



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

August 22, 2021

Twenty-first 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

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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)

400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Mr. Daniel Cinalli, Principal

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

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other” Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

Dear Parish Family, We humbly ask for your prayers in this new school year and invite you to join us in reflecting upon Isaiah 40:31



*They that hope in the Lord will renew their
strength, they will soar on eagles' wings;
They will run and not grow weary,
walk and not grow faint.*

THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY
Nurturing Saints, Stewards and Scholars since 1869
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THE LARGEST APOSTOLATE FOR OUR PARISH: THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

August 22 is the conclusion of the octave of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is traditionally celebrated as the Queenship of Mary. The feast is not directly celebrated this year since August 22 falls on a Sunday. Still, we can prayerfully reflect on the Queenship of Our Lady and her deep love for her son and all His children. How appropriate that the students of our Basilica School of Saint Mary are returning to school tomorrow, **Monday, August 23**. Please join me in praying for them and all our parish children in this new academic year.

This first day of school naturally produces a full spectrum of emotion and thought.... for students and for parents. In this evolving global reality of continued uncertainty, I want to encourage our entire parish family to hold our children close while also helping them shine with all their God-given gifts and talents.

Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. (Matthew 19:14)

When we think of our students, let us also reflect and take great joy in the dedication, knowledge and love of our school faculty and staff as they share their vocation to support “the whole child.”

This time of year also marks the beginning of our parish Catechism/CCD classes (see more on page 6). Please join me in praying a special rosary for our children as they learn and grow in their relationship with Christ.

A Prayer for a New School Year

*God of wisdom, be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless and protect them, their teachers and the school staff.
Give our children strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal for You, our God, in their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 22

7 a.m. — Richard Bove ☩
8:30 a.m. — Kathleen O'Connell ☩
10 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
11:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. Leo Fisher CFR
1 p.m. — Phillip E. Kunkler ☩
5 p.m. — Steve Yuro ☩

Monday, August 23

6:30 a.m. — Kevin Dalmut ☩
8 a.m. — Ed Braunstein ☩
12:10 p.m. — Richard Downham ☩

Tuesday, August 24

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Grace Farrell
8 a.m. — Sylvia Balevas ☩
12:10 p.m. — William C. Wallace ☩

Wednesday, August 25

6:30 a.m. — Donald Johnson ☩
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Joseph DeLuca
12:10 p.m. — Mona McAndrews ☩

Thursday, August 26

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Joseph and Mary Bahret
8 a.m. — Mary Atkins ☩
12:10 p.m. — Emma Lopo ☩

Friday, August 27

6:30 a.m. — Richard Fracasso ☩
8 a.m. — Corinne Travis ☩
12:10 p.m. — Alba Gibbs ☩

Saturday, August 28

8:30 a.m. — David M. Federle ☩
5 p.m. — James O'Lone ☩

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 22

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32
or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Monday, August 23

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 24

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

Wednesday, August 25

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 26

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 27

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 28

1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Noah Chan Bernardo and Rutherford Francis Quick

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, Sr. Barbara Dawson, Jean Edwards, Thomas Gallagher, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, **Edwina Jones**, Mary Kirby, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Joanne Ritter, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Noel Tohill, Jerry Wallmeyer and Alice Whitmore

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Joan F. Coutry and Jeffrey Neisess

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

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

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

August 22 — Rev. Christopher M. Buckner (Retired)
August 23 — Rev. Tarsicio D. Buitrago (Retired)
August 24 — Rev. Jason C. Burchell, LT, CHC, USN
August 25 — Rev. Richard T. Carr
August 26 — Rev. Mark F. Carrier
August 27 — Rev. Thomas B. Cavanaugh
August 28 — Rev. Christopher P. Christensen

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Choose this day whom you will serve.

Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord!
If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or 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

Joseph's faith does not falter,
he obeys quickly
and to the letter.

— Saint Josemaria Escriva



MASS WITH HEALING SERVICE

The Basilica of Saint Mary will host a Mass with Healing Service at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 14**. Celebrating the Mass will be Fr. John Melmer, former parochial vicar at the Basilica and a member of the Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington (<http://www.healingministry.net>).



