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"Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observance of Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects."

*-from the opening
prayer of today's Mass.*

Dear Good People at St. Mary,

We've been in Jakarta for about as many hours as it took to get here! We arrived Monday morning and set about meeting with government and religious leaders, as well as the delegation from Indonesia who will join us on our journey tomorrow when we depart for Amman, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Ramallah, and finally Washington, DC. So far, so good.

Indonesia is an interesting country, with a history that makes it unique. Although it is the nation with the largest Muslim population in the world, the fathers of their independence founded the nation in 1945 not as a Muslim nation but on the principle of religious liberty, shaping an environment that is based on tolerance and government support for the many religions represented here. The principal mosque and Catholic cathedral are across the street from each other.

It is that witness, as well as the considerable lessons we have learned in the US in Interreligious relationship, which we hope to carry to the Middle East next week, to speak of what is possible for understanding and peace in that region. It is work in progress to be offered to a fragile and weary land. I think our hope of success lies in our being a religious delegation who can speak the common language of three religions: we all believe in our being created in the image and likeness of God, for which our faith demands a reverence for one another. It will be interesting to see where this might go, it definitely requires all our prayers to make sure that God's will is accomplished.

By this time next week I'll be arriving back home with a full report.

God bless you.

Fr. Don Rooney

looking forward

february - march

26 Sunday, First Sunday of Lent

Coffee Shop after Morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Mary's Shelter)
SCRIP Sales after Masses.
11:30am, New Family Registration Meeting, church then Parish Life Center.
12noon-2pm, English as a Second Language classes, 2nd floor, Parish Life Center.
6pm, Youth Ministry Dinner, Parish Life Center.
7-8:30pm, CYM Youth Group, Parish Life Center.

27 Monday, Lenten Weekday

10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7:45pm, RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church.
(Topic: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick)

28 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

29 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

12noon, MICAH Lenten Noonday Prayer Service with guest Rev. Lawrence Davies, church. Light luncheon immediately following, Parish Life Center.
6:30-8pm, YOUCAT Night, John Paul II House.
8pm, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.

1 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

9:30am, Craft Group, Rm. 100, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Baptism Class, Room 204, Parish Life Center. Pre-registration required, call 540-373-6491.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

2 Friday, Lenten Weekday

9:45am, St. Anne Sisters of Faith (Mom's Group), John Paul II House.
6-7:30pm, Lenten Soup Suppers (Spanish Ministry serving), Parish Life Center.
7:30pm, Stations of the Cross, church.
8pm, First Friday Mass, church.
8:30pm, Spanish Stations of the Cross, church.
9pm-9am, All night Eucharistic Adoration, church.

3 Saturday, Lenten Weekday (St. Katharine Drexel, virgin)

2:30pm, Baptism Class in Spanish, Room 204, Parish Life Center.
6-8:15pm, Monthly Family Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Parish Life Center.

4 Second Sunday of Lent

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Catholic Youth Ministry)
SCRIP Sales after Masses.
12noon-2pm, English as a Second Language classes, 2nd floor, Parish Life Center.
3:30-4:30pm, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group, Parish Life Center.
5pm, Opening of Forty Hours, Mass and Conference, church.
6pm, Catholic Youth Ministry Dinner, Parish Life Center.
7-8:30pm, High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center.
10pm, Night Prayer for Forty Hours, church.

5 Monday, Lenten Weekday

8:15am, Office of Readings, church.
8:30am, Morning Prayer, church.
10am, Legion of Mary, Room 100, Parish Life Center.
7pm, Vespers for Forty Hours, church.
7:30pm, Mass and Conference for Forty Hours, church.
8:30pm, RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, church.
(Topic: Reconciliation, Part 2)
10pm, Night Prayer for Forty Hours, church.

6 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:15am, Office of Readings, church.
8:30am, Morning Prayer, church.
7pm, Vespers for Forty Hours, church.
7:30pm, Mass and Conference for Forty Hours closing, church. Followed by Benediction, and Reception in the Activity Center.

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

parish information and staff

www.stmaryfred.org

1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

DAILY MASS Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am
First Friday 8pm
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm
Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm
All Night Adoration, First Friday
Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass
Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSIONS Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

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BAPTISMS Parish registration (90 days) and class required.
Please notify the rectory to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.

