



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, Parochial Vicar
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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Check our website for information on which
Masses are currently being live streamed

SUNDAY

7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

MONDAY through FRIDAY

6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil for Sunday)

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

7:30 p.m., Third Friday of the month

FEDERAL HOLIDAYS and HOLY DAYS

Check the website and bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

MONDAY through FRIDAY After 12:10 p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 9 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.



BASILICA HOURS

MONDAY through FRIDAY 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS (313 Duke Street)

MONDAY through FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rosary Monday through Friday before 8 a.m. Mass
and on Saturday before 8:30 a.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena Monday 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Adoration with Holy Hour & Benediction

Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration

Friday 9 p.m. until Saturday 8:20 a.m.

Communal First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Please call the Parish Office to register
in advance and obtain requirements for godparents, etc.

MARRIAGES

Contact Parish Priest a minimum of six months before possible
wedding date for marriage preparation. Couples living together
will be asked to live separately during marriage preparation.

THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

(Pre-K to 8th grade)

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Mr. Daniel Cinalli, Principal

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CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

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EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION

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To learn more about our parish apostolates, visit www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate.



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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

MARY’S MONTH!

May is a time for renewal in nature and is appropriately a month dedicated to Our Lady, the Mother of New Life in Jesus Christ and our spiritual mother. I encourage you, in some particular and concrete way, to honor Mary during her month. Favorite Marian devotions include recitation of the Hail Mary, praying the *Angelus* (replaced by the *Regina Coeli* during this Easter season), wearing her Brown Scapular or Miraculous Medal, praying the rosary and honoring her through small and frequent acts of love and sacrifice.



Or make a pilgrimage (a good family activity) to pray a rosary at a Marian shrine, such as the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. If you don’t want to travel very far, plan a mini-pilgrimage to visit any image of Mary. The nearby parishes of Saint Rita and Saint Joseph have lovely outdoor statues of Our Lady. We also have a beautiful statue in our Mary Garden just outside the Basilica. You also can pray a recorded rosary any time along with Fr. David at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/rosary-podcast-fr-david> or on Apple Podcasts and Spotify. Another beautiful devotion is to begin your day with a prayer, traditionally called a Morning Offering, seeking Our Lady’s guidance. A classic example is:

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians and, in particular, for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.
(Written in 1844 by Fr. François-Xavier Gautrelet)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Friday, May 6 (First Friday), and **Saturday, May 7** (First Saturday), more than 100 second graders in our parish school and CCD program will receive their First Holy Communion. This will be a major milestone in their life-long faith journey. It is always a great joy for me to celebrate this sacrament of initiation for our young boys and girls. Their reverence as they eagerly receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist for the first time is truly inspiring. I pray they will continue to approach their Catholic faith, especially the Holy Eucharist, with that deep devotion for the rest of their lives.

I am so very grateful to the parents of these children – their first teachers. Hopefully, they are the best of teachers, always bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do. I thank their school teachers and the dedicated catechists who helped guide them. I also thank our Religious Education/CCD coordinators, Hilary Munger and Susan Gray, as well as our school principal, Daniel Cinalli, for their ongoing devotion to our religious formation programs.

We will welcome our First Holy Communion children to Mass for the first time on the Lord’s Day at 11:30 a.m. next **Sunday, May 8**, Mother’s Day, when they will participate in our annual May Crowning. What a wonderful opportunity to see these little ones so lovingly honor Our Lady!

MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA

Give your mother, grandmother, godmother, wife or any mother in your life – living or deceased – the gift of spiritual blessings by enrolling them in our Mother’s Day Novena of Masses. They will be remembered at the altar as we celebrate Mass for their intentions for nine consecutive days, beginning **Sunday, May 8, Mother’s Day**. To enroll someone in the Novena, go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA713/20220> and enter your intention in the “note” section. Any donation you make will support our parish spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Novena cards and envelopes also are available in the back of the Basilica.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 1

- 7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: The Zakrwski Family
10 a.m. — Frank R. Bill Jr. †
11:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. Dort Bigg
1 p.m. — A Special Intention
5 p.m. — Souls in Purgatory

Monday, May 2

- 6:30 a.m. — Residents, Staff and Volunteers of Christ House
8 a.m. — Rose Marie Anthony †
12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Petrino Family

Tuesday, May 3

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: President Biden
and All Elected Officials
8 a.m. — Sheila Sheehan Rohrbach †
12:10 p.m. — John Hawrylyshyn †

Wednesday, May 4

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Persecuted Christians Worldwide
8 a.m. — Arthur Whelan †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Daniel and Jacqueline
Riordan and Family

Thursday, May 5

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Joshua Lynch
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Mike McAndrews
12:10 p.m. — Jim and Bobby Day †

Friday, May 6

- 6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †
8 a.m. — Martha Ngo †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John J. Sheehan

Saturday, May 7

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Quy Manning
5 p.m. (Vigil) — Mary Chow Woon Leung †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 1

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14;
Jn 21:1-19

Monday, May 2

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 3

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday, May 4

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, May 5

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 6

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, May 7

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Sophia Marie Anthony, Theodore Xavier Bradley, Owen
Nathan Paul Dixon, Corbin McKenna Lynch, Charlotte Hope
Marcil, Michael August Overing, Lorelei Chandresh
Patel, Isabelle Bonita Polvinala, Lee Shriver, Leo James
Sugiguchi and Conall William Vaillancourt

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Luis de Andino, Suzanne Aragona,
Theresa Aranda, Crystal Barr, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke,
Michael Casey, Maria Campo, J. Collins, Quinn Copps,
Cathy Craft, Jean Edwards, Cynthia Ellis, Gary Farabough,
Mary Gallagher, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Neil Hayes,
Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Robert
Juszczak, Robert Marshall, Bill McCarthy, Dean Montayne,
Gerald Moore, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, Cathy Quinn,
James Rooney, Msgr. Michael Sexton, Alexander Staron,
Noel Tohill, Sarah Walker and Jody Wireman

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Stanley Chincheck and Peter DeValley Spencer

PRAY FOR THOSE ACTIVELY SERVING IN HARM'S WAY, INCLUDING

Alex Deerr, Kaylyn E. Krzemien, Sara McAlpin,
Vincent P. Pensyl, David Alejandro Sandoval,
Josh Villeneuve and all those serving in law enforcement,
as firefighters and as emergency first responders.

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

May 1 — Rev. James C. Hudgins
May 2 — Rev. Michael C. Isenberg
May 3 — Rev. Joel D. Jaffe
May 4 — Rev. John D. Kelly
May 5 — Rev. Michael J.R. Kelly
May 6 — Rev. Joseph R. Kenna
May 7 — Rev. Anthony J. Killian

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Were not our hearts burning within us...

Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord
as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at
michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

**Names of the ill are listed for 4 weeks. Names of those
actively serving in harm's way (generally means deployed
overseas) are listed for 4 months. Reinstate or add a name at
bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.**

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR MAY



Faith-Filled Young People. We pray for all young
people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see
in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment,
the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

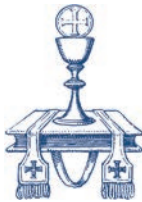
NOCTURNAL ADORATION



Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar during the Basilica's Nocturnal Adoration the **first Friday of each month**, beginning at 9 p.m. Friday and ending at 8:20 a.m. on Saturday. **Additional adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday Nocturnal Adoration will be **May 6**. Vocal prayers during adoration follow the recitation of the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament*, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. To sign up for an hour or more of adoration or for more information about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass) is celebrated at the Basilica of Saint Mary on the **third Friday** each month. The next will be at 7:30 p.m., **Friday, May 20**. Fr. David Dufresne will be the celebrant. Missals are provided with Mass parts in Latin and English.



HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE

are available at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese

RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE TO VISIT BALTIMORE

On **May 13 to 15**, relics of Saint Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes will be displayed at the Cathedral of Our Queen, 5200 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD. The visit is part of a tour of the United States, April to August 2022, marking the first time the grace of Lourdes is being brought in this way to Catholic parishes across this country.

For additional information, including times to visit and venerate the relics, go to: <http://bernadetteusa.org/ip.php?pg=Baltimore-MD>.

The tour is organized in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, The North American Volunteers, the Hospitalité of Miami; and the Order of Malta.



Liturgical Calendar This Week

May 2. Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Bishop of Alexandria for 45 years who was exiled by the Arians five times. One of four great doctors of the Eastern Church. Died in 373.

May 3. Saints Philip and James, Apostles. Philip was from Bethsaida and among the first disciples called by Jesus. According to tradition, he preached in Phrygia and died on a cross at Hierapolis. James was a leader of the Jerusalem Church; believed to have been beaten or stoned to death. Patron of the dying.

Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: What is the difference between a “secular” priest and an “order” priest?

A: A **secular** (or **diocesan**) priest belongs to a specific diocese. He is bound to obey the bishop of that diocese and may not change from one diocese to another without the consent of the bishops of both dioceses. The typical parish priest, like those serving here at the Basilica, is a secular/diocesan priest. In addition to promising obedience to his bishop, the secular/diocesan priest makes a promise of celibacy.

An **order** (or **religious** or **regular**) priest is a member of religious order or congregation, such as the Benedictines, Dominicans, Franciscans, Josephites, Jesuits, etc. Order priests are referred to as “regular” because they follow the *regula*, Latin for rule or structure of life of their particular order. The order priest is bound by the three evangelical vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. He vows obedience to his superiors, and generally lives in community with his brethren.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

Children under the age of 18 who have received their First Communion, and parents seeking an extra-curricular activity that enriches a young person's spiritual life and engages them in age-appropriate spiritual works of mercy under the spiritual direction of Father Joseph, please consider joining the Junior Legion of Mary.

- **WHEN?** Every Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend/participate.
- **WHERE?** Saint Joseph Room in the Lower Level of Saint Mary's Lyceum, located at 313 Duke Street.
- **QUESTIONS?** Please email Adria Tayrani at lomstmaryoldtown@gmail.com or text 571.310.4016.



Saints, Stewards, Scholars NEWS from The Basilica School of Saint Mary

Blessings abounded as students celebrated Mass at the Basilica during Holy Week. Spy Wednesday marked the first Mass where all students from kindergarten through eighth grade attended at the Basilica since the pandemic began two years ago. Every seat was taken and the air was filled with young voices raised in song and prayer.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20



<https://stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/yaya>



The Basilica of Saint Mary's
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT APOSTOLATES
Encounter Jesus. Become Disciples. Change the Culture.

 @stmarysyaya

Serving our parish community's middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, young adults, and families!

Young Adults in their 20s & 30s throughout Alexandria are invited to our weekly gatherings and activities.

Theolog on Tap

MONDAY MAY 2ND
AT MURPHY'S IRISH PUB

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
TALK BEGINS AT 7:30PM

Mariane Staron, Director | mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3030
Aaron Zanca, Assistant Director | azanca@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3024

All high school girls invited

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB

Tuesdays | 7PM-8:30PM
Youth House | 307 S Royal St

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

WEDNESDAYS | 7PM TO 9PM
YOUTH HOUSE | 307 S ROYAL ST

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

SEEKING REPARATION FOR RACISM

The Saint Katharine Drexel Society at the Basilica of Saint Mary prays for the healing of our nation, especially for the historical and continuing wounds inflicted by slavery, and in reparation for the sins of racism, past and present. They pray the rosary during the Basilica Holy Hour on **Wednesdays**, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The group prays in reparation for sins against the dignity of the human person, especially racism; for the sacredness of every human life to be protected and upheld in law and culture; and for the unity of society under the peaceful Lordship of Jesus Christ. The Society also leads a rosary following the 8:30 a.m. Mass every second Saturday of the month, and meets at other times for prayer and fellowship. Father David serves as chaplain. The patroness of the Society, Saint Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), was the second American-born saint canonized by the Catholic Church. Born in Philadelphia to a wealthy family, she entered religious life and used her inheritance to minister to the poor and oppressed, particularly serving Native American reservations and Southern African American inner-city and rural communities. To learn more, contact Monica Favela at skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org.



PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

PTSC serves single Catholics 40+. Meet for: Country and Western dancing (May 7); Thursday lunches (May 12 and 26); visit Gunston Hall (May 14); talk by Dawn Beutner, author of *Saints: Becoming an Image of Christ Every Day of the Year* (May 19); dinner in Alexandria (May 22); annual picnic (June 19). More details at bit.ly/ptsc. If you have questions or to RSVP for an event, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Upcoming Leagues

NEW! VOLLEYBALL Season 1

Sundays, May 8 through June 26

REGISTER TODAY at www.catholicports.net!

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs
to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study

Sign up for our email list at
www.catholicports.net/emailsingup

If you have any questions or want to connect, email
catholicports@stmaryoldtown.org
or text Helena at 540.551.2271.

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

It was exactly two years ago when the pandemic hit and so many of our neighbors saw their savings vanish as they lost their jobs and incomes. Our daily helpline went from 10 to 20 to 30 calls per day. So many families turned to us because the federal government had yet to provide funds to our city, which itself had no way to cope with the demands placed upon it. We became first responders to those in financial need. Let us never forget that in times of crisis, anxiety and despair, your SVdP will never forget your generosity. Father Hathaway raised \$35,000 for us via a cooking lesson for Cinco de Mayo that boosted our morale as well as our accounts. We were able to provide so many families with food, cleaning items, diapers and other vital needs. The crisis today is eviction, with record numbers of families losing their homes every week. Please continue your generous support to keep families in their homes. You can write a check to SVdP, drop it in the Poor Box or the Parish Office or contribute via Faith Direct at the Saint Mary website.



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Kavanaugh #54, thank the parishioners of Saint Mary for your tremendous support of our recent collection for the Ukrainian relief effort. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we collected

\$16,274 — truly amazing!

All funds collected will be sent to Caritas Internationalis, a consortium of Catholic aid organizations active on the ground in Ukraine and neighboring countries and providing food, shelter, hygiene and medical assistance to displaced people suffering from the ravages of the war.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

Fatima Pilgrimage: July 17-28



Join Father Joseph Townsend and the Luminaries of Holy Mary on pilgrimage to Fatima and other holy sites in Portugal and Spain connected to the apparitions of Jesus and Mary in 1916-1929. Pilgrimage dates: **July 17 to July 28**. \$1,550 per person, double occupancy (all inclusive excluding airfare). More information, at: <https://bit.ly/3L0AzcU> or call Frank Spicer at 571.334.5925.

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

Catechist Certification courses will be taught live at the Basilica of Saint Mary this summer, beginning **June 17/18**. Do you know what you don't know about the Faith? Do you know how to best share what you do know? New and experienced teachers can learn a systematic presentation of the Faith, get fresh classroom ideas, and access resources for lesson plans and learn simple answers to tough questions. Taught by super-catechist Delores Nelson! Watch our website and Flocknotes for more information, including how to register.

VIRTUAL COLLECTION BASKET

It's easy to make your weekly and special offerings via the Basilica of Saint Mary's Virtual Collection Basket through Faith Direct. Just go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA713>.

28th ANNUAL ARMED SERVICES MEMORIAL MASS

Honor the men and women of the Armed Forces by attending the 28th Annual Memorial Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on **Sunday, May 22**. Sacrament of Penance available 3 to 3:35 p.m.; rosary at 3:35 p.m., musical prelude at 4:15 p.m. Mass begins at 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A. The Most Rev. Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, Military Archbishop, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Parking is limited, carpooling advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in service dress uniform, civilians in business attire. For assigned seating, respond by **May 11** to <https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/>.

