



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



April 24, 2022
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
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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

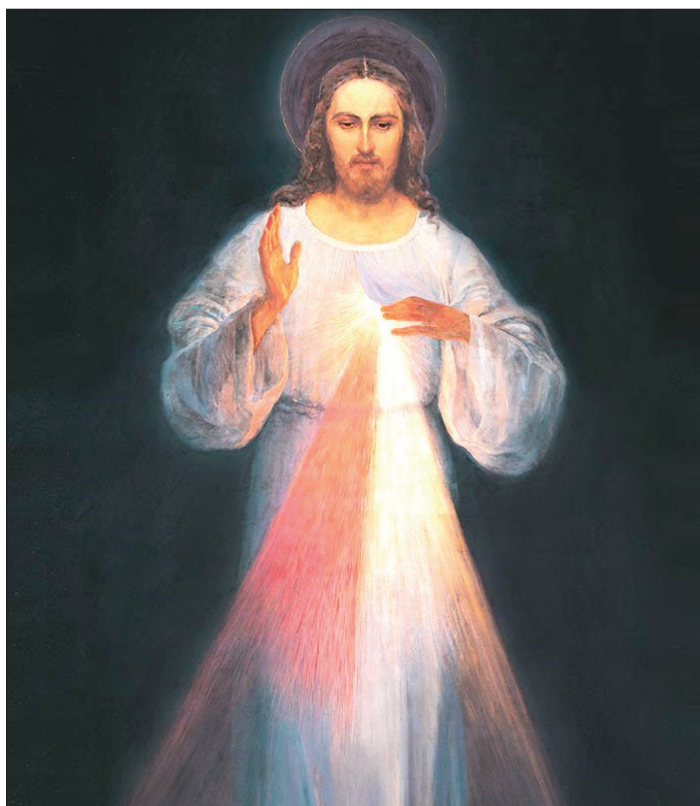
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

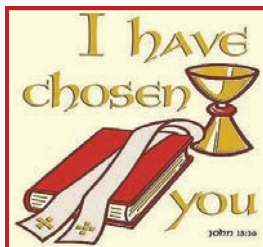
Please join us for our Divine Mercy devotions today, **Sunday, April 24**, beginning at 3 p.m. in the Basilica.

In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, Jesus asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. He promised that anyone who goes to sacramental confession (20 days before or after) and receives Holy Communion on that Sunday will obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Today we know this feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Saint John Paul II at the canonization of Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000.

During our Divine Mercy devotions, we will pray the traditional Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and a relic of Saint Faustina will be available for veneration. The Sacrament of Penance also will be available. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass follows at 5 p.m.; attending Mass and receiving Communion at any Mass earlier in the day (or Saturday, 5 p.m. Vigil Mass) also applies.

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls.
— Jesus to Saint Faustina, *Diary* 420

16 MEN CALLED TO HOLY ORDERS



Bishop Michael F. Burbidge has called eight men to ordination to the Transitional Diaconate on **Saturday, April 23**. They are: Jonathan Andrew Bennett, Andrew William Clark, Timothy Andrew Courtney, Zinjin Norman Iglesia, Michael Thomas Nugent, Stanley Joseph Poczatek IV, Charles Cristian Wilton and David Cary Witherow. The Mass begins at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington.

Bishop Burbidge also has called another eight men to ordination to the Holy Priesthood for the Arlington Diocese on **Saturday, June 4**, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. They are: Philip Briggs, Peter Clem, John O’Farrell, Mauricio Portillo, Robert Renner, Daniel Reuwer, Daniel Rice and Peter St. George.

Deacon (soon-to-be Father!) O’Farrell is a parishioner of our Basilica and will celebrate his first Mass here at 1 p.m. on **Sunday, June 5**. Everyone is invited to that Mass and the reception that follows in the Lyceum.

All the faithful are invited to attend the ordination Masses. They also will be livestreamed at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org> so more people can unite in these joyous occasions.

We thank God for calling these men to the priesthood. We thank them for their “Yes!” to that call. Please pray for them as they prepare for ordination and lives devoted to serving Our Lord, His Church and His people. May God continue to guide them and shower His grace upon them.

