

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

June 27, 2021
The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Noah C. Morey, In Residence
Mr. Jordan Evans, Seminarian

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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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 7:30 a.m.

Communal First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Sunday, 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 6 months before possible
wedding date for marriage preparation. Couples living together
will be asked to live separately during marriage preparation.

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(Pre-K to 8th grade)

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by Benvenuto Tisi da Garofalo, c. 1550, Louvre Museum

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Oremus pro invicem "Let us pray for each other"

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

WELCOME TO FATHER JOSEPH!

Father Joseph Townsend, our new Parochial Vicar, arrived on **June 24**. He may look familiar to you as he served as a transitional deacon here at the Basilica last summer. Ordained by Bishop Michael Burbidge on June 5, Father Joseph begins his life of priestly service with us this week. I'll let him introduce himself.....



Hi everyone, it is a great joy to be joining the Basilica of Saint Mary family! I am the oldest of nine children (two brothers and six sisters) who was born in Akron, OH, and then moved to Virginia with my family in 2002. My grade school and high school years were a mix of homeschooling and small Catholic schools, which both instilled in me a great love for the faith and for learning. I attended Christendom College and graduated with a degree in Political Science in 2011. After college I moved to Fredericksburg and worked for Geico (Auto Insurance) for a few years before entering seminary.

I am continually inspired by Pope Benedict XVI's line from Deus Caritas Est: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." It is a great gift to be able serve you as a priest and to help bring about an ever-deepening encounter with the Lord, most especially in the Sacraments and His Word.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming months. Please know of my prayers for you all! — Father Joseph

PLENARY INDULGENCE

ON THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

As a Basilica, Saint Mary is granted particular privileges by the Holy See; the most important is the Plenary Indulgence (<https://stmaryoldtown.org/basilica/privileges-responsibilities>). When you visit the Basilica on certain days, including the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul this coming **Tuesday, June 29**, and participate in Mass or another sacred rite, you will receive the "remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1471). I encourage you to avail yourself of that grace by joining us for Mass on Tuesday at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. In honor of Saints Peter and Paul, the 12:10 p.m. Mass will be a sung Mass.

THANK YOU, SARA!

My thanks to Sara Schiedermayer, our Assistant Director of Religious Education for the past three years, who leaves on **June 30** to pursue new adventures. She and her husband John Paul are moving to Rolla, MO, where John Paul will participate in a full-time internship to complete his doctoral studies of clinical psychology with Divine Mercy University. They also are embarking on the most exciting adventure of all in welcoming their first baby in September! May God bless all three of you!

BELLA ITALIA!

November 3-13 I will join Father Peter McShurley of Saint Agnes parish in leading a pilgrimage to Italy. We'll spend most of our time in spiritually enriching Rome and Assisi, stay at 4-star hotels and dine in some wonderful Italian eateries. Space is limited to 40 people, so register soon if you are interested. Learn more at www.prorometours.com/italy-arlington or contact Pro Rome Tours at office@prorome.com or 434.953.1112. **Andiamo!**

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 27

7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
8:30 a.m. — Frank (deceased) and Marilyn (living) Rushen
10 a.m. — Rita Lynch
11:30 a.m. — William J. Menda
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Anne Naegele
5 p.m. — Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 28

6:30 a.m. — William J. Menda
8 a.m. — Marianne Keany
12:10 p.m. — Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 29 — Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

6:30 a.m. — Gloria Ann Topp
8 a.m. — Paul Guidry
12:10 p.m. — Emma Lopo

Wednesday, June 30

6:30 a.m. — Pamela Jordan
8 a.m. — Special Intention: The Kepich Family
12:10 p.m. — Denise Midkiff

Thursday, July 1

6:30 a.m. — Souls in Purgatory
8 a.m. — Evelyn Edwards Carson
12:10 p.m. — Louis Negri

Friday, July 2

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: The President
and All Elected Officials
8 a.m. — William J. Menda
12:10 p.m. — Charles Carl Benante

Saturday, July 3

8:30 a.m. — Aaron Flacco and Special Intention: Parents
5 p.m. — Erin Marie Garner-McPherson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 27

Wis 1:13-15 and 2:23-24; Ps 302, 4-6, 11-13;
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

Monday, June 28

Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, June 29

Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday, June 30

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 1

Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 2

Gn 23:1-4, 19 and 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 3

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 20:24-29

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Hannah Peters Dawson, Chloe Rose Michael
and Abigail Lynn Pica

