



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

August 1, 2021
The Eighteenth 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

All Masses are live streamed at www.stmaryoldtown.org

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 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 6 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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COVER IMAGE: *The Transfiguration of Christ*
by Fra Angelico (1395–1455)

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

A PROMOTION & A NEW FACE!

I am pleased to announce that **Mariane Staron** has been promoted to the position of Director of Youth and Young Adult Apostolates after faithfully serving as Assistant Director for the past four years.

Working with Mariane will be our new Assistant Director of Youth and Young Adult Apostolates, **Aaron Zanca**. A native of Pensacola, FL, he spent the past four years studying theology and philosophy in Spain. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from the University of West Florida. Aaron received grants from that university to work with the master conservator of the Cathedral of Seville, completing his bachelor's thesis there on Isabelline Spanish Gothic architecture in post-reconquista Spain as a sign of Christian domination over the Moors.



Our Youth and Young Adult Team: Aaron and Mariane

Aaron has been discerning a vocation to the priesthood since he was 16. In 2017, he was accepted by the Archbishop of Seville to study for that archdiocese. He later was transferred to the rural Diocese of Almería, where he learned Spanish, worked in vocations, communications and publicity for the diocesan seminary. He says he eventually discerned “the allure of old Europe doesn't match the fervor and diversity of the American Catholic experience.” God willing, he hopes to continue to study for an American diocese and be ordained to the priesthood in this country. Serving the youth and young adults of our parish will provide a good formative experience for that future ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Connor Edward Cinalli, first child of our Basilica of Saint Mary School principal Dan Cinalli and his wife Arielle, was born on Thursday, July 22. Mom and baby are happy and healthy. Congratulations are in order!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, August 4: Feast of Saint Jean Marie Vianney, the Curé d'Ars, patron and role model for parish priests. Born in a small French town in 1786, he was a compassionate spiritual counselor who spent up to 16 hours every day hearing confessions. In January 2019, we were honored to have the relic of Saint Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart here at the Basilica for several days of veneration (<https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/the-basilica-of-saint-mary-podcast-episode-16>). It is good to remember that visit and consider this holy man's beautiful words: “The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus” – as we pray for all priests and for an increase in vocations.

Thursday, August 5: Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, formerly known as the Dedication of the Church of Our Lady of the Snows. According to legend, a Roman patrician and his wife vowed to give their possessions to the Virgin Mary and prayed to ask her how to do that. On August 5, 352, at the height of the Roman summer, snow fell during the night as Mary appeared to the couple and Pope Liberius, directing them to build a church on Rome's Esquiline Hill in her honor. That church became Saint Mary Major. Each year on August 5, white rose petals are dropped from the dome at the conclusion of Mass there, symbolizing Our Lady's purity, blessings and graces.

Friday, August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, the revelation of Christ's divine glory. After telling His disciples He would be put to death in Jerusalem, Christ went up Mount Tabor with Peter, James and John. “He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun and His garments became white as snow” (Matthew 17:2). The manifestation of Christ's divine nature offers us a glimpse of the eternal glories of heaven and the resurrected body promised to all Christians.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 1

- 7 a.m. — Souls in Purgatory
8:30 a.m. — Josie Abbott †
10 a.m. — Nina Thiessen †
11:30 a.m. — Mary MacFarlane †
1 p.m. — Special Intention: A Special Request
5 p.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary

Monday, August 2

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: The President
and All Elected Officials
8 a.m. — Donald Arndt †
12:10 p.m. — Tara McMahon †

Tuesday, August 3

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Kai Hua Naegele
8 a.m. — Bob Gardenier †
12:10 p.m. — Joanne Dye †

Wednesday, August 4

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Dimitrios and Maggie Lynch
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Betty and Mike McAndrews
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Phyllis Sedgley

Thursday, August 5

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Kristina and Ady Thomas
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Steven and Mary Rushen
12:10 p.m. — Jack Krajewski †

Friday, August 6

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Helen and George Lynch
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Steve and Nellie Trepkowski
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John J. Sheehan

Saturday, August 7

- 8:30 a.m. — Mary Kennedy †
5 p.m. — Regina Sissini †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 1

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Monday, August 2

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 3

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 4

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7b, 13-14,
21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 5

Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 6

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Saturday, August 7

Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Reagan Elizabeth Balch and Jackson Clifton Berggren

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis,
Sr. Barbara Dawson, Dietrick Dollak, Jean Edwards,
Thomas Gallagher, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson,
Foltzy Huttman, Mary Kirby, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan,
Jeanne Maday, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Maritza Occasio,
Joanne Ritter, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Noel Tohill,
Jerry Wallmeyer and Maddison Wingert

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Bo Bronksfield and Doug Mercer

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

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

August 1 — Rev. John A. Ziegler
August 2 — Rev. Matthew H. Zuberbueler
August 3 — William M. Aitcheson
August 4 — CH (COL) Eric J. Albertson
August 5 — Rev. Ramon A. Baez
August 6 — Very Rev. James S. Barkett, VF
August 7 — Rev. Nicholas R. Barnes

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Do not work for food that perishes,
but for food that endures for eternal life.**

Are you being chosen to help feed and give life to the people
of God 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. You may reinstate or add
a name at bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org
or call 703.836.4100.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Evangelization. Let us pray for the Church,
that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the
grace and strength to reform herself in the
light of the Gospel.



WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Year of Saint Joseph

He is Holy Joseph, because no other saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures.
– Saint John Henry Newman



PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE (August 2)

The Portiuncula Indulgence is a plenary indulgence available on **August 2**, under the usual conditions (Confession, Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, complete detachment from sin), for all who visit a parish church and pray there the Our Father and the Creed. The history of this indulgence goes back to Saint Francis of Assisi and the small chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, which is at the heart of the Franciscan Order and the place where Saint Francis died. In his devotion to this site, a source of so many graces for himself and his friars, Francis sought and obtained special permission for an indulgence for anyone who visited the chapel on August 2. The indulgence was later expanded to all Franciscan churches and then expanded to include any parish church.



FREE PRAYER CARDS

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

FREE prayer cards are available to help faithful Catholics of all ages pray for our priests; perfect for families and parish apostolates. Cards are available with the name of each of our Arlington Diocesan priests, one priest per card. To request cards, call 703.841.2550 or send an email to familylife@arlingtondiocese.org.

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. **Adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday will be **August 6**. 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.



Saints on the Calendar This Week

- **August 2. Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop.** Founder of the canons regular of the West, uniting clerical and monastic life; tortured and exiled to Palestine by Constantine. Died in 371. **Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest.** Founded (1856) Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, devoted to the Eucharist as center of the life of the Church and society. Died in 1868.
- **August 4. Saint Jean Marie Vianney, Priest.** Curé d'Arns, patron of parish priests. As a seminarian, he struggled with school, especially Latin. At his ordination in 1815, the vicar general said, "The Church wants not only learned priests but, even more, holy ones." Died on August 4, 1859; canonized May 31, 1925.
- **August 5. Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major.** Oldest basilica in the West dedicated to the Mother of God; dedicated in Rome by Pope Sixtus after the declaration of Mary as Theotokos ("God-bearer") by the Council of Ephesus in 431.
- **August 6. Transfiguration of the Lord.** Transfigured in glory, the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion and will come again in glory. Celebrated since the 5th century, officially included in the general calendar in 1457.
- **August 7. Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs.** Arrested in August 258 while celebrating Mass in the cemetery of Callistus; decapitated that same day. **Saint Cajetan, Priest.** Co-founded (1524) with Gian Pietro Carafa (later Pope Paul IV) the Theatines (Congregation of Clerks Regular).

Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: What are the "synoptic Gospels"?

A: The gospels of the first three evangelists, Matthew, Mark and Luke, are called the "synoptic gospels" ("synoptic" means to see with one lens) because all three are written in a chronological format whereas the Gospel of Saint John is structured thematically.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



SAINTS, STEWARDS, SCHOLARS
PRE-K!

- 2021-2022 School Year
- 8am-12pm, 5-days per week
- 4-year old program
- Email registrar@smsva.org

NEW SATURDAY PLAY GROUP!

Saint Mary's Play Group is adding a monthly **Saturday** play date! **Monday** morning play dates will resume once schools are in session.

We welcome moms and caregivers of young children and meet at local play areas.

Please email saintmarystots@gmail.com for more information.



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




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


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!

all middle schoolers invited...

KAYAKING

Tuesday | August 10th
Register Online: <https://stmaryoldtown.org/middle-school-kayaking-2021>



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

Theology on Tap

MONDAY AUGUST 2ND
AT MURPHY'S IRISH PUB

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM



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Aaron Zanca, Assistant Director | azanca@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3024

MARRIED AND ENGAGED YOUNG ADULT STUDY



STARTING AUGUST 26TH
REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:
[HTTPS://STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/YOUNG-ADULT-STUDY-FOR-MARRIED-COUPLES/](https://stmaryoldtown.org/young-adult-study-for-married-couples/)

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS



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." AOH will meet on **August 16**, at 7:30 p.m., upstairs at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub, 713 King Street. To join the group, contact Division Recruiter Joe Castillo at jc305@evansville.edu.

F3

FRATERNITY/FITNESS/FAITH

Father David has started a new men's group at the Basilica 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.



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES

For Young Adults 18-39!

Upcoming Leagues

NEW! Registration for ULTIMATE FRISBEE League is now OPEN!

Early registration closes on **August 15**. League will be held on Sunday afternoons from September 12 to October 31. 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

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

This weekend, on Saturday, July 31, we celebrate the feast of Saint Ignatius Loyola. His Spiritual Exercises are still used widely today, providing not just an anchor but a guide to a meaningful life. Saint Vincent de Paul drew strength from the example and message of Ignatius, including this prayer: "Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost." Let us all follow the guidance of these two great saints as we live our lives, serving God, our family and our neighbors, with the initials "AMDG" always on our lips and in our hearts — *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*, "For the Greater Glory of God."