MARRIAGE Parish registration required; contact parish at least six months in advance to begin preparation.

JOIN US New Family Registration meetings are usually held in the church on the fourth Sunday of each month, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify the parish office of any telephone/address changes.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offertory Collection 2/19/12	\$39,350.
Parish Building Fund (addl)	2,432.
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul	76.
SCRIP Profit	179.

Thank you for your continued generosity! Please remember to use your Offertory Envelopes to ensure the accuracy of your end of year statement. The "Children's Envelope" proceeds will not be recorded on family statements.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR MARCH

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in March is the SOKS Summer Camp held at Heritage Park Apartments and sponsored by Micah Ecumenical Ministries in conjunction with other area churches. SOKS stands for Sema! Ota! Kua! Soma! (Speak! Dream! Grow! Read!) and provides seven weeks of education and fun-filled activities for children and youth at Heritage Park Apartments. This camp has been an outreach mission project of our parish for several years.

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR US BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS - FEBRUARY 25 & 26

Evangelization – 127 years of service – among the Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleut communities has been the singular purpose of the Black and Indian Mission Office. Established in 1884 as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing these populations, the Black and Indian Mission Office has been able to distribute assistance to 132 Dioceses throughout the United States. Support went to the neediest people across our country – from the inner cities of the rural South to the deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness. Your generosity will help to strengthen the faith, continue the legacy and share the mission with children and adults across the Black and Indian communities.

Lenten Observances at St. Mary Parish •

Fridays During Lent

Please join the parish for our Lenten Soup Suppers in the Parish Life Center, 6-7:30pm. Share a Lenten penitential meal of soup and bread with your parish family, and share what you would have spent on dinner that night with those in need. All free-will offerings received are given to charity. Bring the whole family to enjoy good soup and good fellowship.... and then spend time with Our Lord in prayer.

Each Friday the parish offers the Stations of the Cross in English at 7:30pm and in Spanish at 8:30pm. On First Friday, March 2 Stations of the Cross will be followed by our First Friday 8pm Mass and All Night Adoration.

Noontime Lenten Prayer Services

Once again the downtown churches involved with MICAHA will offer prayer services each Wednesday during Lent at noon, followed by a light luncheon. The schedule is as follows:

February 29 at St. Mary Catholic Church with guest presider Rev. Lawrence Davies

March 7 at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church with guest presider Rev. Allen Fisher

March 14 at St. George Episcopal Church with guest presider Rev. Richard Carbaugh

March 21 at Trinity Episcopal Church with Rev. Kent Rahm (Fredericksburg Baptist providing lunch)

March 28 at the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg with guest presider Rev. Alice Cates

*No joint service during Holy Week

Abstinence and Fasting

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence which means that we don't eat meat and that we eat one full meal and two smaller meals. Every Friday is a day of Abstinence, when we don't eat meat.

Forty Hours Devotion - March 4-6

Join the parish for Forty Hours of prayer and eucharistic devotion. We welcome Father John Rooney, brother of our pastor! Please mark your calendars and join us for this Lenten time of reflection.

We need you to sign up to spend time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration during Forty Hours. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.

Operation Rice Bowl - "For I Was Hungry"

As part of our parish's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Service's Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975, this program has inspired Catholics in the United States to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community. Your participation during this Lenten Season will challenge you to expand your own horizons to help alleviate suffering and combat injustice. 75% of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl will help Catholic Relief Services fund overseas projects and Lenten education efforts in the U.S. 25% of your gifts remain in the Diocese to support hunger and poverty alleviation programs. We encourage you to be a part of this Lenten journey with your family and loved ones. Rice Bowls will be available in the vestibule of the Church. Please take one home for your Lenten almsgiving. To learn more about Operation Rice Bowl and other Catholic Relief Services Programs, log on to <http://orb.crs.org>.

