



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



August 21, 2022
Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter J. Clem, YA, Parochial Vicar
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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

* These Masses are being 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)

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)

400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Mr. Robert Loia, Principal

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COVER IMAGE: *The Coronation of the Virgin*
by Gentile da Fabriano, circa 1420

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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**To learn more about our parish apostolates,
please visit
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***Oremus pro invicem* “Let us pray for each other”**

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – August 22



Monday, August 22, is the conclusion of the octave of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is celebrated as the Queenship of Mary. In proclaiming this feast in 1954, Pope Pius XII wrote in his encyclical, *Ad Caeli Reginam*: "From the earliest ages of the Catholic Church, a Christian people, whether in time of triumph or more especially in time of crisis, has addressed prayers of petition and hymns of praise and veneration to the Queen of Heaven. And never has that hope wavered which they placed in the Mother of the Divine King, Jesus Christ; nor has

that faith ever failed by which we are taught that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, reigns with a mother's solicitude over the entire world, just as she is crowned in heavenly blessedness with the glory of a Queen." (Read the entire encyclical at https://www.vatican.va/content/pius-xii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xii_enc_11101954_ad-caeli-reginam.html.)

Pope Pius XII also declared that, on this feast day each year, the world should renew its consecration to Mary, Our Queen. Here at the Basilica of Saint Mary, we will do that at the conclusion of each of our regular daily Masses (6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.) on **Monday August 22**, with a special prayer of consecration:

Act of Consecration to Mary, Our Queen

*O Mary Immaculate Queen, glorious Queen of the Universe,
most powerful Virgin, merciful Mother of a merciful
God and refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves
to your royal and Immaculate Heart.*

*It is through you that Jesus Christ our King has come into the world
to save it. It is also through you that He is to reign over the world.
In order to obtain this great benefit for ourselves and all mankind,
we come to your feet to consecrate to you our persons, our lives,
all that we are, all that we have, all that we love.
Keep us, enlighten us, dispose of us, reign over us.
May all hearts and all homes willingly proclaim you
as their Immaculate Queen. Amen.
(End with three Hail Mary's)*

SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

When it comes to teaching and raising children in the Catholic faith, parents are the primary educators. Here at the Basilica of Saint Mary, we support and encourage parents to fulfill this important responsibility while growing in their own faith so they can practice that faith and pass it along to their children.

Children who attend our Basilica School of Saint Mary, or other Catholic schools in the area, learn about the faith as part of their regular school curriculum. For those children who are not attending a Catholic school, we offer religious education through the Catechism/CCD program.

Our new Catechism/CCD classes begin on **September 11**. We need a few additional volunteer catechists to help the children learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. If you are interested, please contact Hilary Munger, Director of Religious Education, at hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org or 703.836.4100. You also should contact Hilary if you would like information about registering your child for CCD.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 21

- 7 a.m. — Joseph Tooley †
8:30 a.m. — Kathryn Tooley †
10 a.m. — Joseph Ho Yuen †
11:30 a.m. — Rev. Paul Pathiyamoola †
1 p.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
5 p.m. — Mary Lorelli †

Monday, August 22

- 6:30 a.m. — Penny Young †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Maura Lindsay
12:10 p.m. — Adrienne Anna Gonsalves †

Tuesday, August 23

- 6:30 a.m. — Daniel Kelleher †
8 a.m. — Paul Joseph Sheedy †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Father John Melmer

Wednesday, August 24

- 6:30 a.m. — Janet Marmura †
8 a.m. — Sylvia Bavelas †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Grace Farrell

Thursday, August 25

- 6:30 a.m. — Rose Marie Anthony †
8 a.m. — Don Borders †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Winston Furtado

Friday, August 26

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Joseph and Marilyn Bahret
8 a.m. — Gerard Joseph Schilling †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Sara Kouroupis

Saturday, August 27

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Monica Favela
5 p.m. (Vigil) — Bridget and Patrick McDermott †

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 21

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday, August 22

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 23

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 24

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday, August 25

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 26

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 27

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Vivian Ann Shell and William Claybrook Shell IV

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke, Jack Burnett, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, Henry Dagenhart, Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Ed Jones, **Juan Carlos Luis**, Bill McCarthy, Terry Nunan, **Marianne Petrino Sheehan**, Kathryn Phillips, Anne-Marie Pierce, Kate Schroeck and Alexander Staron

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

John J. McDermott Sr.