CONFIRMATION CRASH COURSE

Are you – or someone you know – an adult who is a baptized Catholic, have made Confession and have received your First Holy Communion, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, please prayerfully consider participating in our Confirmation Crash Course. This four-class series starts on **Thursday, April 28**. Please see page 8 for more information on the course and how to register.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 24 — Divine Mercy Sunday

7 a.m. — William Kearns †
8:30 a.m. — Edwardo †
10 a.m. — Christina Van Zandt †
11:30 a.m. — Sophia Roseanne Burell †
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Patrick and Mesmine
5 p.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary

Monday, April 25

6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †
8 a.m. — Elizabeth German †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Marie Francoise

Tuesday, April 26

6:30 a.m. — Margaret Carroll †
8 a.m. — Leon Rosenman †
12:10 p.m. — Charles Gary Gately †

Wednesday, April 27

6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †
8 a.m. — Emil and Franciszka Zdablasz †
12:10 p.m. — Salvador Furlan †

Thursday, April 28

6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †
8 a.m. — Logan Boon †
12:10 p.m. — Rose Fronckewicz †

Friday, April 29

6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †
8 a.m. — Diane and Herb Landau †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Kerry and Tom Carter

Saturday, April 30

8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Mary Elizabeth Naegele
5 p.m. (Vigil) — Renato Sozio †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 24

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday, April 26

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 27

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 28

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 29

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 30

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Luis de Andino, Suzanne Aragona, Theresa Aranda, Crystal Barr, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke, Maria Campo, J. Collins, Quinn Copps, Cathy Craft, Jean Edwards, Cynthia Ellis, Gary Farabough, 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, Mark Souder, Alexander Staron, Noel Tohill, Sarah Walker and Jody Wireman

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Mary Davis, Mary Nichols and Veronica Sargent

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

April 24 — Rev. John Paul Heisler
April 25 — Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hendrick (Retired)
April 26 — Rev. James C. Hinkle
April 27 — Rev. Stephen Holmes
April 28 — Rev. Patrick Holroyd
April 29 — Rev. Edward R. Horkan
April 30 — Rev. Jose Eugenio Hoyos

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.

Do you have an interest in sharing the Lord's saving mission 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. Reinstatement or add a name at bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR APRIL



Health Care Workers. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Liturgical Calendar This Week

April 25. Saint Mark, Evangelist. 1st century; cousin of Barnabas; associated with Paul and Peter; the gospel ascribed to him is the oldest, written probably prior to the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70, and the shortest. Tradition holds that Mark was the first bishop of Alexandria; patron of Egypt, Venice and notaries.

April 28. Saint Peter Mary Chanel, Priest, Martyr. French Marist missionary in the Pacific islands where he was martyred in 1841. Destroyed a cult of evil spirits; protomartyr and patron of Oceania. **Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort, Priest.** Hospital chaplain; founder of the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom; established numerous confraternities for the recitation of the rosary; author of *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*. Died in 1716.

April 29. Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church. Dominican tertiary, mystic, author, peace-maker within the Church; worked to renew religious life. Patroness of Italy; co-patroness of Europe. Died in 1380.

April 30. Saint Pius V, Pope. Pope in a 16th-century Church beleaguered by conflicts with Protestants and military threats of the Turks. Reformed the curia and papal court. Promulgated the Roman Catechism, Roman Missal and Roman Breviary.

RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE TO VISIT BALTIMORE

On **May 13 to 16**, 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.



SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE BASILICA PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that The Basilica of Saint Mary has a prayer chain? To place your request for prayer, go to www.stmaryoldtown.org/prayer-chain-requests to submit a form so a group of Saint Mary parishioners can pray for your request. Also sign up there to be among those praying for others.

Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: Is it OK for people in the pews to hold their hands out during the Our Father at Mass?

A: No, the lay faithful are not to use this gesture during the Our Father. Known as the “orans posture,” it is reserved for the priest during the Mass, including the Our Father. When the priest offers prayers upward, toward God, on behalf of the faithful, he holds his hands out, palms up and elbows bent in the orans posture. In other words, when using the orans posture, the priest is praying to God on our behalf.

