



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



August 7, 2022
Nineteenth 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

Check our website for information on which
Masses are currently being live streamed

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY through FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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)

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COVER IMAGE: *Madonna con il Bambino* by Cima da Conegliano
(1459-1517), Petit Palais, Paris

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

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

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

**BASILICA SEMINARIAN ALEX SOLSMA
CALLED TO THE RITE OF ADMISSION
TO CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS**

Bishop Michael Burbidge has called Alex Solsma, a seminarian with the Diocese of Arlington and a Basilica of Saint Mary parishioner, to the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders. This Rite is an important step for a seminarian as he continues his journey toward the priesthood and is an opportunity for him to express publicly his intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders as a deacon and, later, as a priest.



Congratulations, Alex, from all of us at the Basilica. You continue to be in our prayers!

THANK YOU TO LUKE HELBLING & MICHELLE KELLY!

Today, August 7, is Seminarian Luke Helbling's last official Sunday serving at the Basilica of Saint Mary. We truly have enjoyed his dedication and enthusiasm throughout the summer, serving at Mass and helping with WorkCamp and myriad other parish activities. He now heads back to his studies at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, as a Pre-Theology II student. (You can learn more about Luke at <https://www.arligtondiocese.org/vocations/meet-our-seminarians/luke-helbling>.) Please keep Luke – and all of our Arlington Diocese seminarians – in your prayers. May God bless and guide them!

Farewell this week, too, to Michelle Kelly, who has been interning here at the Basilica this summer. She has been a great help with a variety of projects for our Communications department and Youth and Young Adult Apostolates programs. We wish Michelle all the best as she returns for her senior year this fall at Christendom College in Front Royal.

SANCTIFYING OUR LEISURE TIME

Late summer is often a time to seek respite and relaxation from our usual, day-to-day work and family schedules. Vacations offer a necessary and healthy balance to our lives. (I will be taking time this month, August 13-27, to attend my annual formation workshop with the Priestly Society of the Holy Cross – part fraternal to re-connect with priest friends, part retreat focused on living our spiritual plan of life in community and part ongoing study. Be assured you will be in my prayers!)

Each of us should pause, on a regular basis, to renew our minds and bodies. It also is important to attend to our spiritual selves, our souls. There are many good ways to help keep God as the center of our lives. One is the Morning Offering, through which we dedicate our entire day to God, asking that He bless and sanctify our every thought, word and action. Since we do not want to offer God anything offensive, we can begin the day by offering our intention to avoid sin. With the assistance of God and the angels and saints, we are better able to engage the challenges of each new day. Below is a traditional prayer you might use or adapt:

Morning Offering

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer You my prayers, works, joys
and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,
in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends,
and in particular for the intentions of our Holy Father. Amen.*

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 7

7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Melissa Manaker
10 a.m. — Brian Beimer †
11:30 a.m. — Tommy Lacey Jr. †
1 p.m. — Vernon and Lois Pais †
5 p.m. — James Runyan Tindell †

Monday, August 8

6:30 a.m. — John Morris †
8 a.m. — Julia Kenney Petrino †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Alicia Keller

Tuesday, August 9

6:30 a.m. — Eileen Fitzpatrick Levow †
8 a.m. — Melanie Puleo †
12:10 p.m. — Grace Ellis Gibbons †

Wednesday, August 10

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Thavy Lynch
8 a.m. — A Special Intention
12:10 p.m. — Elwyn Warfle †

Thursday, August 11

6:30 a.m. — Gregory Hojnowski †
8 a.m. — Marianne Coates †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Diane Hynes

Friday, August 12

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: The Bradley Family
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Isabelle de Chantal Peters
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Sarah Dwyer

Saturday, August 13

8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Kristina Clancy
5 p.m. (Vigil) — John Manning †

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 7

Wis 18: 6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb11:1-2, 8-19;
Lk 12:32-48

Monday, August 8

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 9

Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 10

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday, August 11

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday, August 12

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 13

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Robert Winslow Harden and Bea Tagert Whitford

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke, Jon Bunting, **Jack Burnett**, Maria Campo, J. Collins, Quinn Copps, Cathy Craft, Henry Dagenhart, Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Ed Jones, Maryna Kapovska, Bobbi Lungren, Bill McCarthy, Lois Miller, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, Anne-Marie Pierce, Cathy Quinn, Joanne Ritter, Kate Schroeck, Alexander Staron and Noel Tohill

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

Nestor Mendell Calabria, Jean Romanoff and Jack Ross

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

Alex Deerr, 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 7 — Rev. Stephen M. Vaccaro
August 8 — Rev. Thomas P. Vander Woude
August 9 — Rev. Joseph D. Q. Vu
August 10 — Rev. Robert J. Wagner
August 11 — Rev. Steven R. Walker
August 12 — Rev. James F. Waalkes
August 13 — Very Rev. Kevin B. Walsh, V.F.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother.