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

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

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

August 21 — Rev. Thomas M. Yehl, YA
August 22 — Rev. John A. Ziegler
August 23 — Rev. Matthew H. Zuberbueler
August 24 — Rev. William M. Aitcheson (Retired)
August 25 — Rev. CH (Col) Eric J. Albertson
August 26 — Rev. Ramon A. Baez
August 27 — Very Rev. James S. Barkett, VF

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Some of these I will take as priests and Levites,
says the LORD.**

Is God calling you to the priesthood?
Contact Father 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 AUGUST



Small Businesses. We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

RCIA.....the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you (or someone you know) thinking of becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but in need of First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Then RCIA is for you!

The Basilica's RCIA program offers an opportunity to meet in a small-group setting to explore the teachings and tradition of the Church, preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist during the 2023 Easter season, and helping them live their Catholic faith.

Classes meet Monday nights, August 29, 2022, through May 1, 2023. Resource books are provided.

Open House/First Meeting will be on Monday, August 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
in the Basilica's Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street, second floor.

For more information or to register, contact Hilary Munger at hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org
or Susan Gray at sgray@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

You may complete the registration form at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/rcia-registration>.

Liturgical Calendar This Week

August 22. The Queenship of Mary. This memorial, prescribed in 1954 by Pope Pius XII for May 31, is now fittingly celebrated on the octave day of the Assumption.

August 23. Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin. Peruvian mystic and first declared saint of the New World. Dominican tertiary who lived a life of penance and solitude, caring for the homeless, elderly and sick. Died in 1617 at the age of 31.

August 24. Saint Bartholomew, Apostle. First century. Known as Nathaniel in Saint John's Gospel. May have preached in India and Armenia where, according to tradition, he was flayed alive.

August 25. Saint Louis. King Louis IX of France. Model ruler; father of 11 children; Franciscan tertiary who cared especially for lepers. While on crusade, he died of the plague near Tunis in 1270. **Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest.** Founded (1617) Clerics Regular of Religious Schools, today about 1,375 religious, dedicated to helping poor children.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

August 27

Saint Luke Church, 7011 Georgetown Pike, McLean

11 a.m. — **Mass** for Mental Health

Celebrant: Father Jamie Workman, Vicar General

12-12:30 p.m. — **Reception** with light refreshments

12:30 p.m. — **Speaker** Ian Masson, MS, LPC,

Director IPS Center for Psychological Services at Divine Mercy University, on "Communion of Saints: Relationships and their importance to mental health."

Followed by fellowship for individuals who live with mental health conditions.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Kirsten Obadal at stlabrecommunity@gmail.com

HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE

are available at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese

Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

In preparation for its 50th anniversary, the Diocese of Arlington is marking this year with the theme: "Remember," reflecting on the Eucharist and Christ's words at the Last Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me." An article in the Arlington Catholic Herald (June 30-July 13, 2022), "The Eucharist Explained," explores various aspects of Holy Communion. Following is an excerpt from that article:

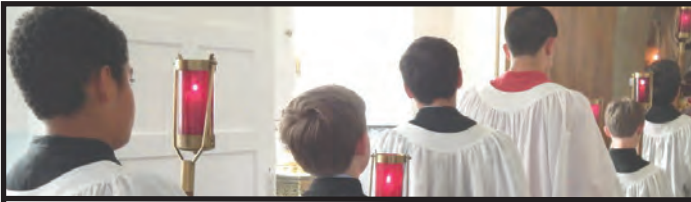
Q: Why do we have adoration?

A: During adoration, a consecrated host is placed in a monstrance, or sacred vessel made of gold or silver, on the altar for people to see while they pray. In the time of the Old Testament, God was physically present to the Israelites in the Holy of Holies, which held the Ark of the Covenant. It was a visible presence of God who wished to share His life with humans.

Echoing that earlier tradition, the Church teaches today that Christ continues to dwell on Earth in the Eucharist and many desire to adore Christ while in physical proximity to Him. Saint Paul VI said, "To visit the Blessed Sacrament is a proof of gratitude, an expression of love and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord."