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Theresa Aranda, Maria Campo,
Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, Lisa Durham, Jean
Edwards, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson,
Foltzy Huttman, Sean P. Kocourek, Peggy Lee,
Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Bud Miles, Sonny Moss,
Jeff Neisse, Terry Nunan, Grace Otero, Jeffrey Petrino,
Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Noel Tohill, Juan Torres,
Irma Valentine, Manny Wagner and Jerry Wallmeyer

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

Leonard "Dutch" Anderson

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

Alex Deerr, Tim Galginaitis, Kaylyn E. Krzemien,
Nathan Martins, Sara McAlpin, Mitchell Mehaffey,
Vincent P. Pensyl, Ryan Rickley, David Alejandro
Sandoval, Patrick Tuccillo, Josh Villeneuve
and those serving in law enforcement, as firefighters
and as emergency first responders

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

June 27 — Rev. James R. Searby
June 28 — Rev. Eric L. Shafer
June 29 — Rev. Scott Sina
June 30 — Rev. Charles C. Smith
July 1 — Rev. Jonathan M. Smith
July 2 — Rev. Terry W. Specht (Retired)
July 3 — Rev. Daniel S. Spsychala

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus became poor to enrich us all.

Is He calling you to share your riches with others
as a priest or consecrated religious?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at

michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

JUNE: The Beauty of Marriage. Let us pray
for young people who are preparing for
marriage with the support of a Christian
community; may they grow in love, with
generosity, faithfulness and patience.

JULY: Social Friendship. We pray that, in
social, economic and political situations of conflict,
we may be courageous and passionate architects of
dialogue and friendship.

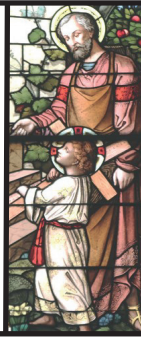


WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Year of Saint Joseph

Those who give themselves to prayer should in a special manner have always a devotion to Saint Joseph.

– *Saint Teresa of Avila*



2Minutes2Virtue

Get closer to Jesus through Sunday reflections by the priests of our Arlington Diocese. Sign up by texting **2m2v** to **84576** or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue.

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online

Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Diocesan Shepherd? Find selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese



MONTHLY NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during the Basilica of Saint Mary's monthly Nocturnal Adoration on the **first Friday of each month**, beginning at 9 p.m. and ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Our next First Friday will be **July 2**. Vocal prayers during Adoration follow recitation of the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament*, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. To sign up or to learn more about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass) is celebrated here at the Basilica of Saint Mary on the **third Friday** of each month. The regular celebrant for this Mass is our Parochial Vicar, Father David Dufresne. Our next Extraordinary Form Mass at the Basilica will be celebrated on **Friday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m.**



Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: Is the “Seal of Confession” real?

A: Absolutely. Whatever someone tells a priest in the Sacrament of Penance is completely “sealed.” The priest cannot share that information with anyone else, unless for some reason the penitent gives permission. If a priest violates the seal of secrecy, he is automatically excommunicated and only the pope can give him absolution.

Saint John Nepomucene (1340-93), a patron of confessors, is known as the Martyr of the Confessional. King Wenceslaus IV demanded that Saint John tell him what the queen had said in the confessional. Bound by the Seal of Confession, the priest refused. The king had him tortured, but Saint John still would not reveal the queen's sins. The king then ordered Saint John to be drowned in a river.

To see a classic, more contemporary portrayal of the Seal of Confession on film, see Alfred Hitchcock's *I Confess* (1953) with Montgomery Clift as a priest who suffered greatly because he would not (could not!) reveal what he had heard when a murderer admitted his guilt during confession.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUMMER FAITH & FUN!

Once again this summer, the Office of Religious Education and Office of the Youth and Young Adult Apostolates are hosting our Family Summer Program to engage the whole family all summer.

Our Family Summer Program events and activities will offer all Basilica of Saint Mary parishioners an opportunity to engage in service, to learn new things about the faith, to share fellowship with one another and, above all, to grow closer to Christ.

