

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025



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

# capital campaign

## grow our legacy in faith

### Continuing the Legacy

We have great news! The St. Helena Statue and the St. Francis of Assisi Statues for our beautiful Holy Cross Chapel are on their way from Italy and should be here next week. These memorial gifts for our parish school, Holy Cross Academy are so important. They allow parishioners and our HCA families to honor the memory of a loved one, make a meaningful, charitable contribution and help the parish continue its mission of faith and service. These gifts can be a tangible way to show gratitude for the deceased's life, honor a living member of one's family and support the work of St. Mary's well into the future.

### Construction Update



Lights recently were installed in the new cafeteria and the ceiling has been painted and acoustic panels mounted.



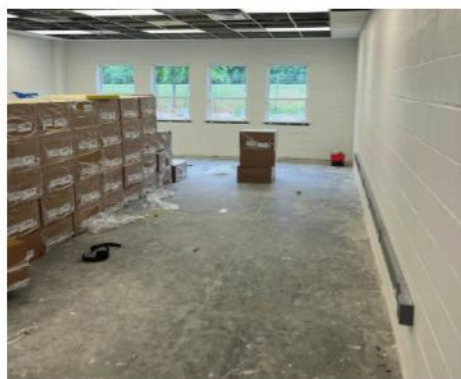
This photo doesn't do justice to just how impressive our Donor Wall in the cafeteria looks. The white space in the middle will house a large TV for school events and presentations.



This sharp looking archway leads from our existing courtyard to the middle school entrance.



The foundation for our new playground has been spread and some of the equipment just arrived.



The middle school classrooms are coming along. We anticipate these classrooms to be completed by late June!

# from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Have you heard of the idea of six degrees of separation—the theory that all people are six or fewer social connections away from each other? Well, it seems our little line just got shorter, because we now have a pope who was born in America!

Fr. Cedric Wilson, an Augustinian priest who has served in the Diocese of Arlington longer than I've been a priest, knew Pope Leo back when they were in seminary together! That makes just two degrees of separation between me and the Pope!

I have many thoughts about Pope Leo XIV, but mostly I'm encouraged by his smile, his demeanor, and his words. When he stepped onto the balcony as our new pope, he smiled and waved, and I thought, "He looks like a pope." First impressions only go so far, of course, but it's a good start towards the filial devotion we owe him, as the man chosen by Christ to be His vicar on earth.

His first homily reminded all who exercise any authority to "move aside so that Christ may remain, to make oneself small so that He may be known and glorified, to spend oneself to the utmost so that all may have the opportunity to know and love Him."

And did you catch him singing the Regina Caeli at Mass last Sunday? That put a big smile on my face, since we too sing the Marian antiphons here at Saint Mary's. So, should the opportunity arise, you'll be well prepared if you find yourself in Rome and the Pope starts singing the Salve Regina or Regina Caeli!

Finally, I loved seeing that picture of him at a Chicago White Sox World Series game! Sometimes I get too excited about sports, but it was a great reminder that holiness isn't reserved for people whose lives look radically different from ours. Holiness is for everyone—whether we root for the same teams, sing the same songs, or read the same books. The Lord even calls saints who are baseball fans! And yes, Fr. Dansereau is rejoicing and hoping Pope Leo will solemnly declare baseball to be God's favorite sport.

P.S. My condolences to the Cubs. They endured a 108-year drought between World Series victories, and now may be facing an even longer one after claiming on Twitter that the Pope is a Cubs fan. Ouch.



Donne PP XIV  
8 maggio 2025

Pax,

*Fr. Mosimann*

Fr. Mosimann

## easter flowers

*In honor of...*

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Eva & Alice Daily

Jean & Lillian Cameron  
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# 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, May 25 9:30am-12 noon for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Committee and with your new pastor.

Meetings will take place in the parish office located behind the church. If you have any questions, please email Elena Doyle at [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org).

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## contact us

[stmaryfred.org](http://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](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org)  
[stmaryfred.org](http://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, Retired

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

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Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234  
Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry,  
[sfry@holycrossweb.com](mailto:sfry@holycrossweb.com)

### HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553  
Director, Sheri Castellarin

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Aristides Lucas  
Associate Director, Dr. Katherine Evans  
Administrative Assistant, Lori Barlow

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran  
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans  
[kevans.stmaryfred@gmail.com](mailto:kevans.stmaryfred@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

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# education holy cross academy

## Holy Cross Academy Students Experience the Papal Conclave Process Firsthand!

Holy Cross Academy students recently stepped into the shoes of the College of Cardinals in a mock conclave, immersing themselves in the sacred tradition of selecting a pope. This engaging exercise allowed students to deepen their understanding of our Church history and the workings of the Vatican.