Operation Rice Bowl Prayer

*God of the poor, we long to see Your face.
 You tell us, "whatever you did for one of these least you did for me."
 May we recognize You in each of our brothers and sisters.
 May our prayers and fasting unite us with those who hunger.
 May we share of our blessings with those in need. Amen.*

Open House at Pope JP the Great High School •

JP the Great invites all students in grades 5 – 7 to preview high school by attending our Open House on Thursday, March 15, from 4 – 6pm. Meet the faculty and students at JP, while learning more about our academics, athletics, clubs, admissions requirements, and more. Wolfie the mascot will be available for photos,

and there will be plenty of fun snacks! All are welcome, including rising 9th, 10th and 11th grade students looking to transfer to JP next year. For more information, please visit www.jpthegreat.org or call (703) 445-0300.



Holy Cross Academy • It's About the Children

Our Second Graders had quite a treat last week when librarians Craig Graziano and Meaghan O'Brien-DeSmet from the England Run Library shared favorite stories with them. They enjoyed the Native American tales Rabbit's Snow Dance & Chipmunk and Bear from the book *The Boy Who Lived with the Bears* and other Iroquois Stories by Joseph Bruhac. This complements their study of Native American culture which frames part of their Social Studies program. To expand their imaginations even more, the storytellers treated the children to a Chinese tale from the book *The Donkey and the Rock* by Demi. HCA librarian, Jennifer Buer, works with our local librarians and our classroom teachers to inspire each child to explore the world through books. A love for reading is a great gift that all our HCA teachers work to give to our students.

HCA Scouts received their religious emblems at our school Mass last week. Our Scouting program provides leadership and character-building opportunities for many of our children. While our youngest scouts received their Guardian Angel emblems, the more advanced members of the Cub Scouts worked to attain the Parvuli Dei award. Our Brownies and Girl Scouts focused on the Mysteries of the Rosary for their religious emblem this year. We are excited to see our HCA Scouts grow in their faith as they explore the many opportunities that our Scouting programs provide.

You can learn about the wonderful things happening at Holy Cross Academy, by calling us at 540-286-1600 or visiting our website, www.holycrossweb.com. For St. Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. We would love to hear from you and would be happy to give you a tour of our school.



SCRIP NEWS

Did you know that you can pay your Kohl's credit card with Scrip? Simply go to the customer service desk the next time you are at Kohl's and pay your Kohl's credit card with Kohl's scrip card. It's a great way to earn 4% cash back for our school and you still get all the bonus' offered with your Kohl's card! There are so many ways to use Scrip so stop by the table at HCA afternoon carpool on Wednesday and Fridays or after Mass at St. Mary and find out more information.

To set up an account at www.shopwithscrip.com, use our school code, 7B876EBB188L2, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP please email Torie Baldwin at scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com or 571-330-3448. Thanks for using SCRIP!

FUNDS NEEDED FOR DINNERS

St. Mary parish volunteers have doubled their commitment to the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter. Now we provide two dinners a month for the residents AND while we are there we make bag lunches for the following day. Previously we had been scheduled for only one dinner a month.

Many thanks to those who have donated funds in the past to purchase ingredients for the dinners at the Homeless Shelter. It is much appreciated by the residents. If you can donate funds for ingredients, please call Dawn Miller at 540-295-4836. Every dollar helps!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

It's time for Preschool Registration for 2012-2013! Our St. Mary Preschool is now accepting registration for the Fall of 2012. We have openings in our 3 year old and 4 year old classes. Classes are filling quickly – Come join in the fun!

For more information, please check the website at www.holycrossweb.com or call our Preschool Director, Mrs. Scharf, at 373-7553

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information call 703-351-7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

The 2012 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) offers us an opportunity to answer Christ's call and renew our personal commitment to His mission in our diocesan Church, as together, we Love One Another with the Heart of Christ.

Our parish goal is \$320,000. Please participate. All pledges and checks should now be sent directly to
Diocese of Arlington
Bishop's Lenten Appeal
Post Office Box 1959
Merrifield, VA 22116-1959

Donations/pledges that are sent to or dropped off at the Parish Office or mailed to the Diocese address on Glebe Rd. will only be delayed in processing.

MARCH FAMILY DINNER

The March Family Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 6 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Life Center. The menu includes baked ham w/ raisin sauce, sweet potato casserole topped w/ melted marshmallows, green beans, bake pineapple casserole, and ice cream. The profit will be donated to the Hope House. The dinner is open to the public and pay-at-the-door. Takeouts are available. The cost is Adults \$7; Seniors (60&up) \$6; Teens \$6; Children (7-12) \$5; Children (under 7) Free. The maximum cost per family is \$24.