Learn more at

<https://stmaryoldtown.org/family-summer-program/>

Or contact Family Summer Program Intern Daniel Sabia at dsabia@stmaryoldtown.org

FAMILY FARM GLEANING PROJECT

Commissioned by Christ is joining Catholic Charities of Arlington's Saint Lucy Project to glean crops at Parker Farms on the northern neck of Virginia in a series of One Day Mission trips. These mission trips are **great**



family events, an opportunity to help feed the hungry (a corporal work of mercy) and a great service project for confirmation students. Upcoming mission trips (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.) are July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9 and November 13, weather and crops permitting. Pick the date that best accommodates your schedule or you may participate in as many missions as you'd like.

For more information and to sign up, visit www.commissionedbychrist.org and click on "Get Involved."

You can find a **FREE**, comprehensive, online library of Catholic resources for the entire family at <https://stmaryoldtown.formed.org>

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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!

Blessed Sacrament, St. Rita's and the Basilica of Saint Mary presents...

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB

No meetings on June 29th and July 6th
Next meeting: July 13th at 7PM
Lyceum Auditorium

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

Annual USA & City of Alexandria Birthday Celebration

ALL YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-39 INVITED TO COME HANGOUT WITH US AT FOUNDERS PARK
SATURDAY, JULY 10TH
STARTING AT 4:00PM

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

JUNE 30TH AT 7PM
LYCEUM AUDITORIUM

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

As we look with great hope to a summer unlike last year, let us pass that hope to our neighbors who are still struggling to get back on their feet after the pandemic left them without jobs, without income and without savings. Jeanie, who had used the time to upgrade her skills, found a job as a nursing assistant that pays a living wage. But her debt as a single mom with two kids had piled up. We sat down with her to review her bills, noting what we could cover and where she could go to cover the rest. She was so relieved, feeling that she had a new lease on life. Bringing comfort and hope to moms like Jeanie is what we do. Please consider joining us. For additional information, contact Jim Larocco at rocca-rocco@usa.net.



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MEETING

Are you Irish? Do you enjoy assisting the community and the parish? Do you enjoy learning about and promoting Irish culture? The **Ancient Order of Hibernians** is seeking Irish-Catholic men to join our Herbert-Cady Division in Old Town Alexandria, in keeping with our motto of "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity." The AOH will meet on **August 16**, at 7:30 p.m., upstairs at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub, 713 King Street. If you wish to join the group, contact AOH division recruiter Joe Castillo at jc305@evansville.edu.



F3

(FRATERNITY/FITNESS/FAITH)
Father David has started a new men's group at the Basilica of Saint Mary called F3 — Fraternity, Fitness and Faith. The group meets in front of the Basilica every Saturday at 5 a.m. All men of the parish are invited to attend. The men work out for roughly 45 minutes, led by a different member of the group each week and finish with prayer.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!

Many thanks to **ALL CLEAN FOR YOU** for advertising in our parish bulletin. Please **support and patronize** our wonderful advertisers!



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES

Upcoming Leagues

Registration for Outdoor Volleyball Season 2 is now OPEN! Late registration closes June 27. League will be held on Sunday afternoons from **July 11 to August 29**. Register at www.catholicsports.net!

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs (catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org) if you'd like to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study!

Socials

Stay tuned for our first social events coming up!

If you have any questions or would like to connect, email catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org or text Helena at 540.551.2271

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS NEEDED AT FREE CLINIC



Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics needs doctors, nurses and medical assistants. Please consider volunteering to help provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured. Pope Francis said, "In the poor and out-cast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ." If you are interested in helping, visit <http://bit.ly/MoMnewvolunteer>. Thank you!

FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM

Carefully screened and trained volunteers are individually matched with socially isolated seniors with whom they visit for at least an hour each week, year-round. All seniors are interviewed regarding their personal history and interests to facilitate a compatible match. This Senior Services of Alexandria program enhances the quality of life of seniors in the City of Alexandria by providing social interaction, mental stimulation and emotional support.



For more information or to refer a senior, call 703.836.4414, x120, or email friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

FROM THE ARCHIVES

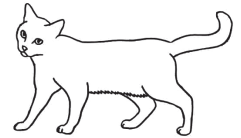
*A periodic look at the history
of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish
since its founding in 1795.*



EMILY THE CAT

About 15 years ago, a small gray cat frequently attended Mass at Saint Mary. According to her collar tag, she was Emily and lived nearby on Wolfe Street. She typically waited outside the church, patiently watching for an opportunity to slip through an open door as parishioners entered or exited. Once inside, she quickly learned the layout of the church and seemed to prefer the front pews.