Dressed in red caps with black robes, students took on the roles of cardinal electors and papal candidates, following the time-honored process of voting.

This interactive experience not only brought Catholic tradition to life but also encouraged students to reflect on the qualities of strong, faith-filled leadership. Holy Cross Academy continues to foster a deep appreciation for the Church's rich history while inspiring the next generation of thoughtful, visionary leaders.

While Very Reverend Father Mosimann was at HCA visiting with students, he received the momentous phone call that the Pope had been selected. The excitement quickly spread through the school! Together, as a community, we eagerly gathered, and in an unforgettable moment, we saw the white smoke rise—the historic signal that a new pope had been chosen. Then, before our very eyes, Pope Leo XIV stepped onto the balcony, accepted his new role, and welcomed and blessed all in attendance. The energy, the excitement, and the joy of the moment made this an incredible memory for our entire school—a true living experience of the faith that we will carry with us forever.



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# our parish religious education

## Religious Education Upcoming Events

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

### May 2025

**Mon-Wed, 5/19-9/1-3**

No Religious Education Classes, Summer  
Break

### Saturday, 5/24

SPRED class #12 in the PLC 10 am-12  
noon

### Mon-Fri, 6/1-30

Registration for Religious Education:  
In person (parish office) 10am-4pm,  
Monday-Thursday or Register Online

### Saturday, 6/7

SPRED class #13 in the PLC 10 am-12  
noon

### Saturday, 6/21

SPRED Mass and Sacraments at 12 noon  
with reception in PLC at 1pm

### Saturday, 6/28

Young Family VBS (0 to Preschool and  
Parents) PLC 8am-1pm

### Mon-Fri, 8/4-8/8

Vacation Bible School in PLC  
(Kindergarten to Rising 5th Graders)

### Mon-Wed, 9/8-10

Religious Education Week 1: Semester 1  
Begins

**2025-2026 Registration is now open for Religious Education classes!**  
**¡La inscripción ya está abierta para las clases de Educación Religiosa!**



Secure your preferred day/time for your child's class  
Asegurar el día/hora preferidos para la clase de tu hijo



Save on registration fees by registering before August 1!  
¡Ahorrar en las cuotas de inscripción inscribiéndote antes del 1 de agosto!

**REGISTER IN PERSON** at the parish office, Monday – Thursday, 10am-4pm

**INSCRÍBETE EN PERSONA** en la oficina parroquial, de lunes a jueves, de 10 AM a 4 PM

OR / O

**REGISTER ONLINE**

**INSCRÍBETE EN LÍNEA**



**ENGLISH**

**SPANISH**



*NOTE: We must have your child's birth and baptismal certificates on file  
in order to process their registration.*

*NOTA: Debemos tener los certificados de nacimiento y bautismo de su hijo en  
nuestro archivo para poder tramitar la inscripción.*



**Congratulations to all students who received First Holy Communion at  
one of the 4 First Communion Masses held May 3 and 10 at 10:30am  
and 1:00pm. Congratulations to your families, too!**

*Having received your First Holy Communion,  
may the love of Jesus fill your life.*





# our parish youth ministry

Middle school BASH gave an opportunity for hundreds of middle school students to gather for an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun!





# our parish happenings

## Book Club President to Address CCW

The St. Mary Council of Catholic Women will welcome Marian Fagan McCabe, President of the St. Mary Book Club, as guest speaker at 10am, Tuesday, May 20, in the Father Rooney Community Room. After Marian's presentation we will have refreshments, a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, and a business meeting at which officers for the coming year will be elected and charitable donations for this year will be decided. Please plan to join us! Learn more about the CCW at our website, [stmaryccw.org](http://stmaryccw.org), and visit our Facebook page, [fb.com/StMaryCCW](https://fb.com/StMaryCCW) for even more!

## Crafts with Kids at TBC

We are thrilled to be working once again with the Brisben Center in support of the children! Our Crafts with Kids Summer Program will begin June 4th and take place EVERY Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 thru July 23rd. Join us in crafting, playing games and having some outdoor fun!

