

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar
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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)

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Mr. Daniel Cinalli, Principal

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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Today, **Sunday, August 15**, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Basilica, dedicated to Mary, celebrates her solemn feasts with particular joy.

Dating back as early as the fifth century, the Assumption is one of the oldest holy days in the Church. It recalls both the happy departure of Our Lady from this earthly life and the lifting of her body into heaven. It provides a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Some people think Catholics believe Mary “ascended” into heaven. That’s not correct. Christ, by His own power, ascended into Heaven. Mary was assumed, or taken up into heaven, by God. She didn’t do it under her own power.



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared that it is a dogma of the Church “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” The Assumption is a truth of salvation history that requires our belief and assent. In doing so, we imitate Christ in honoring His mother.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED
IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Each of us is called to evangelize, sharing the Gospel and our faith with others. One way is to support individuals who might be interested in becoming Catholic. Or, perhaps you or someone you know were baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Holy Communion or Confirmation. I encourage any adult interested in the Catholic faith, and any adult needing First Communion or Confirmation, to participate in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. This is a grace-filled time of learning about the faith and our parish, culminating in receiving the sacraments of initiation and full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. We also have separate classes for children or youth over age seven who have not yet been baptized.

Our RCIA classes will begin with an Open House on **September 13** and then meet weekly on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the parish Lyceum. For more information, see page 9. To register, please contact Hilary Munger, Director of Religious Education, at hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org or 703.836.4100, extension 3033.

BASILICA MEN’S RETREAT

A unique weekend retreat experience is planned for the men of the Basilica **September 17 through 19** at the Arlington Diocesan Retreat Center in White Post, VA. Serving as retreat master will be Father John Riley, a classmate of mine at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphiawe were ordained together in 1991!

The theme for the weekend is *Following Saint Joseph To Jesus*, focusing on Saint Joseph as a model for men to live, pray and draw nearer to Christ.

If you are interested in participating in this men’s retreat, I encourage you to sign up now – space is limited and the deadline to register is **August 31**. Information on how to register can be found on page 9. (A women’s retreat is planned for December. More information to come soon.)

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 15 — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7 a.m. — Frank J. Rushen †
8:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
10 a.m. — Special Intention: The Leitner Family
11:30 a.m. — Emma Lopo †
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Steve and Kellie Trepkowski
5 p.m. — Special Intention: Victoria Guerrero

Monday, August 16

- 6:30 a.m. — Theresa Sheehan †
8 a.m. — Alice Gertrude Caton †
12:10 p.m. — Michael P. Finnegan †

Tuesday, August 17

- 6:30 a.m. — Joe and Mary Cruz †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Elizabeth and Fritz Scheuren
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Reina DuVal

Wednesday, August 18

- 6:30 a.m. — Anthony Urban †
8 a.m. — Donald J. McGee †
12:10 p.m. — George Mulligan †

Thursday, August 19

- 6:30 a.m. — Sr. Joan of Arc †
8 a.m. — Steve Chapman †
12:10 p.m. — Eileen Kelly †

Friday, August 20

- 6:30 a.m. — Ann Widener †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Ella Claire Lynch †
12:10 p.m. — Emma Lopo †

Saturday, August 21

- 8:30 a.m. — Gene Borders †
5 p.m. — Bridget and Patrick McElwain †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 15

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10 ab; Ps 45: 10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27;
Lk 1:39-56

Monday, August 16

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 17

Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 18

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 19

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5,7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 20

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 21

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Luka John Dottore and Eleanor Elizabeth Yu-Rank

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, 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

Tommy Lacey and Jeanne Maday

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

Alex Deerr, Tim Galginaitis, 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 15 — Rev. Dort A. Bigg
August 16 — Rev. Joseph P. Biniek (Retired)
August 17 — Rev. Nicholas F. Blank
August 18 — Rev. Vincent P. Bork
August 19 — Rev. Edward J. Bresnhan
August 20 — Rev. Robert C. Brooks (Retired)
August 21 — Rev. James C. Bruse

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...

Are you discerning a vocation to proclaim the greatness of the Lord as a priest or consecrated religious?