The evening begins with Mass. In receiving the Eucharist, we are touched by Christ, healed, reconciled and spiritually nourished. After Mass, if they wish, those attending are invited to pray individually with the priest or a member of the lay healing ministry team. (*This is not the anointing of the sick.*) The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

Listen to Father Melmer talk about the power of healing and the upcoming Mass and Healing Service in Episode #224 (August 9, 2021) of our Basilica podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.

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 **September 3**. 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.



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY AUGUST 29

Join the Rosary Society of the Basilica of Saint Mary for our regular Fifth Sunday Rosary in the Basilica, following the 5 p.m. Mass on **Sunday, August 29**. We will pray Evening Prayers (Vespers) for that day and recite the Glorious Mysteries, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an increase in vocations and an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Find more information at
<https://stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/basilica-rosary-society/>



Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: What is the humeral veil?

A: The humeral veil (from the Latin *humerus* or shoulder) is a long, oblong piece of silk or vestment material that is often richly ornamented or embroidered. It is draped over the shoulders of the priest or deacon, with the ends covering his hands, as he gives the blessing with the Sacred Host in the monstrance. The ends of the veil sometimes have pockets so the wearer does not actually touch the monstrance — a mark of respect for the sacred vessel and the Sacred Host and as an indication that it is Jesus present in the Eucharistic species who blesses the people and not the minister. The humeral veil also is used when sacred vessels, with their reserved contents, are carried in procession (i.e., the Corpus Christi procession) or from one tabernacle to another such as when the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the tabernacle and reserved elsewhere on Good Friday. There is no clarity on when the humeral veil first appeared, though it was probably toward the close of the Middle Ages.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

CCD Registration is open now!

Are your children in public school or non-Catholic private school? Our CCD program is for you! We partner with parents to fulfill their baptismal promise to provide faith formation classes to help prepare children for the sacraments and a life in Christ. We offer classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade. In-person classes resume in September. Classes will be held every Sunday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at the Basilica School of Saint Mary. We also offer a self-directed learning option for families who wish to homeschool their children.

To learn more, register online or see our CCD calendar for this year, visit:

www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolates/ccd,
email: hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org
or call 703.836.4100 x3033.

*It's not hard to see a child as a gift, especially
when the child is the fruit of love.*

CCD CATECHISTS NEEDED: SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

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! 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. 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!

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

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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!

2021-22 Annual Youth Apostolate Opens September 1st!!

ALL FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER
TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN PERMISSION TO
ATTEND OUR VARIOUS PROGRAMS, RECEIVE UP-
TO-DATE INFO ABOUT ALL OF OUR EVENTS, AND
GET SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!

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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/)

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FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS



WUNDERBAR!

*Our largest parish social event
of the year is back!*

Sunday, October 17, 2021 2 to 5 p.m.

On the grounds of the
Basilica School of Saint Mary

Become a Sponsor by

September 3, 2021 to be included on all the event
promotional materials and social media outreach!

To receive the Oktoberfest Sponsorship form, contact
Mr. Clarence Lyles, Office of Stewardship for the
Basilica and Basilica School of Saint Mary, at
clyles@stmaryoldtown.org

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS – Fish Fry Dinner 2-GO!!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Back-2-School Fish Fry Dinner to acknowledge the start of the school year.
Proceeds support the Knight's many charitable events — annual coat drive, Saint Lucy food drive, etc.

WHEN: Saturday, August 28, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Basilica of Saint Mary School (400 Green Street) cafeteria pickup

**WHAT: A boxed dinner with a serving of fried fish, collard greens, cole slaw and cornbread
— and peach cobbler for the asking when you place your order!**

Orders will be accepted beginning at 1 p.m. on **Monday, August 23.**

Place your order at basilicaofstmarysknights@gmail.com or call Larry Clark at 202.494.4761.

1) Leave your name and phone number, 2) the number of dinners you would like (plus your bonus peach cobbler!) and 3) the time you will pick up your order(s) — between 5 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 28.

Email orders close Friday, August 27, at 5 p.m. Phone orders close Saturday, August 28, at 2 p.m.

Your donation of \$10/adult order and \$5/child under 12 is appreciated.