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

Liturgical Calendar This Week

August 8. Saint Dominic, Priest. Dominic de Guzman was born in 1221 in Caleruega, Spain. Founded the Order of Preachers (O.P.) — the Dominicans — today numbering some 5,770 religious worldwide. Their fraternal, community form of life is devoted to contemplation, study and preaching.

August 9. Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr. Edith Stein, born in Germany in 1891 of Jewish parents. Inspired by Saint Teresa of Avila, she was baptized in 1922. She taught school until she was forced to resign due to anti-Semitism. Entered Discalced Carmelite convent in Cologne in 1933. Arrested in 1942, sent to Poland, killed on August 9 at Auschwitz.

August 10. Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr. Martyred in 258 AD, four days after Pope Sixtus II and four other deacons were killed. Said to have been burned alive on a gridiron. Venerated as a patron of Rome.

August 11. Saint Clare of Assisi, Virgin. Disciple of Saint Francis. Founded the Poor Clares, directed their first convent, at San Damiano in Assisi, for 42 years. Led an austere life rich in the practice of charity. Died in 1253.

August 12. Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious. From Dijon, France; married to Baron de Chantal; mother of six children. As a widow, with Saint Francis de Sales, her spiritual director, founded the Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in 1610.

August 13. Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs. Pope Pontian was banished by Maximianus Thrax to Sardinia and reconciled with Hippolytus. Before dying in 235, he abdicated his office to make way for his successor, Saint Anterus. Hippolytus, a stern rigorist, was exiled to Sardinia with Pontian. Source of Eucharistic Prayer II.



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 any questions, please contact Adria Tayrani at avillar@hotmail.com or 571.310.4016.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR MENTAL HEALTH August 27

Saint Luke Church, 7011 Georgetown Pike
in McLean, Virginia

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, "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

Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

In preparation for its 50th anniversary, our Arlington Diocese is marking this year with the theme: "Remember," reflecting on the Eucharist and Christ's words during 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, a theology professor at Christendom College. Following is an excerpt from that article:

Q: Why isn't the Precious Blood usually offered to Mass-goers?

A: Since Christ is fully present in both the consecrated bread and wine, those who receive only the host receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace, according to section 1390 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This is the most common way of receiving Communion in the Latin Rite, or Roman Catholic Church. Eastern Rite Catholics usually receive Holy Communion under both species, bread and wine.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

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? CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) at the Basilica of Saint Mary is ready to help!

WHO: Children in K-Grade 8

WHEN: Sundays from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

beginning September 11

WHERE: The Basilica School of Saint Mary, 400 Green Street, Alexandria

We partner with parents to provide faith formation to their children, helping them know the Catholic faith, prepare for the Sacraments and live a life in Christ as His disciples. *For families wishing to home-school their children, a self-directed learning option with accountability is available.*

For more info, see www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolates/ccd, email hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.



TRAINING FOR ALTAR BOYS

Session I

September 13 at 3 p.m.

September 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Session II

September 20 at 3 p.m.

September 24 at 10:30 a.m.

All sessions 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.

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



The Basilica of Saint Mary's

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT APOSTOLATES

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

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

Mariane Staron, Director of the Youth & Young Adults
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all rising high school girls invited...

**HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS' CLUB**

Every Tuesday at 7PM
307 S Royal St

all rising high school boys invited

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS'
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EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7PM
307 S ROYAL ST

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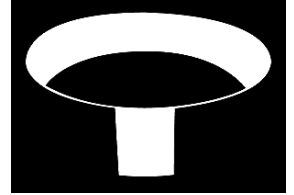


Joe was released from jail and immediately was given a job at the car wash off Henry in north Old Town. This, and another car wash in Del Ray, hire people like Joe to give them a fresh start. The wages are low, but hard work and generous tips give people like Joe a decent life and, more importantly, hope.