ST MARY BOOK CLUB - MARCH 13

How much do you know about St. Francis of Assisi other than the fact that he seems to be the patron saint of birdbaths? To learn more of this truly extraordinary figure, join the book club in reading *The Saint and the Sultan: the Crusades, Islam, and Francis of Assisi's Mission of Peace* by Paul Moses. The discussion will on March 13 at 10 AM in the John Paul II House. For more information contact Kathleen Mahoney at 540-371-2073 or bmah761569@aol.com

PROJECT RACHEL

Have you had an abortion? Choose hope! Forgiveness and peace are awaiting you. Call Project Rachel at 1-888-456-HOPE or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel.

SAINT MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH FORTY HOURS INSIDE FORTY DAYS

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT + MARCH 4-6, 2012

Please join us during this year's Forty Hours of Prayer and Eucharistic devotions as we pray for the ongoing guidance and gifts of the Holy Spirit for the strength of our families and the life of our parish. We are planning this Parish Retreat with Masses, the Liturgy of the Hours, Conferences and Eucharistic Adoration.

Evening Mass & Conferences will be offered by
Fr. John Rooney, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Shelby, NE.
The theme is "The Love of Christ Urges Us On."



SUNDAY, MARCH 4th OPENING of FORTY HOURS

5:00pm MASS / CONFERENCE
10:00pm NIGHT PRAYER

MONDAY, MARCH 5th FIRST DAY of ADORATION

6:30am MASS
8:15am OFFICE of READINGS
8:30am MORNING PRAYER
9:00am MASS
7:00pm VESPERS
7:30pm MASS / CONFERENCE
10:00pm NIGHT PRAYER

TUESDAY, MARCH 6th SECOND DAY of ADORATION

6:30am MASS
8:15am OFFICE of READINGS
8:30am MORNING PRAYER
9:00am MASS

7:00pm VESPERS
7:30pm MASS / CONFERENCE

followed by BENEDICTION, and
RECEPTION in the ACTIVITY CENTER

SCHEDULE for LENT and HOLY WEEK 2012



**TIEMPO de CUARESMA
y SEMANA SANTA 2012**



ST. MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

C O N F E S S I O N S C H E D U L E
for **L E N T** and **H O L Y W E E K**



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



All Parishioners are kindly requested to please plan their confessions as early as possible in the season of Lent in order to avoid overwhelming last-minute crowds.

Please note: There will be NO confessions after 3:00pm on Good Friday, nor on Holy Saturday.

S T A T I O N S of the **C R O S S** are prayed Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm in English.

H O R A R I O para **C O N F E S I O N E S** durante **C U A R E S M A** y **S E M A N A S A N T A**



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.

Recuerde, que NO habrá confesiones después de 3 pm el Viernes Santo, NI en Sábado Santo.

*Tendremos **E L V I A C R U C I S** cada viernes durante la cuaresma en español a las 8:30pm.*

Lent Confessions:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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FEBRUARY

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			ASH WED			8am 3:30pm

MARCH

26	27	28	29	1	2	3
1st SUN	RE Confessions	RE Confessions	7-9pm RE Confessions	RE Confessions		8am 3:30pm

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2nd SUN	40 Hours	40 Hours	7-9pm			8am 3:30pm

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3rd SUN			7-9pm			8am 3:30pm

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4th SUN			7-9pm			8am 3:30pm

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
5th SUN		7pm	7-9pm	7pm	7pm	8am 3:30pm

APRIL

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PALM SUNDAY	7pm	7pm	7:30pm	HOLY THURS	12-3pm GOOD FRIDAY	

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
EASTER SUNDAY						8am 3:30pm



Holy Thursday A P R I L 5

(No 6:30 or 9:00am Masses)

8:00AM

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

7:30PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

The consecrated 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 its place of repose in the Activity Center, where adoration will continue until midnight as we accompany Jesus in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

11:45PM

Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Night Prayer will conclude Eucharistic Adoration in the Activity Center.

