



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



**August 28, 2022**  
**Twenty-second Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector  
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## HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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### SUNDAY

7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.\*, 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

### MONDAY through FRIDAY

6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.\*

### SATURDAY

8:30 a.m.\* and 5 p.m. (Vigil for Sunday)

### 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.

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**COVER IMAGE:** Saint John the Baptist stained-glass window,  
the Basilica of Saint Mary, Alexandria, Virginia

# CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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please visit  
[www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate](http://www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate).**



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***Oremus pro invicem* “Let us pray for each other”**

**Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector**

**A THANK YOU FROM THE DIOCESE OF MANDEVILLE**

Today’s Gospel reading from Luke (14:1,7-14) includes these words from Christ: “...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Parishioners of Saint Mary had an opportunity to live the spirit of those words when Father Gary Wiesmann, Director of Mission Awareness for the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, spoke at our Masses the weekend of July 16 and 17. He was here to appeal for help in meeting the needs of his very poor diocese. Basilica of Saint Mary parishioners rose to the occasion by donating nearly \$90,000 in a special collection for Father Wiesmann’s flock.

I recently received a thank-you letter from Father Wiesmann. He writes: “You can’t imagine how much we appreciate this support and care.... This gift helps us to evangelize those who have not yet come to know the Lord, provide for some of the basic needs of the poor, educate the young, house destitute elderly persons in a dignified way and put a roof over the heads of families without a home.”

He continues: “Your parish family has blessed the poor with some of what they deserve as God’s children; I am confident that the good Lord will bless you and your parishioners for this most generous sacrifice for our poor. Truly, ‘...the Lord hears the cry of the poor’ and has touched the hearts of your parish as they have so generously responded in the Lord’s name. We are very grateful! You have a wonderful and very welcoming parish.”

Let me echo Father Wiesmann’s sentiments. You, our parishioners, ARE wonderful and always willing to share your treasure with the less fortunate. God bless you!

**THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, August 29**

The Passion, or Beheading, of Saint John the Baptist is one of the oldest liturgical feasts on the Church calendar. It likely was commemorated as soon as the Church began commemorating events of any kind.

John is the only saint, other than Our Lady and Saint Joseph, to have more than one feast day! In addition to marking his martyrdom and death on August 29, we celebrate his birth on June 24. That may be the oldest feast in his honor. A third feast was celebrated on September 23 in the Eastern Church in honor of “Saint John’s Conception,” commemorating the fact that an angel announced his conception. That feast, however, was not adopted by the Latin (Roman Catholic) Church.



John had the audacity to denounce King Herod Antipas, to his face, for divorcing his lawful wife and marrying Herodias, his sister-in-law and the wife of his still-living brother, Philip. (John’s beheading came at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias and Philip — so she was both the niece and step-daughter of Herod Antipas!) As a result of his boldness, John was imprisoned and then killed for defending the dignity of marriage and family. May we, too, be courageous and truthful in defending the moral foundations of our Catholic faith.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, August 28

- 7 a.m. — Special Intention: Isaiah Naegele  
8:30 a.m. — William Murray †  
10 a.m. — James O'Lone †  
11:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Ray Liutkus  
1 p.m. — Fr. Francis Ralph †  
5 p.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary

#### Monday, August 29

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: John Harchick  
and living and deceased family  
8 a.m. — Janet Marmura †  
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John Harchick

#### Tuesday, August 30

- 6:30 a.m. — Rose Marie Anthony †  
8 a.m. — Marianne Coates †  
12:10 p.m. — Peter Cernansky †

#### Wednesday, August 31

- 6:30 a.m. — Rose Marie Anthony †  
8 a.m. — Thomas McCormack †  
12:10 p.m. — Austin A. Herr III †

#### Thursday, September 1

- 6:30 a.m. — Souls in Purgatory †  
8 a.m. — Melvin Berens †  
12:10 p.m. — Thomas Fonte †

#### Friday, September 2

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: The President  
and All Elected Officials  
8 a.m. — Jesse Blatt †  
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John J. Sheehan

#### Saturday, September 3

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Christa Annett  
5 p.m. (Vigil) — David Monahan †

### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, August 28

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-23a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

#### Monday, August 29

Jer 1:17-19; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29

#### Tuesday, August 30

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

#### Wednesday, August 31

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

#### Thursday, September 1

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

#### Friday, September 2

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

#### Saturday, September 3

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

### WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Henry Collins Brzica and Luke Carr Koury

### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

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

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

Florence King, Karen Mckee, Betsy Rosenblatt, David Santiago, Alfred Patrick Urquia, David Joseph Vieira and Sarah Wagner

### 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 28 — Rev. Nicholas R. Barnes  
August 29 — Rev. Brian G. Bashista  
August 30 — Rev. Michael J. Bazan  
August 31 — Rev. Bryan W. Belli  
September 1 — Rev. Kevin J. Beres  
September 2 — Rev. Paul A. Bergout  
September 3 — Rev. Joseph D. Bergida

### 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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org) or call 703.836.4100.