The *Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests*, issued by the Vatican on August 15, 1997, states: "In eucharistic celebrations, deacons and non-ordained members of the faithful may not... use gestures or actions which are proper to the priest celebrant." (*ICP Practical Provisions* 6 §2).



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY *Bow Ties & Blue Jeans*

FRI., APRIL 29, VIRTUAL AUCTION & SAT., APRIL 30, IN PERSON GALA

All Basilica School of Saint Mary Families, Alumni, Parishioners and Friends are invited to register now for the Virtual Auction and Program on Friday, April 29, 2022 and the In-Person Gala on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Learn More & Purchase Your Tickets at:
<https://event.gives/saintz>

Questions? Interested in Becoming an Event Partner?

Contact Anne Mathis, Chief Stewardship Officer, for the parish and school at amathis@stmaryoldtown.org.

The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2207).



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



With an active construction zone right outside their window, students in Ms. Shufflebarger's third-grade class wrapped up their most recent science unit on simple machines by designing and building "simple machine playgrounds." The class collected craft supplies and recycled items from their homes and then worked together in small groups to plan their layout. After working to construct their simple machines in a playground layout, students filmed short videos to explain their projects. The innovative and resourceful activity taught cross-curricular concepts and had the added benefit of generating even more excitement around school construction!

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



The Basilica of Saint Mary's YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT APOSTOLATES

Encounter Jesus. Become Disciples. Change the Culture.

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

   @stmarysyaya

All Middle Schoolers invited....

BASH

the largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year!

DATE

April 30th from 3:00-9:00PM

LOCATION

Bishop O'Connell High School
departure from the Basilica

INFO &

REGISTRATION

www.stmaryoldtown.org/bash-2022



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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
EMAIL FOR FULL CALENDAR OF TOPICS AND OUTINGS



HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

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

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS



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.

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CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Upcoming Leagues

NEW! VOLLEYBALL Season 1

Sundays, May 8 through June 26

REGISTER TODAY at www.catholicsports.net!

Bible Studies

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

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

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

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Betty needed help as she had contributed so much of her savings to her grandchildren, whose parents were in jail. She called and asked if we could do something for her. We did, and her gratitude was a tonic for our souls. We do not discriminate among those whom we help, nor do we judge them. We see the face of Christ, the Man of Sorrows, all too often in those whom we serve. But we also see the faces of young ones, radiant with hope and dreams. We do our best to keep those dreams alive as we comfort those whose dreams have faded. You can help by joining us in our work or contributing financially via Faith Direct or a check made out to SVdP dropped at the Parish Office or in the Poor Box in the Basilica.



WORKCAMP 2022

Looking for One More Adult Volunteer with home repair skills who can share those skills with our WorkCamps!

The Diocese of Arlington WorkCamp provides a life-changing opportunity for high school-aged Catholic youth to grow in their faith by serving in the community.

All adult WorkCamp volunteers must be OPCYP compliant.

Interested in helping? Contact Mariane Staron, Director of Youth & Young Adult Apostolates at mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org or 703.836.4100.



FRANCISCAN MONASTERY of the HOLY LAND IN AMERICA

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY TOUR GUIDES

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, in Washington, DC, is looking for Tour Guide Volunteers to lead visitors on tours of their historic church, which includes replicas of Holy Land shrines and Roman catacombs set amid beautiful architecture and gardens.

If you are interested, contact tours@myfranciscan.com or call 202.526.6800, extension 364. For information about the Monastery, visit www.myfranciscan.org.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

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, 310 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA

Offering Two Sessions

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

Register at Faith Direct.com

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

VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Join fellow parishioners and friends to ride by bus to attend the Fourth Annual Virginia March for Life in Richmond, VA, on **Wednesday, April 27**. Pro-lifers will gather at the state capitol to rally to build a Culture of Life in Virginia, particularly at this pivotal time in history as *Roe v. Wade* hangs in the balance. We leave from in front of the Basilica (310 South Royal Street) after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and return around 3:30-4 p.m.

Register for the bus at

www.stmaryoldtown.org/vamarchforlife.

\$10 per person; \$15 per family.

WE'RE HIRING!!!