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



TRAINING FOR ALTAR BOYS

Session I

September 13 at 3:30 p.m.
September 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Session II

September 20 at 3:30 p.m.
September 24 at 10:30 a.m.

All sessions will be in the Basilica.

New servers must attend both parts of one of the two sessions.

The training also is open to any current server who may want a refresher course.

For more information and to sign up, email Father Joseph at frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org.

The Basilica's CYO fall sports registration is underway!

Fall sports are Track and Field, Cross Country and Tennis. All levels of skill are welcome to participate in this youth apostolate program! Participants must be currently enrolled Basilica of Saint Mary students or currently active in the parish CCD program.

Last year we had 480 participants!

For more details and to register, visit the Apostolate section on the Basilica's website at www.stmaryoldtown.org.

HUNGRY CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP

Summertime means more leisure activities for kids, but also less food security for many. Catholic Charities Saint Lucy Food Project needs shelf-stable milk, individual fruit cups, microwavable Chef Boyardee meals, and Macaroni & Cheese. Help by donating these items to its pantry location at Christ House (131 South West Street in Alexandria). Please visit www.ccca.net or email Lori.Sikra@ccca.net with questions or to obtain information on drop-off hours.



<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!

Instagram Facebook Twitter @stmarysyaya

all rising high school girls invited...

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB



Every Tuesday at 7PM
307 S Royal St

INTERESTED IN OUR YOUTH APOSTOLATE? JOIN US FOR AN

OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY AUGUST 29TH
AT 307 S ROYAL ST
ANYTIME BETWEEN 5PM AND 8PM



Mariane Staron, Director of the Youth & Young Adults
mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3030

all rising high school boys invited

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP



EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7PM
307 S ROYAL ST

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Juliet was facing eviction within days. She was frightened that she and her three young children would be out on the street with nowhere to go. We first provided her with grocery gift cards so the family would have the food, baby products and cleaning/hygiene items they would need. Working together with other charities, including ALIVE!, we were able to cover her past rent. We then directed her to Alexandria's Workforce Development Center (WDC), which helps with training and job search to match people with jobs that fit their time, their skills and their needs. Juliet now has hope rather than despair. She can put her children to bed and not cry, as she did for so many nights. Your support transforms the lives of neighbors like Juliet.



YOU'RE INVITED!

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to wish Our Lady a very Happy Birthday (Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is September 8) after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, September 10**, in the Lyceum auditorium at 313 Duke Street. Help Mama Mary blow out her candles and enjoy birthday cake for breakfast in her honor!



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-39

Upcoming Leagues

NEW! ULTIMATE FRISBEE AND WIFFLEBALL

Registration is **OPEN!**

Sundays, October 2—November 20

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

THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY) RETURNS SEPTEMBER 17 — ALL NEW PROGRAM!!!

Wherever you are in your spiritual life, Jesus Christ wants to encounter you right there and take you further. TMIY is a men's group that meets every Saturday morning and has helped thousands of men across the country become better sons, fathers, husbands and friends. We start again on Saturday morning **September 17** with an exciting program designed for both newcomers and past participants. Every week is brand new—so you can come and benefit on any Saturday that fits your schedule. Information/signup tables will be set up for the September 10-11 weekend Masses. If you'd like to learn more about TMIY now, please call Dan Ermer at 858.603.4603 or Wayne Cimons at 703.963.5412. You also can check out the TMIY link on the Basilica website or e-mail tmiystmaryoldtown@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR OUR BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Basilica's Bereavement Committee is looking for new volunteer members to assist with receptions following funerals. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kitty Guy at kitguy100@aol.com or 703.765.9478.

FALL RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

RETREAT for NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES. The best time to start laying a foundation for your holy family is before the little ones start arriving! Father John Riley at the Diocese of Arlington's San Damiano Retreat Center will leading a retreat for newly married couples the weekend of **September 16 to 18**. Topics: How to pray like Mary and Joseph, how to establish a "domestic Church," and how to form your family after the image and likeness of the only perfect family that ever existed! For additional information, please contact Father Riley at Padre@HeartofCatechesis.org.