HELP SHARE YOUR FAITH AS A CCD CATECHIST!

The prospect of volunteering to teach the Catholic Faith can be daunting but you don't have to do it alone! Would you like to joyfully share your faith with someone eager to learn as part of our CCD team? Can you volunteer just 30 hours per year? Then join our team of catechists for our CCD program on Sundays from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at the Basilica School of Saint Mary (400 Green Street), September through May. We offer classes for children in kindergarten through 8th grade and are looking for primary catechists, assistant catechists, substitute catechists and hallway monitors. (We really need some help with kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades.) OCPYC compliance is required. Catechist training is provided free of charge. We provide the curriculum and support throughout the year!



Catechism

If you have questions or are ready to volunteer, please contact DRE Hilary Munger via email at hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org or call her at 703.836.4100 x3033. Or ask one of the many parishioners who (virtually) taught CCD classes this year through a pandemic! We plan to return to in-person learning and need a lot of help to pass on the faith to the children of our parish.

We hope you can help!

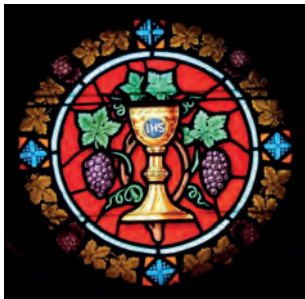
AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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



SAINT MARY'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: An Overview



Beautiful stained glass windows are among the Basilica of Saint Mary's most striking features. Over the years, they have graphically catechized the devout faithful while memorializing many of our parish founders. In the earliest days of the parish, the windows helped educate and inspire parishioners, some of whom were illiterate or may not have had access to Bibles or other books.

Artisans and glass makers from Germany and various sites in the United States made a majority of the windows in the late 19th century. Most are the work of the Herman T. Gernhardt Class Company of Baltimore. Many of the more recent windows were designed by New York ecclesiastical artist Francis Sturm and installed approximately 60 years after the main body of the church was built, to commemorate the parish centenary in 1895.

The oldest windows are those closest to the sanctuary, installed when the church was remodeled by Saint Mary's first diocesan pastor, Fr. Henry J. Cutler, in 1895. Others were added at various times in the early 20th century and following the fire that struck the church in 1929. In 1948, Monsignor Edward Stephens, Saint Mary pastor from 1943 to 1959, added five windows: four in the choir loft commemorating the North American Martyrs, and the window depicting Jesus and Nicodemus in the former baptismal niche near the church entrance, now the location of the statue of Saint Thomas More.

– Kitty Guy, Parish Historian

(Future editions of FROM THE ARCHIVES will explore the history of individual stained glass windows.)

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners of the Basilica of Saint Mary to experience the many graces and blessings of Our Lady of Fatima by hosting our beautiful Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home. To arrange a visit or for additional information about the program, contact Adria Tayrani at 571.310.4016 or avillar@hotmail.com.



STAY UP TO DATE

with the latest Basilica of Saint Mary news and digital content by subscribing to our Flocknote email newsletters.

It's easy to sign up at

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PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



FOLLOWING SAINT JOSEPH TO JESUS

Basilica of Saint Mary
Men's Silent Retreat
Friday September 17
to Sunday September 19

In this Year of Saint Joseph, come aside to rest a while and meditate at our Arlington Diocesan Retreat Center at the edge of the Shenandoah Mountains in White Post, VA. Father John Riley will offer Mass, confessions and conferences during this silent retreat for men who would like to learn from Saint Joseph how to live, pray and draw nearer to Jesus — and by His Grace — become “men after Christ’s Own Heart”

For more information and registration materials, email Father John Riley at retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or Bill Beach, Basilica Rosary Society, at wbeachkoc459@gmail.com

Deadline to register is August 31

A women's silent retreat is planned for December 3-5, 2021. More info to come.



October 17 – OKTOBERFEST 2021

Wunderbar! Our beloved annual parish Oktoberfest is back and scheduled for Sunday, October 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. Interested in becoming an Oktoberfest Sponsor or volunteering at the event? Email Anne Mathis at amathis@stmaryoldtown.org.

October 30 – The Biennial Diocese of Arlington Marian pilgrimage

to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The pilgrimage theme is “Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Body of Christ.” Catholics from parishes throughout our diocese will prayerfully gather that day at the Shrine devoted to the wife of Joseph and our Mother Mary. The Basilica of Saint Mary plans to have several buses to take parishioners into DC.

Watch the bulletin, our website and weekly e-newsletter (sign up at: <https://stmaryoldtown.org/email-sign-up/>) for more details on these events.

SEEKING REPARATION FOR RACISM

The Saint Katharine Drexel Society (SKDS), a Saint Mary parish apostolate, 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. The group prays the rosary during the Basilica Holy Hour on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., 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 for the group. 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. For additional more information, please contact Monica Favella at skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org.

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