This is a “cash free” fundraiser. After you place your order, pay for it via FaithDirect
at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA713/44309>.

Or pay with your credit card at pickup or a check payable to “Knights of Columbus.”



Many thanks for helping the Knights continue their important charitable efforts. God Bless!

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*



10 YEARS AGO: 2011 EARTHQUAKE

At 1:51 p.m., on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, a 5.8 magnitude earthquake hit Central and Northern Virginia. Saint Mary Church was among the structures damaged that day.

The quake's epicenter was near Mineral, VA, 87 miles from Alexandria with seismic waves radiating in all directions from four miles beneath the earth's surface. The earthquake reportedly was the strongest recorded east of the Rocky Mountains since 1944 and the strongest ever recorded in Central Virginia. It was felt as far away as Atlanta to the south, Canada to the north and Illinois to the west. Fortunately, no injuries or deaths were reported. Tremors were felt very strongly throughout our area, cracking the Washington Monument and causing \$20 million in damage to the National Cathedral in DC. A pipe broke in the Pentagon, flooding two corridors. In Old Town Alexandria, historic Gadsby's Tavern and City Hall sustained damage. Fallen or cracked chimneys could be seen on some older homes throughout town.

Here at Saint Mary, the top of the inner wall at the back, or east side, of the building crumbled. Bricks fell through the stained glass window above the tabernacle. The debris "took out the right arm of Jesus above the tabernacle," then-pastor Father Dennis Kleinmann wrote in his September 4, 2011 bulletin column. The church had been filled with worshippers for the 12:10 p.m. Mass that day but was empty when the earthquake struck. What a blessing!



The rectory and Father Rankin House, next door at 314 Duke Street, sustained minor damage. Damage at Saint Mary School was limited to a toppled statue of the Blessed Mother. Thankfully, the church remained structurally sound. The back wall was shored up for repairs, requiring scaffolding in the church and a lot of noise during the day (work was stopped during Mass). The church was open throughout the process "but it may not be conducive to prayer," warned Father Kleinmann.

The shattered arm of the corpus was beyond simple repair. The entire corpus was removed from the church so a new arm could be made. For weeks while that work was underway, the cross above the tabernacle was starkly bare. The repaired corpus returned to its proper place in December 2011, prompting Father Kleinmann to write: "Jesus is back!"

— Diane Maple, Bulletin Editor



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES

For Young Adults 18-39!

Upcoming Leagues

Registration for ULTIMATE FRISBEE League is now OPEN! 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

Mary Ellen was raised Catholic in our area but had succumbed to drug addiction, ending up in jail. Her life seemed one of pain and despair and she watched as other drug addicted inmates ended their lives as their way out of their misery. She instead chose life, determined to stay drug-free forever, working hard to eventually have a normal life in which her grown children could come and be with her. Working together with partners and parishioners, needed repairs at her temporary residence were carried out. She looks forward to her Catholic faith giving her strength. It is heartening to see those like Mary Ellen choose life. Help us help her to make this choice one that indeed can be fulfilled.



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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

BISHOP ADDRESSES TRANSGENDER ISSUES AND SEXUAL IDENTITY

Arlington Bishop Michael Bishop has released a teaching document on transgender issues and sexual identity.

Find it on the Arlington Diocese website at
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/public-messages/2021/a-catechesis-on-the-human-person-and-gender-ideology/>

PILGRIMAGE TO PHILADELPHIA

Please join the Saint Katharine Drexel Society for an all-day pilgrimage to Philadelphia on **Saturday, September 25**. We will have Mass with Saint Katharine Drexel in her resting place at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Saint John Neumann at his shrine and tour Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Cost is \$25 per person to cover expenses, including transportation from the Basilica. We'll lunch at the Philadelphia Terminal market with lots of vendors (lunch not included). Bus will leave at 7:45 a.m.; estimated return at 7:30 p.m. If you'd like to join us, contact Monica at skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org. Families welcome!



FOLLOWING SAINT JOSEPH TO JESUS

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

Sponsored by the Basilica Rosary Society

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 to register, 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.*

*Listen to Father Riley and Bill Beach talk about
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