Good Friday A P R I L 6

(No 6:30 or 9:00am Masses)

8:00AM

Office of Readings / Morning Prayer

12:00 - 3:00PM

"The 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.

3:00PM

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.

5:00PM

La Pasión y Veneración de la Santa Cruz (español)

Same liturgy as 3pm, in Spanish.

7:30PM

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

Same liturgy as 3pm.

10:00PM

Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)



Holy Saturday A P R I L 7

(No 9:00am, 5:00 or 7:00pm Masses)

8:00AM

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

11:00AM

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

The Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.

A reception welcoming new members of the Church follows in the Activity Center.



Easter Sunday A P R I L 8

8:00, 10:15AM, AND

12:30PM (BILINGUAL/BILINGUE)

The Resurrection of the Lord

ALL Masses will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center

Please note: there will be NO 2:00PM nor 5:00PM Mass on Easter Sunday!

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



Jueves Santo

EL 5 DE ABRIL

(No hay Misa a las 6:30 ni 9:00 por la mañana)

8:00AM Oficio de Lectura y Laudes (Liturgia de las Horas en inglés)

7:30PM Misa de la Cena del Señor

(Misa Bilingüe) La Misa de la Última Cena del Señor, recuerda la institución de la Eucaristía y el Sacerdoció por Jesús. Su mandamiento de Amor está simbolizado por el Mandatum, o la Lavadura de los Pies, cuando Jesús enseña: "Como he hecho, como deben hacer también." Todos son invitados para participar en la procesion del Santissimo Sacramento a su lugar de reposicion en el Activity Center, donde adoracion va a continuar hasta a medianoche, y acompañamos a Jesús en su agonía en el Jardín de Getsemané.

11:45PM Completas (Liturgia de las Horas en inglés)

Completas concluye la adoración Eucarística en el Activity Center.

Viernes Santo

EL 6 DE ABRIL

(No hay Misa a las 6:30 ni 9:00 por la mañana)

8:00AM Oficio de Lectura y Laudes (en inglés)

12:00 - 3:00PM "Tre Ore," (Tres Horas), Las Siete Ultimas Palabras

(en inglés) Aunque no es una parte de la observancia formal del Santo Triduo Pascual, "Las Tres Horas" es un costumbre tradicional en muchas iglesias. Las ultimas palabras de Jesus durante su crucifixion, se presentaran cada 25 minutos, cada una con un himno y selecciones del coro. Los clerics dan una reflexión sobre cada palabra de Jesús.

3:00PM

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (en inglés)

5:00PM

La Pasion y Veneracion de la Santa Cruz (en español)

En la liturgia de Viernes Santo, nos reuniremos en observancia de la muerte salvifica de Cristo, y leeremos el evangelio de su Pasión, oraremos por la iglesia universal, y veneraremos su Cruz en un rito muy antiguo. Recibimos, también, la Eucaristía, preparada en la Misa de Jueves Santo.

La ofrenda hoy es para el mantenimiento de los lugares santos en Tierra Santa.

7:30PM

The Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross (en inglés)

Same liturgy as 3pm.

10:00PM Completas

(en inglés)



Sabado Santo

EL 7 DE ABRIL

(No hay Misa a las 9:00 por la mañana ni a la 5:00 o 7:00 por la noche)

8:00AM Oficio de Lectura y Laudes (en inglés)

11:00AM

La Bendición de Comida Pascual

(en inglés) Para los que practiquen el costumbre del este de Europa para bendecir las comidas de la Pasqua, por favor, que traigan las comidas tradicionales en canastas al frente del altar in la iglesia.

8:30PM

La Vigilia de la Resurrección de Jesús

(Misa Bilingüe) Lo que el Domingo es para la semana, el Domingo de Pascua es para el año. Esta noche más santo celebramos la victoria sobre la muerte y el promesa de la vida eterna dado a nosotros por Cristo en su resurrección de la muerte. La liturgia incluye el Servicio de la Luz, la Vigilia de las Lecturas y Salmos, la Celebracion de los Sacramentos de la Iniciación, el Bautismo y la Confirmación para los que han preparado todo el año para ser recibidos por la iglesia Católica, y la Liturgia de la Eucaristía.