ACTS MEN'S RETREAT. All Basilica of Saint Mary men are invited to participate in an ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) retreat from **Thursday evening, September 22, until Sunday morning, September 25**. Activities and talks are designed to help you focus on your faith, spiritual renewal and build fellowship within our Basilica parish community. Held at the Loyola on the Potomac Retreat Center in Newburg, MD. Cost: \$350, including accommodations and meals. Participants should arrive at the Basilica's Lyceum, 313 Duke Street, between 5 and 6 p.m. on September 22. A bus will take them to the retreat center and return on September 25 in time for the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Deadline to register is August 31. More information at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/actsretreat>.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

JOB OPENINGS!

The **Basilica School of Saint Mary** is seeking candidates for the following positions: Primary Grade Teacher, Learning Resource Teacher, Instructional Aide for the Mater Dei Program, Technology Teacher and Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. Please see full job descriptions and application details at www.smsva.org.

Our Basilica School of Saint Mary's **Extended Care Program** is building its staff for the fall. Pay: \$17 per hour. Hours: 3 to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Work daily or pick three days a week. Requirements: Love God, His children and their joyful voices!

A **Morning Care** position also is available, 7 to 7:30 a.m. weekdays. Pay: \$17 per day. Email ahampton@smsva.org or call 703.549.6091.

The Basilica seeks a part-time **Program Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Apostolates**. See <https://www.catholicjobs.com/employers/view/7428153724> for a job description. Send applications or inquiries to mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org.

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DATE NIGHT AT THE BASILICA NEW FALL PROGRAM

FOR ENGAGED/MARRIED COUPLES BABYSITTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Date Night at the Basilica (DNATB) will present a new and compelling program starting in the fall, based on "10 Great Dates," a series to help spark intimacy, romance, and fruitful conversations in married and engaged couples as they spend time together on a date. More information to come, but for now DNATB needs volunteers to babysit one Saturday evening a month in the Basilica's Lyceum, 313 Duke Street, as couples with children go on their dates. Time commitment is only three hours. Individuals who are CPR-certified and/or MAT-certified (Medication Administration Training) are the ideal candidates. Teens are welcome to help, with service hours available. All volunteers must be approved by the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, including a background check and VIRTUS Seminar. Are you interested in helping? Email the DNATB leadership team at datenightatthebasilica@hotmail.com.



Throughout the month of August...

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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

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 **September 2**. 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 additional information about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.



2022 MASS

FOR MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS

The Arlington Diocese 2022 Mass for Jubilarians will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, October 16**, at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, congratulations! Please contact the Basilica of Saint Mary parish office (703.836.4100) if you would like to register to participate in the Mass no later than **Monday, October 3**.

JOIN OUR LADY'S ARMY!

The Legion of Mary, Our Lady's Army, makes its members better Catholics through prayer, service and evangelization. Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion. In pairs, they perform two hours of apostolic work each week. Our Basilica of Saint Mary Legion group meets every **Tuesday** (new day of the week!) at 7 p.m. in the Lyceum Conference Room at 313 Duke Street. If you are interested in joining the Legion or have questions, contact Adria Tayrani at avillar@hotmail.com or 571.310.4016.



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

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



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The first known public Catholic Mass in Alexandria was celebrated in 1781 by a chaplain serving in the French expeditionary forces of General Marshall Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, Comte de Rochambeau. His troops, sent to the colonies in 1780 to assist in the United States' rebellion against Great Britain, were instrumental in helping General George Washington secure a victory at Yorktown.

That first Mass was celebrated in a frame chapel located at Pitt and North Princess Street. Masses at the chapel were discontinued when Rochambeau sailed from Virginia in 1782. That void increased the need for another place for Alexandria's Catholics to worship.

On Saint Patrick's Day in 1788, Colonel John Fitzgerald, aide de camp to General Washington and a well-known and popular host in Alexandria, invited a group of prominent Maryland and Virginia citizens, including General Washington, to his home for dinner. Of course, affairs of government were uppermost in their minds as the states were debating whether to ratify the Constitution. However, another topic of interest to Alexandria Catholics was discussed: the need for a Catholic church in the town. Colonel Fitzgerald agreed to head the drive for funds. Thornton Alexander, an heir of John Alexander, Alexandria's founder, agreed to donate an acre of land at the corner of Washington and Church Streets where Saint Mary Cemetery is located today. In his journal, George Washington – an Anglican – recorded that he attended the Fitzgerald party and noted he had made a sizable contribution to the start of the church. — *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*



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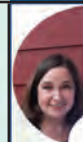
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