The Basilica of Saint Mary seeks qualified applicants for a part-time, Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OPCYP) Liaison staff position. Ten hours a week; requires someone with attention to detail. The work can be done remotely, with occasional time required to come into the parish office. Act as a liaison for the Diocesan Office of Child Protection, assisting with and submitting all necessary paperwork for parish employees and volunteers, and ensuring all requirements for compliance and training are met. Also attend training as necessary and complete OPCYP reports for the diocese. If you have questions, or to reach out with a resume and cover letter, contact Trish Weiler at tweiler@stmaryoldtown or 703.836.4100.

Confirmation Crash Course

Are you an adult who is baptized Catholic, made Confession and received First Holy Communion, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so,



please consider attending our **CONFIRMATION CRASH COURSE** on **Thursdays, April 28 and May 5, 19 and 26**, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Saint Joseph Room in the Basilica of Saint Mary Lyceum (313 Duke

Street). Adult Confirmation will take place with Arlington Bishop Michael Burbidge on **June 5** at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington.

Before being accepted into the course, each candidate is to live in parish boundaries; be a registered member; attend Sunday Mass weekly; meet with Religious Education staff for a 30-minute in-take interview; meet with a priest if engaged to be married, not married by the Church or previously married; if married, provide the marriage certificate; submit their Catholic baptismal certificate, with notations, dated in the last six months; secure a Catholic-in-good-standing to serve as their sponsor and choose a Confirmation Saint name.

To register online, go to

<https://stmaryoldtown.org/confirmation-crash-course/>

BISHOP IRETON SUMMER CAMPS

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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

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The Basilica is hosting a new monthly podcast series, called "What Are the Sisters Reading?" It includes the Daughters of Saint Paul sharing reflections about books to help adults and children grow closer in their relationship to God. The first in the series features two books: *Mysterion: The Revelatory Power of the Sacramental Worldview* by Fr. Harrison Ayre and *Introduction to Christianity* by Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI). Listen to this and other Basilica podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>. The Daughters of Saint Paul operate the Pauline Books and Media Center in Old Town Alexandria. You can learn more about them and their store at <https://paulinestore.com/alexandria>.



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APRIL 26 LECTURE: 'KEEPING ONESELF IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'

On **Tuesday, April 26**, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Thomistic Institute in Washington, DC, and the Basilica of Saint Mary will present a lecture by Father Ambrose Little, O.P., of the Dominican House of Studies, titled "*Keeping Oneself in the Presence of God*." Location: Parish Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street. The lecture is free and open to the public. To learn more and to register, go to <https://thomisticinstitute.org/upcoming-events/Keeping-oneself-in-the-presence-of-God>.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar during the Basilica's monthly 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.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

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



FATHER LEO MASSEI AND VATICAN II



In May 1959, the Reverend Leo J. Massei was appointed pastor of Saint Mary. A native of Richmond, Father Massei was a canon lawyer who had spent many years in the diocesan tribunal. Father Massei was quite different from Monsignor Edward Stephens, his predecessor as pastor. Brusque and abrupt, Father Massei was the opposite of the affable, urbane Monsignor Stephens. The differences in personality, however, did not hamper his ability to shepherd Saint Mary through the initial stages of a great transformation in the Church.

The Second Vatican Council was held between 1962 and 1965, but for a number of years prior to the council, changes were gradually being made in church regulations and liturgies. The Eucharistic fast was reduced, making it possible for more people to receive Communion. In response to this change, and because of the growing number of parishioners, Father Massei added a Mass at 5:15 p.m. on Sunday. The Council also directed Catholics to a "full consensus active participation in the Mass," reciting the Gloria, Creed and other parts of the Mass aloud.

The Council replaced the old Tridentine Mass with a new liturgy, in the vernacular. In November 1964, the Holy Name Society sponsored a meeting at Saint Mary to explain to the parish the directives of Vatican II and the constitution of the sacred liturgy. A "demonstration Mass," not a real Mass but a learning session, was held to explain how the new liturgy would work. Thus, the "new Mass" began at Saint Mary on November 29, 1964, the first Sunday of Advent, with parishioners exhorted to "listen, sing and respond!"

Father Massei presided over these changes, explaining them in his sermons and defending the Church when responding to the concerns of those parishioners who were reluctant to change their life-long practices.

— Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



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