Una recepción sigue la Misa para dar bienvenidos a los miembros nuevos de la iglesia, en el Activity Center.



Domingo de Pascua

EL 8 DE ABRIL

8:00, 10:15AM, AND

12:30PM (BILINGUAL/BILINGUE)

La Resurrección de Jesús

TODAS las Misas del Domingo de la Pascua, se harán en el Fredericksburg Expo Center

Note bien: NO HAY Misas a las 2:00PM, ni a las 5:00PM por la tarde, en la iglesia ni en Holy Cross Academy.

Religious Education •

Next Parent Gathering - March 13

Our next Parent Gathering Speaker series will be on Tuesday, March 13 and the guest speaker will be Mrs. Judy Mazarella. Topic: Parenting 101: Positive Disciplines. Parents will learn how to bridge communication gaps; defuse power struggles; enforce the message of love; build on strengths; hold children accountable with their self-respect intact; teach children not what to think but how to think; win cooperation at home and at school; and meet the challenge of teen misbehavior.

Judy Mazzarella has been a member of St. Mary since 2008, she has five children and seven grandchildren.

Gathering for Spanish Speaking Parents

On Monday, February 13, Deacon Alberto Bernaola spoke with Spanish speaking parents during the evening Religious



Education session. The main topic was Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). As usual

many other questions were discussed. Deacon explained the Church's teaching on life and, as usual, referred the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The next gathering will be on Monday, February 27 at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center. The topic will be Sacraments of Service (Holy Orders and Matrimony) and Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick). Come and be a part of this growing group of Spanish speaking parents who want to be better Catholics so they can be better Catholic parents.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lenten confessions for RE students will be from Monday, February 27 to Thursday, March 1. Please help your child prepare. Remember to review the rite and its prayers.

Silent Prayer Partners Needed

During Lent all parishioners are invited to help pray for our parish students that attend our Religious Education classes and Holy Cross Academy. Please pick one or more slips of paper that discreetly identifies a child, from the back of the church. As part of your Lenten practice, commit to praying for that

student or students every day during Lent. What better way to show our community love than to have every single child covered in prayer this year!

Prayers & Squares Goes Ecumenical •

Last month the St. Mary Prayers & Squares quilting ministry was invited by the Christ Lutheran Church sewing group to join them for a Saturday morning work session and lunch, with a quilt-artist guest speaker. Everyone enjoyed learning from each other about their ministries.



FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 2 ALL NIGHT ADORATION

All Night Adoration will follow our 8pm First Friday Mass on March 2. Please sign up today to adore Our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament. "Love our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist above all things in the world." (St. John of God, Founder of the Brothers Hospitallers and Patron of those suffering from heart disease, Feast Day March 8)

ST. ANNE'S SISTERS IN FAITH (FORMERLY MOM'S GROUP)

"Is There a Secret? The Gnostic Gospels" will be the subject of Father Lundberg's talk on Friday, March 2. Join the St. Mary "St. Anne's Sisters in Faith" group as we listen to Father speak on this topic. We meet from 9:45am to 11:30am at the JP II house behind St. Mary Church. Children are welcome; free babysitting is available. For more information please contact Barbara Frasher at rbrfrasher@cox.net or Maria Scott at mariascott5@msn.com

DONATE FURNITURE TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sofas and Chairs and more Sofas and Chairs please donate them to St Vincent DePaul Society Thrift Store. These are our very best sellers. We give receipts for tax purposes for all donated items. When our BIG items sell, it makes a BIG difference to those we help. Give us a call if you need a pick up scheduled. The Thrift Store is located off Lafayette Blvd in the Greenwich Plaza. Open Mon-Saturday, 10am-4pm. 540-898-9066.