If you can encourage kids and like to have fun - this is the perfect ministry for you! Looking for volunteers 18 years or older.

7th-8th graders students preparing for confirmation are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

To sign-up, visit <https://bit.ly/3Z500TH>  
Any questions, please reach out to Sydney McDonald [sydjim92@msn.com](mailto:sydjim92@msn.com) or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491

## School Dressing Days

Provides clothing, backpacks & school supplies for disadvantaged children grades PreK-12, and serves Fredericksburg, King George, Caroline, Spotsylvania and Stafford counties.

St. Mary's is collecting **NEW Boys Athletic pants sizes Small & Medium** and **NEW 1-inch binders**

Please drop off your donations in the bin located in the PLC (marked School Dressing Days) OR in the parish office, beginning May 5th.

**Event to be held July 25-26**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Sign-up at [tinyurl.com/2025sddVolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/2025sddVolunteer)



## FRIDAY NIGHT ADORATION

### DATES

May 30

June 13

July 11

August 8

**7:30pm-8:45pm**



Music led by St. Mary's  
parishioner Jeff Mazzone

Exposition

Evening Prayer

Adoration with Music

Benediction



# first communions



## Congratulations to our First Communicants!

O Jesus, present in the Most Holy Eucharist,  
we place all children in Your Sacred Heart.  
Draw them near to You with a love that never fades.  
Let their hearts be filled with wonder and reverence  
for Your Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Grant them a deep desire to visit You often,  
to sit quietly before You,  
and to find peace, joy, and strength in Your presence.  
May the radiance of Your love guide them through life,  
keeping them pure, faithful, and steadfast in their faith.

Surround them with holy influences—  
parents, teachers, and friends who cherish the Eucharist.  
And when the world tries to pull them away,  
anchor them in Your Eucharistic love.

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist,  
pray for all children to grow close to Your Son.  
intercede for them, that they may love and defend the  
Blessed Sacrament always.

Amen.



# our parish happenings

## **St. Monica Prayer Group**

Adults and mature teens are welcome to join the St. Monica Prayer Group on Saturday, June 14 following the 9am Mass (9:45-11am) at St. Mary's in the Courtyard Meeting Room.

The mission of the St. Monica's Prayer Group is to provide a community for Catholics to pray for loved ones (children, parents, spouses, extended family) who have strayed from the faith, to provide encouragement, and to assist each other in our growth in holiness.

We will pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary, then discuss the 20th chapter ("Be Brave, Even in Little Things") from the book The Saint Monica Club by Maggie Green which is available on Amazon.

For more information, please contact Megan Kimbrell at [st.monica.club@gmail.com](mailto:st.monica.club@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

### Young Family VBS

for children ages 0-5 and their parents; older siblings welcome

**June 28, 2025**

**9am to Noon**

### Vacation Bible School

for children entering  
Kinder - 5th grade

**August 4-8, 2025**

**9am to Noon**

[stmaryfxbgvbs@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryfxbgvbs@gmail.com)





# our parish noticias en español

Únete a los  
**GRUPO DE ESTUDIO de**  
**FÁTIMA Y LOS**  
**PRIMEROS SÁBADOS**



El Grupo de Estudio abarca lo siguiente:

- 1) Las apariciones del **Ángel de la Paz**.
- 2) Las **seis apariciones de Nuestra Señora en Fátima**.
- 3) Las **tres importantes apariciones después de Fátima**.
- 4) Información esencial y adicional de las **cartas y locuciones de la Hermana Lucía** hasta 1945.
- 5) Cómo es que todo este contenido está relacionado con los **Primeros Sábados**.

Conoce la importancia única de los  
Primeros Sábados en el contexto de  
todo el mensaje de Fátima.