Joe finally found an affordable apartment that he shares, but fell behind in his rent as inflation wrecked his carefully planned budget. Just like those who seek a new life after beating drug addiction, those who know the pains of jail time do not want to go back. We at SVdP do not inquire about their previous life. We view them as children of God, who may have strayed, but like the prodigal son, have returned. When you donate to SVdP, you are helping a prodigal child return to their family. This is precisely why Our Lord stressed the importance of this parable. Help us help that son or daughter find their way again by either joining us as a volunteer or donating to help those like Joe.

We are looking for bilingual, native Spanish speakers. Volunteer as little as one day a week, responding to Spanish speakers who call our helpline seeking assistance. Your task is to collect information for our regular volunteers on duty to handle. Calls can be made in the evening or on the weekend. Your work can be life-changing. If you are interested in helping, please email diliasvdp@gmail.com.

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 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!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH 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

SANCTUARY SOCIETY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS
Looking to take that first step to volunteer for our parish? Consider serving with the Sanctuary Society! It's easy, done at your own home and at your own speed. Most importantly, volunteering for the Sanctuary Society is a labor of love and a blessing for each member. Once every seven weeks or so, in their own home, a volunteer hand-launders the linens used in the sanctuary during Mass. (We'll show you how and teach you the name and purpose of each item.) Then, the volunteer returns the linens to the sacristy. We would love to have you join us...give us a call and let's get started! Please contact Stephanie Giorlando at 703.765.2951.



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-39

Upcoming Leagues
NEW! VOLLEYBALL Season 3
Registration is OPEN!

Sundays, September 11 - October 30
REGISTER TODAY at www.catholicports.net!

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs
to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study
Sign up for our email list at
www.catholicports.net/emailsingup.

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



SECULAR FRANCISCAN GATHERING

**Saturday, August 13, 9:15
a.m. at Saint Mary Lyceum,
Saint Joseph Room. Join us
to pray and study. Tom
White, 703.307.2378, or Rita
Evans, 540.270.0667.
<http://stjohntbasfo.org/>.**

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



My Grocery List...

Say Yes! when prompted at the register to support The Basilica School of Saint Mary.

Throughout the month of August...

Our local **Safeway**, at **500 S. Royal Street**, has selected The Basilica School of Saint Mary as their designated charity to highlight for the month of August.

You'll be able to make a contribution at the register just before you select your payment method.



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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! Contact the Basilica of Saint Mary parish office (703.836.4100) to register to participate in the Mass no later than **Monday, October 3**.

JOB OPENINGS at THE BASILICA!

The **Basilica School of Saint Mary** is currently seeking candidates for the following positions:

- First Grade Teacher
- Learning Resource Teacher
- Instructional Aide for the Mater Dei Program
- Technology Teacher
- Administrative Assistant/Receptionist

Please see a full description and application details on the school website at www.smsva.org.

The Basilica is seeking 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.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

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? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Then RCIA is for you!



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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>.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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



VIRGINIA'S EARLIEST CATHOLIC SETTLERS MEMORIALIZED

Although Saint Mary's official founding date was in 1795, its roots go back to the first Catholics to permanently settle in Virginia. Gentlewoman Margaret Brent, with her brother Giles Brent and his family, wealthy Maryland colonists, left Saint Mary's City when the Puritans took control (1649) and persecuted Catholics. The Brents acquired a huge land grant in Virginia and moved across the Potomac River to Aquia in Stafford County. Although the practice of Catholicism was forbidden by law at that time, Virginia's colonial government allowed Catholics in this area to worship peacefully. The Brent colony welcomed all faiths and encouraged toleration of other religious beliefs. Their land extended as far as Alexandria, including Saint Mary Cemetery. A number of Brents in subsequent generations settled along the river, including George Washington's neighbors, the Clifton and Slaughter families, and George Mason's wife, Sarah Brent. Since Saint Mary's territory originally extended as far south as Fredericksburg, Aquia and the Brent colony were part of the parish and the true origin of Saint Mary Church.



To commemorate the first Catholic settlers in Virginia, and the first example of religious freedom in the American colonies, the Virginia Catholic Women's Club erected a huge bronze crucifix along Route 1 (Richmond Highway) at Aquia in Stafford County, near the tiny Brent family cemetery. Bishop Andrew J. Brennan of Richmond purchased a plot of land, and the cross was dedicated in 1931. Father Richard Blackburn Washington, a collateral descendant of George Washington, participated. His father was the last Washington born in Mount Vernon. The Knights of Columbus sponsored a commemorative Mass, an annual tradition that continues to this day.

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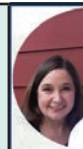
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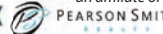
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