### **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS**



**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.

**SEPTEMBER: Abolition of the Death Penalty.** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

## 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](mailto:hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org) or Susan Gray at [sgray@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:sgray@stmaryoldtown.org) or call 703.836.4100.

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

### HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE

are available at [youtube.com/arlingtondiocese](https://youtube.com/arlingtondiocese)

#### *Liturgical Calendar This Week*

**August 29. The Passion of Saint John the Baptist.** Anniversary of Saint John's martyrdom. The feast originates in the celebration of the dedication, perhaps on this day, of the Church of Saint John at Sebaste (Samaria) where, according to tradition, John was buried by his disciples.

**September 3. Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church.** Order of Saint Benedict; papal legate to Constantinople. Noted for liturgical reform and chant; sent missionaries to England. One of four great doctors of the Latin Church. Patron saint of music.

### 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](mailto:helenlynch21@gmail.com).



## Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

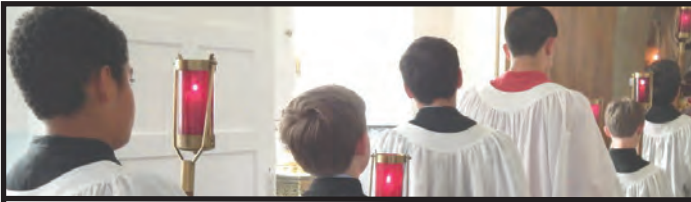
In preparation for its 50th anniversary, the Diocese of Arlington is marking this year with the theme "Remember," reflecting on the Eucharist and Christ's words at the Last Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me." An article in the *Arlington Catholic Herald* (June 30-July 13, 2022), "The Eucharist Explained,"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

### **Q: What is the unconsecrated communion host made of?**

A: Catholics use grape wine and wheat bread for Communion. "Christ chose that matter," said Tsakanikas. In 2017, the Vatican declared that "the bread (for Roman Catholics) must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made so that there is no danger of decomposition. The wine must be natural, from the fruit of the grape, pure and incorrupt, not mixed with other substances. Low-gluten hosts are permitted, but no-gluten hosts are not. Hosts that are completely gluten-free are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist. Low-gluten hosts (partially gluten-free) are valid matter, provided they contain a sufficient amount of gluten to obtain the confection of bread without the addition of foreign materials and without the use of procedures that would alter the nature of bread.



## 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](mailto:frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org).

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

**Register today for fall 2022!**

Do your children attend public school or a non-Catholic private school and you want them to learn their Catholic faith? Register for CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) classes.

**WHO:** Children in K-Grade 8

**WHEN:** Sundays, 10 to 11:15 a.m. **beginning September 11**

**WHERE:** The Basilica School of Saint Mary

For more information, see

[www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolates/ccd](http://www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolates/ccd),  
email [hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org) or call 703.836.4100.

### 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](http://www.stmaryoldtown.org).

<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!

2022-23 REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WEBSITE  
REGISTER NOW FOR SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON EVENTS!



INTERESTED IN OUR YOUTH APOSTOLATE?  
JOIN US FOR AN  
**OPEN HOUSE**

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



**YOUNG ADULT STUDY** *for married and engaged couples*

info and registration on website  
[stmaryoldtown.org/ya-married-and-engaged-study](http://stmaryoldtown.org/ya-married-and-engaged-study)



2022-23 Annual Youth Apostolate is now available!

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!

[WWW.STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/YAYA](http://WWW.STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/YAYA)

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## FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

### From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Historically, August is one of our busiest months as low-income families find themselves with significant utility bills after a hot summer and a large bill for school supplies for their children. Jocelyn, who lives in an affordable unit in Chatham Square, is a grandmother who felt an obligation to help the low-income children in her area obtain the school supplies they need. She drained much of her own savings, but has no regrets. And the children love her dearly for her generosity. Right here in Alexandria we have an example of Christ's story of the poor widow who gave her all. But the real meaning is contained in Christ's words: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Let us pray that we all will have our hearts in the right place in all that we do, just like the poor widow and our very own Jocelyn. May our generosity to our neighbors show a loving heart.

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### 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](http://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](http://www.catholicsports.net/emailsingup).

If you have questions or want to connect, email [catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:catholicsports@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 Cimonis at 703.963.5412. You also can check out the TMIY link on the Basilica website or e-mail [tmiystmaryoldtown@gmail.com](mailto:tmiystmaryoldtown@gmail.com).



