@stmaryfred.org

¡Otra Misa en Español!



**Nuestros sacerdotes de
St. Mary presidirán
Misa de vigilia dominical**

Hora: 7:00pm
Lugar: St. Jude Catholic Church

9600 Caritas Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Únete a nuestro grupo de jóvenes todos los
domingos en nuestro

**Crecimiento de
oración**

¡No faltes a la cita!

Domingo
6:30 p.m.

📍 Casa Juan Pablo II
St. Mary
Fredericksburg VA



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¡Así los jóvenes festejamos la victoria de
Nuestro Señor Jesucristo sobre la muerte el domingo
de resurrección!

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Donations Received April 1-8

Sunday Offertory	\$26,434.27
Easter 2nd Collection for Development/Maintenance	\$890.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$75.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	\$399.00
Poor Box for St Vincent de Paul	\$440.00
Operation Rice Bowl 3/1-4/8/24	\$790.99

Faith Direct Donations April 4

Sunday Offertory	\$84,069.78
Easter 2nd Collection for Development/Maintenance	\$929.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$2,428.00
Debt Reduction	\$6,354.50
Operation Rice Bowl	\$107.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses were offered in February for the following unscheduled intentions: Aurelio & Sarah Miller, Leanne Gold, Jack & Agnes Forsyth, +Arthur & Muriel Motta, +Raymond A. Stauble, Jr. (2), +Dorothy Weinstein, Fr. Sunny Joseph, Fr. Sean Koehr, Fr. Scott Sina, +Christie Welch, +Charles J. Mike Cavanaugh, +Janet Harcharek, Carol Fleming, Fr. Joe An-Paez, Harrison Hamann, Sienna, Jessup, John Dolan, Jr., +Isabel Moore, Argelia Vaquerano, and +Jerry Timmons.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal "Strengthen the Church at Home"

April 27 & 28

Today nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories – in areas like the Deep South, Appalachia, the Rocky Mountains, the Southwest and Alaska – all characterized by a lack of resources to provide basic pastoral care for their faithful. Most are unable to adequately provide Mass, religious education, evangelization and ministry training, and often struggle with priest shortages, parishioner poverty, unemployment, difficult terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that impact the practice of the faith. This Appeal helps keep the doors of schools and parishes open, which otherwise would be forced to close and helps educate seminarians in poor dioceses. Your help and support is vital. Please give generously and help strengthen the Church at home. It's one way our parish can be a good steward of God's gifts and make a difference. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Pro-Life Reflection

"People often say, "I could never handle a child with a disability." But the beauty of parenting is that you aren't given a child with a disability. You are given your child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to 'handle' a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Perfect Gift" respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift)

We pray for persons with disabilities, that their lives always be recognized as worth protecting and fighting for in all circumstances.

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/programs/operation-purple/.

Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us, St. Thomas More, pray for us, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us



liturgy

daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - April

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

Bonita Boyer, Charles Boyer, Chris Breth, Deanie Ryder, Doug Craig, Drew LoRusso, Jack Smith, Jason Stoker, Joanne O'Brien, Tom O'Brien, Karl Eugene, Kate Barboza, Kathryn and Terry Bryce, Lexi Haglund, Michael Fedowitz III, Richard Corrigan, Shirley Bozicevic, Stephanie Marie, Zelia Bates

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, 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, Elijah Hornback, Dominic Marsillo, Fr. Sean Koehr, Staff Sergeant Sean Walker Brown, Matthew Sampson, Cody Schultz

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.

Is Your Heart Broken by a Loved One's Addiction to Drugs?

If so, please be aware that there is a program at St. Mary that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with a drug addiction problem. The program is called NAR-ANON.

At NAR-ANON meetings, you will have the opportunity to share your story, hear stories from other members, and develop positive coping mechanisms in dealing with your addict.

Compassion and understanding are ever present at the meetings. You are not alone in this struggle! Please take the first step and come to a meeting. Just listen if you want. There is no pressure to share.

The meetings are held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Room 100 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 6-7pm and are open to the public at large. For more information call or text Wayne (540)840-5230 or Wanda (540)538-6978

Daily Mass Intentions

April

22 MONDAY

6:30am Edward Franklin Hawkins+
9:00am Donald Funai+
Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

23 TUESDAY

6:30am Cecilia Engbert
9:00am Anton Thanh Nguyen
Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

24 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Anthony Brooks
8:15am* Samantha Quintero Underwood
9:00am Walter Weir+
Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

25 THURSDAY

6:30am Elizabeth Corpe+
9:00am The Powers Family
1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

26 FRIDAY

6:30am Bruno Stanislawski+
9:00am Karen Cakouros+
Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

27 SATURDAY

9:00am The Blasi Family
5:00pm Stefan Wolański+
7:00pm Nancy Ronckovitz+
Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

28 SUNDAY

7:00am Belia Vergara+
8:30am Maria Carrillo+
8:30am* Mark W. Jones
10:30am Carmen Arevalo+
10:30am* For Our Parish
12:30pm All Those Who Died in March
2:30pm Maria Eulalia Melendez Castro
5:00pm Theresa and Mirko Zaunick
7:00pm Joshua Tucker
Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

* 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.

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