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Very Reverend Edward Hathaway, Rector
The Basilica of Saint Mary

cordially invites you to attend

Being Prepared and at Peace

A Funeral Services and Estate Planning Program & Update on The Basilica of Saint Mary Columbarium Plans

Thursday, May 12, 2022
Parish Lyceum Auditorium
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Offering Two Sessions Option:

Program and Afternoon Tea
Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 2 to 3:30 PM
or

Program and Early Evening Reception
Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 4:30 to 6 PM

See the opposite side for more information.

Register at [Faith Direct.com](https://FaithDirect.com)

Questions? Contact Anne Mathis, Chief Stewardship Officer, at 703-836-4100 or email her at amathis@stmaryoldtown.org.

Entering Canaan: Day of Prayer & Healing for Women

A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, October 15**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, contact Project Rachel Ministry at 703.841.2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT!

In preparation to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Arlington Diocese in 2024, events involving art and sacred music are planned in parishes throughout the Diocese. One takes place in our area on May 6.

Catholic Family Night: A Night of Comedy and Big Band Jazz

May 6, 6:30 p.m. at Saint Louis Catholic Church, Alexandria, VA

Free and open to the public!

Come for an evening of good, clean, family fun and laughter; an evening of vibrant Big Band Jazz and improv comedy radiant in the happy life we have in Christ. Local Catholic improv group, FOOLS! Comedy Improv, will warm up the crowd. Then enjoy the cool tones of a local award-winning big band, the Hot Lanes.

Food and drink will be available for purchase.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is **Friday-Sunday, June 17-19**. The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth will lead the retreat this year, and the theme is "Heart to Heart: Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and strength" (Deut. 6:5). It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost: \$60 (financial aid available). For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is **Friday, June 6**.



A FREE, comprehensive, online library of Catholic faith formation resources for the entire family is available to you at <https://stmaryoldtown.formed.org>.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A periodic look at the history of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish since its founding in 1795



GEORGE BRENT, RELUCTANT REBEL

George William Brent, Esquire, born in Alexandria in August 1821, was the son of a wealthy businessman who could afford to send him to the University of Virginia to study law. Between 1842 and 1852 he practiced law in Warrenton, VA, and married Lucy Goode, daughter of the physician who developed Hot Springs, VA, as a famous sanitarium. Brent returned to Alexandria in 1853. Although Catholics were a minority in antebellum Alexandria, Brent was a prominent, respected citizen and led the city's Douglas Democrats. He served on the building committee that enlarged Saint Mary Church to accommodate 800 worshippers.



As war approached in 1860, Brent was a Unionist and expressed astonishment that secession might actually happen. In January 1861, three months before the bombardment of Fort Sumter, the Virginia legislature sent Brent as a delegate to a convention to debate secession. He was still strongly opposed to dissolution of the Union, as were a majority of Alexandrians. Yet, when the delegates voted, the ordinance of secession passed on April 17, two days after Fort Sumter.

Brent joined the state's defense forces and the governor commissioned him a major in what became the 17th Virginia Infantry. Confederate P.T.G. Beauregard asked to have Brent on his staff, where he handled legal matters for the Army of Mississippi. He served as chief-of-staff for Beauregard and his successor, General Braxton Bragg. Brent's church membership may have played a role in his close bond with Beauregard, also a Catholic. His faith also may have helped him bond with the 17th Virginia regiment, which contained many Irish Catholics from Saint Mary parish.

In the waning days of the war, Brent reunited with Beauregard as the Confederacy collapsed. Brent was in Raleigh when he learned of Lee's surrender at Appomattox. As a member of Beauregard's staff, Brent surrendered and was paroled on April 26, 1865. He returned to Alexandria to resume his career of public service. In 1870 he was severely injured when a gallery overcrowded with spectators collapsed in the Court of Appeals in Richmond, falling into the House of Delegates below the court. Brent, sitting in the House chamber, was severely injured by falling timbers and never fully recovered. He died on January 2, 1872, at the age of 50, and is buried in Saint Mary Cemetery.

– Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



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