Parishioners periodically reported to the sacristan on duty, "There's a cat in the church." So Emily was scooped up and carried to the Mary Garden outside the door of the north (confessional) transept. Often, however, she was too quick and remained to roam during Mass. People got used to her being there; children loved it! When Emily was ready to go home, she simply exited with parishioners. On more than one occasion, the cat confidently wandered into the sanctuary and up to the altar while Mass was in progress. The priest celebrant generally ignored her presence, if he noticed her at all. She then continued through the open doorway into the sacristy, startling the sacristan on duty.



Emily's appearance at the Basilica occurred during the papacy of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, known for his love of cats although due to tradition he was not allowed to keep one at his Papal apartment in Rome. More than one Saint Mary parishioner noted the Holy Father likely would have welcomed Emily's visits to our church. There also was some light-hearted discussion that since the cat attended Mass so regularly and we knew her name and address, we should register her as a parishioner and mail offertory envelopes to her home!

– Diane Maple, Bulletin Editor (and former Saint Mary sacristan)

Prayer Warriors Needed!



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop — a "holy wasting" (cf. Matthew 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. A Seven Sisters group begins when at least seven women respond to a call to the mission of the

apostolate. Each woman agrees to pray for one hour on a specific day of the week for a particular priest. The coordinator of a group is known as the anchoress.

We have a Seven Sisters Apostolate here at the Basilica of Saint Mary. Seven women have been praying for our Pastor, Father Hathaway, for the last year and a half. One woman is retiring from the group, so we need one more Sister for Father Hathaway (Friday is the open slot). There is also a desire to form groups to pray for both Father David (already has one Sister) and our newly ordained Parochial Vicar, Father Joseph Townsend.

The anchoress of the Seven Sisters group here at the Basilica is Mary Beth Riordan. If you feel called to this mission, please email her at marybethriordan@gmail.com.

Liturgical Calendar This Week

June 28. Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr. Died c. 202; from Smyrna; bishop of Lyons; wrote against the Gnostics; first to provide coherent rationale for a Christian Bible including both testaments.

June 29. The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. Principal patrons of Rome; mentioned in the Roman Canon. Peter died c. 64 in Rome under Nero. Galilean fisherman; spokesman for the Twelve who became the "Prince of the Apostles"; two epistles are ascribed to him. Paul, a Pharisee who became the "Apostle of the Gentiles," was (according to tradition) martyred in Rome c. 67.

June 30. The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church. The many Christians who were tortured, crucified and burned alive c. 64 in Nero's gardens on the Vatican Hill.

July 1. Saint Junipero Serra. Spanish Franciscan missionary who arrived in New Spain in 1750. Established nine California missions; baptized more than 6,000 native peoples. Pope Saint John Paul II called him "an exemplary model of the selfless evangelizer." Died in 1784.

July 3. Saint Thomas, Apostle. His doubting gave way to faith when he saw the risen Lord. Associated with founding the Church in south India. Mentioned in the Roman Canon. Patron of builders, India and Pakistan. Died in the 1st century.

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KofC Patriotic Rosary July 3, 11 a.m. Basilica of Saint Mary

On **Saturday, July 3**, the Basilica of Saint Mary will host recitation of the Patriotic Rosary beginning at **11 a.m. in the Basilica**. This is a powerful prayer for Divine protection and mercy for our nation, an opportunity to pray for our nation's leaders, founders and defenders, and an opportunity to pray for blessings and the healing of all those affected by the coronavirus.

Please join the patriotic members of Assembly 2204 Knights of Columbus, the Basilica Rosary Society and Legion of Mary, for this inspirational rosary. We will pray for each state and its people, while reflecting on patriotic insights of our forefathers with song.

A livestream link will be posted to the Basilica website. A light fare reception will follow.

For more information, contact Larry Clark at FN@assembly2204.org or 202.494.4761



A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Father Andrew Thornton offered a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Basilica of Saint Mary on Sunday, June 13. He served as a deacon at the Basilica on weekends during his final year of seminary studies at Mount Saint Mary in Emmitsburg, MD.

Father Thornton is now a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, ordained to the priesthood on June 5 by Bishop Timothy Doherty at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette. He is serving his first assignment as a priest at the Church of the Holy Spirit at Geist in Fishers, IN.





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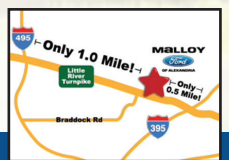
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