Regístrate aquí:



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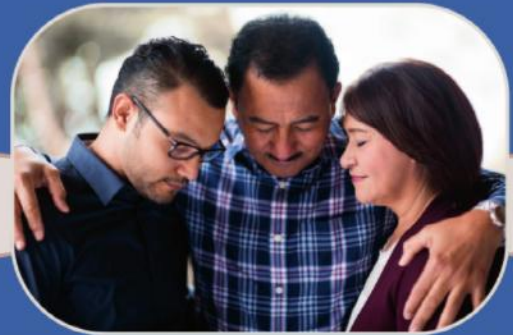
Comienza la semana del 18 al 22 de Mayo del 2025



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Sábado 31 de mayo y domingo 1 de junio

Enlace de registro

8am-6pm



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# operations given in love

## Donations Received April 29 - May 6

Sunday Offertory	\$30,342.50
Parish Debt Reduction	\$8,561.50
Special Parish Needs	\$245.00
Easter 2nd Collection for Parish Development	\$300.00
Poor Box St Vincent de Paul	\$260.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Diocesan Retired Priests' Collection

May 17 & 18

The Collection for Retired Diocesan Priests assists in caring for our current and future retired priests and offers a way to show gratitude for their many years of dedication and faithful service. Bishop Burbidge encourages all in the Diocese to prayerfully consider a gift to this collection and, in so doing, recognize the profound impact our priests have had on the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Arlington. Their priestly service and witness to holiness has been a benefit for all. This collection bears witness to their dignity in retirement and our appreciation. Currently there are 29 retired priests and an additional 22 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Thank you for your support and generosity.

## Choose Life

*"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers")*

## Children's Charity - May

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of May will be donated to the Children's and Teen's Programs of Empower House (formerly the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence). These programs provide ongoing support for children ages 5 to 12 affected by domestic violence and teens affected by dating violence and domestic violence.

## Advertising in the Bulletin

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## Faith Direct

Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support our church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting [faithdirect.net/VA635](http://faithdirect.net/VA635) or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.





# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - May

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Bonita and Chuck Boyer, Chris Breth, Connie A. Quattlebaum, David Smetek, Drew LoRusso, Jack Smith, Jason Stoker, JoAnne O'Brien, Jonette Boyer, Joseph Krieg, Karl Eugene, Kieth and Theresa Kovalefsky, Kristen Walker, Logan Leslie, Mary Ann Gagan, Mary Anne Cassavecchia, Maryann Carroll, Michael Fedowitz III, Royal Schmidt, Shirley Bozicevic, William Pell, Jacob Moser, Bernice Schlosser

**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, Kenneth Linstrom, Lt. Gregory Odland, Andrew Doyle, Olav Brooks, Gabriel Sanger

**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](mailto: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.

Did you know.... Our parishioners gather every Wednesday at 3pm – The Hour of Great Mercy - to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

All are warmly welcome to spend time in Adoration in the church and join in this powerful devotion.

"Jesus, I trust in You"



## Mass Intentions

*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.*

## Daily Mass Intentions

### May

#### 19 MONDAY

6:30am All in Our Mother's Day Novena  
9:00am All in Our Mother's Day Novena  
12:00pm All in Our Mother's Day Novena  
Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

#### 20 TUESDAY

6:30am Fr. John P. Mosimann  
9:00am Carmen Correa  
12:00pm Verne Buer+  
Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

#### 21 WEDNESDAY

6:30am David Andrew Frasher+  
8:15am\* Audrey Clemente and Family  
9:00am Karen Scanlon+  
12:00pm Connie Quattlebaum+  
Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

#### 22 THURSDAY

6:30am Maurizio and Nunzia Brunetti  
9:00am Joseph Ciskanick  
12:00pm John McKenna+  
Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

#### 23 FRIDAY

6:30am Rose Genuario+  
9:00am Martin Stanislawski  
12:00pm Martha Patricia Garcia  
Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

#### 24 SATURDAY

9:00am Familia Corral Ortiz  
5:00pm Huynh Le  
7:00pm Richard Soehngen+  
Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

#### 25 SUNDAY

7:00am Ashley Holzworth  
8:30am Larry Wilson+  
8:30am\* Joseph Cascio+  
10:30am Loretta Canizares  
10:30am\* For Our Parish  
12:30pm Miguel and Lorena Hernandez  
2:30pm Miguel and Lorena Hernandez  
5:00pm Agnes Forsyth  
7:00pm Carlo DeVita  
Acts 15:1-29/Rv 21:10-23/Jn 14:23-29

*\* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy.*

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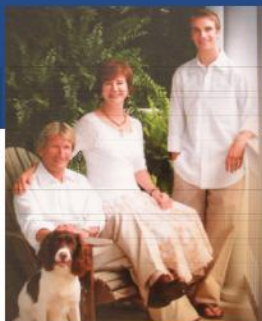
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