MANNA FOOD PROJECT MARCH 10 & 11

We will collect items for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank after all Masses the weekend of March 10 & 11. All non-perishable donations are needed, but they are in particular need of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, rice, pasta & sauce, tuna, macaroni & cheese, canned veggies & fruit cups (& money, of course, since these are "food & funds drives"). Please check the expiration dates on all donations, as expired food donations cannot be accepted.

daily readings
& Mass intentions
february-march

27 MON: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

6:30 Grace Gerard
9am Elaine Stanislawski

28 TUES: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

6:30 Grace Gerard
9am Leo Mayers

29 WED: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

6:30 +Aaron Kaler
9am +Michael Rosner

1 THU: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

6:30 +Mrs. Ciletti
9am +Jerry Lesley

2 FRI: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

6:30 +Sharon McKenna
8:30* +Eileen Marahrens
9am +William Novick
8pm Tiem Vu Family

3 SAT: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

9am +Charles H. Moore, Jr.
5pm +Angelina Altomare
7pm +Joyce Ann Schirmer

4 SUN: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

7am For the Parish
8:30 +Barbara Mertens
10:30 All Those Who Died in February
10:30* +Bill Sampson
12:30pm +Bill Lenzi
2pm +Raul Rocha
5pm +Sharon McKenna

*indicates Mass at
Holy Cross Academy

PRO LIFE REFLECTION

God loves us. This is the great truth of our life; it is what makes everything else meaningful. We are not the product of blind chance or absurdity; instead our life originates as part of a loving plan of God. – Pope Benedict XVI, Prayer Vigil with Young People at Cuatro Vientos Airport, August 2011

MARRIAGE IMPROVEMENT

Interested in an improved marriage? Consider a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. <http://wwme-nova.org>

Parish Night Out

Don't Forget!
BUY YOUR TICKET TO ST. MARY'S
"PARISH NIGHT OUT"
FORMAL DINNER AND DANCE

Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the
Jepson Center of UMW.

Our annual Parish Night Out has become a favorite tradition for parishioners as we gather for a fun, formal evening together with great food and great music and dancing. This year we will welcome back the diverse repertoire of the Andrew Thielen Big

Band, with dance classics from many generations of popular music. The cash bar opens at 6:30pm, and dinner begins at 7:00pm, followed by dancing until 11:30pm.

Tickets at \$75 each. For more information, contact the parish office, or speak with Marty Bridi (373-0259) or Gail Russell (899-2999). And thank you.



Only after we are emptied can God fill us. Only after we are empty will we more perfectly, more authentically, more humbly encounter Christ in the Word and the Sacraments. Full Filled will help our teenagers to get back to the basics of the faith by first emptying themselves and, next, being fully filled by God so that Christ can overflow in their lives and then spill His love onto all those they encounter after the retreat.

MARCH 16-18

COST: \$40 AND A PERMISSION SLIP

All High School teens are invited to join us for our Winter retreat. We'll head to Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center for a weekend of fun, friends and faith. Contact Leo at 540-373-6491 or leo@stmaryfred.org for more information.



February 22, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

On this first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, a Person stands before us; His name is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Who became like us in all things except sin. He is looking at each one of us with such love as He points to His Heart and says: "Give me your heart. Note carefully the way I point out to you" (Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Morning Prayer, Antiphon 3).

What does it really mean to follow the Lord Jesus and be His disciples? What does it mean to live our Catholic faith in real life? The core of following Jesus, the core of living the faith is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ within the Community of His Disciples, the Church. Christ and His Church cannot be separated. So, entering into a relationship with Jesus Christ simultaneously involves living as a member of this Community of His Disciples.

Jesus Christ stands before each one of us on this first day of Lent in the year 2012, inviting us to be with Him in a more intentional way throughout the next forty days. He invites us: "give Me your heart." He desires that we draw closer to Him in an ever-deepening personal relationship. He desires that we give Him our heart, that symbol of our love even as His Heart reveals to us the intensity and depth of His love. When we offer Him our heart – our very self, we then experience the reality of "Heart speaking to heart," the reality of a real personal relationship between Him and each one of us, and also, between Him and all of us as His Body the Church.

He then tells us how to draw closer so that "Heart speaks to heart": "Note carefully the way I point out to you." The way He points out is the three principal works of Lent: prayer; penance, which includes fasting; and almsgiving, the way to offer others deeds of loving care and concern.