### POOR BOX

Please remember the poor by making a contribution to one of the poor boxes at the Basilica entrances. Your donations help fund the good work of our Saint Vincent de Paul Society and other worthy programs serving those in need in our community.

### 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](mailto: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** seeks candidates for the following positions: Primary Grade 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org).

### **CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!**

Join the Associates of Saint John Bosco for food, ministry and fellowship at their annual Young Adult Fundraising Bosco BBQ on Thursday, September 8, 6:30 p.m. at 4201 Elmwood Drive in Alexandria! The Associates of Saint John Bosco is a Catholic, Northern Virginia-based nonprofit working to bridge the gap of faith for students after they graduate high school and before they enter college. Come learn how you can help the next generation of college students! For more details and to register, visit [asjb.org/boscobbq](http://asjb.org/boscobbq).

### **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS**

Our Arlington Diocese is blessed with a growing number of men entering the priesthood. Eight men were ordained as priests this past June, eight more are scheduled for ordination in 2023, and another four are preparing for ordination in 2024. That means 20 new priests for our diocese at a time when many parts of the country are ordaining only a few, if any! Please support our future priests by making a gift to SEEF, the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund. SEEF's income helps cover expenses such as tuition, health insurance and books, which average more than \$45,000 per seminarian, per year. To donate online, go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/donate\\_SEEF](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/donate_SEEF) or mail a check payable to Foundation for the CDA-SEEF to 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Thank you for your support!



**Date Night at the Basilica** will be presenting a new program starting on **Saturday, September 17**. It will be offering "10 Great Dates," a free monthly program to help spark intimacy, romance and fruitful conversations between married/engaged couples. Couples begin their Great Date in the Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street, at 6 p.m., with social time with other couples, before everyone watches a short video. Then the couples go on dates to places they choose. Babysitting in the Lyceum is available from 6 to 9 p.m. for a \$10 flat fee. The deadline to register your child(ren) for childcare is **September 3**. To register to attend and, if you need, to register for babysitting, go to <https://stmaryoldtown.org/10greatdates>. If you can't make it on September 17 but would like to hear about future Date Night events, please email [datenightatthebasilica@hotmail.com](mailto:datenightatthebasilica@hotmail.com).

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Find more information at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/recital-arlington-catholic-pros-basilica-of-saint-mary/>

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### Saint Mary's Play Group

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Regular playdates will resume starting

**Saturday, September 10, and Monday, September 12.**

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### 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) by **October 3** to register to participate in the Mass.

### 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](mailto:avillar@hotmail.com) or 571.310.4016.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

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

### THE CRUSADERS

The Crusaders, a young adult organization, grew out of the national Catholic Students Mission Crusade and was extremely popular at Saint Mary in the 1920s and 1930s. The Crusaders had three goals: educate Catholics on missionary needs and activities, pray for the success of the Church's universal mission, and provide financial aid for missionaries, at home and abroad.



Crusaders' convention, Norfolk/Virginia Beach in 1938

One of the nation's first Crusaders units for those who had graduated from high school (known as "Veteran Units") was established at Saint Mary. John Lannon was its first president. The Saint Mary group sponsored frequent social activities, met with members from other parishes in the Richmond Diocese and held regular conventions. (NOTE: Saint Mary parish was part of the Richmond Diocese until 1954 when the Arlington Diocese was created.) They also sponsored popular overnight trips on the Old Bay Liner, "the Norfolk Boat." They danced the night away and were met by Crusaders from Holy Trinity Parish in Norfolk/Ocean View when they arrived. They stayed with their Norfolk hosts, enjoyed a weekend at the beach and formed lasting friendships. There were many marriages between Crusaders. Father Thomas Rankin, Saint Mary's pastor, was such an enthusiastic supporter of such unions that he acquired the affectionate nickname of "Marrying

Tom." The Crusaders also presented popular plays in the Lyceum every season. They held numerous picnics, some after they had completed volunteer service. They adopted then-tiny All Saints Church in Manassas (way out in the country in those days), and provided all the bread and wine for its Masses. The young men wired the church for electricity. They drove children from Sacred Heart Mission (now Saint Louis Parish) to Sunday Mass and religion classes, sponsored Christmas parties for poor children and delivered Christmas Eve dinners to needy families.

The organization was popular until World II, when young men went to war and young ladies found government defense jobs. After the war, many married and settled down to raise families. The group was never restarted by younger generations, but remained a fond memory for its many former members.

— Kitty Guy, Parish Historian





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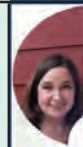
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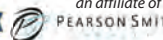
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