Prayer, personal, communal (especially within the family circle) and liturgical: this enables us to be drawn closer to Christ's Heart, to experience His mercy and love. Penance, which includes fasting, helps us to become self-disciplined in order to be free enough to respond to God's love and also to make reparation for our sins and the sins of others. Almsgiving, that tangible expression of our care and concern for others, especially those most in need, can take on various formats. Among these is our participation in the Catholic Relief Services almsgiving program "Operation Rice Bowl," sponsored by the U.S. Bishops, through which 75 percent of your generous donations contribute to feeding the hungry overseas and 25 percent feeds those in need right here in our diocese.

In his Lenten message to us this year, Pope Benedict XVI urges us "Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works." Yes, let us encourage one another to love the Lord Jesus, to give our heart to Him, and to love those in need through good works. In so doing, we are in fact responding to Jesus, standing before us and pointing to His Sacred Heart as He urges us this Lent: "give me your heart and note carefully the way I point out to you."

I am united with each one of you as we enter into Lent, seeking to give the Lord our heart in love and to note carefully the way He points out to us, the way of prayer, penance and almsgiving.

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

prayer list

Please Pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Josephine Hahn, David Arnold, Javier Gibert, Priscilla Savchuk, Daniel Bustamonta, Cathy Thompson, Pam Hickman, Inge April, Sylvia Marks, Karren Stefano, Diane McFall, Molly Dalton, Carol Babineau, Bill Driskill, Javier Gibert, Mary Gibbons, Joseph Blanford, Gavin Menteer, Maria Marche, Barbara Wallace, Ervin Wible III, Helen Kozyra, Marjorie Schutt, Amelia McDevitt, Cathy Baldwin, Robert Busch, Bob DeMeyer, Christine Evans, Allyson D'Ostilio, Emma D'Ostilio, Josephine DiVita, Pat and Carol Eggleston, Diane Gallagher, Faye Griffin, James Correia, Kelly Dickinson Vincent, Ludovic Marcelin, Liz Tilitzky, Linda Kaila, Pauline Cross, Dorothy Sullivan, Chika Dittmer, Nathan Horner, Jordan Rizer, Vel Velez, Ed Costa, John and Marie Wellington, Raywood Dartez, Carl Ferguson, Stephen Geitz, Harold O'Keefe, Lois Michell, Theodore Yantiss, Martha Clements, Ree Messer, Patricia D'Amico, Ken Byers, Larry Bonaime, Bonnie Gelwicks, Josephine Kreider, Robert Lyman, Virginia Rose, Eleanor Mitchell, Helen Weber, Zoila Nulanz, Richard Fleming, Wilma Evans, Laszlo Cseke, Posey Howell, Anna Castagna

Please Pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: Javier Acosta, Leah April, Joel Asher, Miguel Ayala, Matthew Biedenbender, Crystal Black, John Bone, Ned Brownell, Jr., Derek Brostek, Matthew Campos, Bruno Carriero, Jonathan Catalano, Frank Creamer, James Cook, Brad Cowan, Sam Del Grande, Glenn Dickinson, Aaron Doble, Anthony Dowden, John Dussault, Sandy Dussault, Travis Eades, Doug Ebenal, Christopher Eckert, Tim Evan, Christopher Ewers, Paul Fischer, Jonathan Fleming, Roberto Fuentes, Jason Geary, Ramon Guerra, Jr., Andrew Hamilton, Harry Hamilton, Ronnie Hamilton, Andy Haskell, Raymund Haskell, Michael J. Herbek, James Helm, James Hoffnagle, Jr., Robert Horner, Danny L. Howard, Jr., Anthony Howell, Daniel Kramer, Chris Lammers, Stephen Lammers, Jeffrey Lawrence, Dan Lester, Kenneth Linstrom, Ryan Lynch, Brian Mahoney, Sean Malloy, Josh Martin, Samantha Martin, Justin McClelland, Patrick McGroarty, Nathaniel McNamara, Roger Mitchell, Joseph Moore, Robert Mosier, Joseph Muldoon, Mindy Niemann, James Kevin O'Donnell, Joshua K. Pastell, Dominick Joseph Petro, Scott Price, Nick Schulz, Duayne Scott, Tim Smetek, Douglas Stransky, Thomas Tellson, Jr., Heidi Urben, Tania Vega Espinosa, Christopher Williamson and Daniel Zeytoonian.

Please pray for all the faithful departed: especially all the benefactors of St. Mary Parish.