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

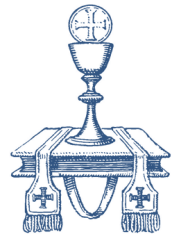
Joseph's faith does not falter,
he obeys quickly
and to the letter.

— Saint Josemaria Escriva



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass) is celebrated here at the Basilica of Saint Mary on the **third Friday** of each month. The regular celebrant for this Mass is our Parochial Vicar, Father David Dufresne. Our next Extraordinary Form Mass is scheduled to be celebrated on **Friday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m.**



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Liturgical Calendar This Week

August 15. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son. The Natale or Dormitio ("Falling Asleep") of Mary was celebrated as early as the 5th century.

August 16. Saint Stephen of Hungary. First Christian king of Hungary; united and Christianized the Magyar people; received the "holy crown" from Pope Sylvester in the year 1000. Renowned for his charity to beggars.

August 19. Saint John Eudes, Priest. Founded (1643) the Congregation of Jesus and Mary for training the clergy, and Sisters of the Good Shepherd to assist morally endangered women, especially prostitutes. Died in 1680.

August 20. Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church. Cistercian abbot of Clairvaux; reformer and author. Founded 68 monasteries; preached the Second Crusade. Died in 1153.

August 21. Saint Pius X, Pope. Undertook liturgical and canonical reforms, especially Holy Communion for children and frequent Communion for adults. Died August 21, 1914.

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 the Mass of the day. 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/>.

Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: Why are some sins called "deadly" or "capital" sins?

A: "Vices can be classified according to the virtues they oppose, or also be linked to capital sins which Christian experience has distinguished, following Saint John Cassian and Saint Gregory the Great. They are called 'capital' [deadly] because they engender other sins, other vices. They are pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony and sloth." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1866*)

Each of these capital sins can be overcome with the corresponding virtues of humility (pride), charity (avarice/greed), gratitude (envy), patience (wrath/anger), chastity (lust), temperance (gluttony) and diligence (sloth).



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 will resume in September. Classes will be held every Sunday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at the Basilica of Saint Mary School. We also offer a self-directed learning option for families who wish to homeschool their children. Early registration welcome with a \$15 dollar discount per child until **August 15**.

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.

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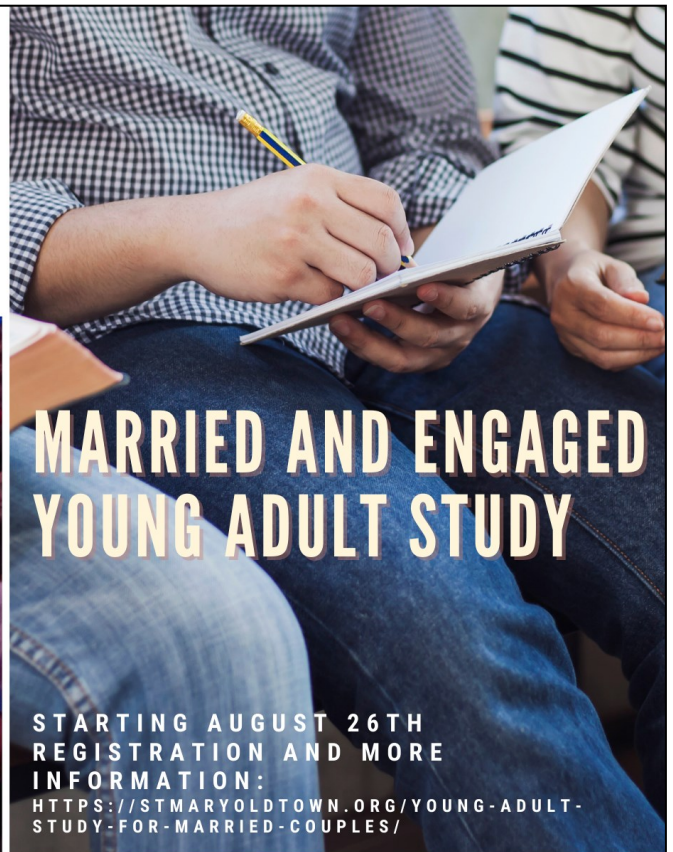
Serving our parish community's middle schoolers,
high schoolers, college students, young adults, and families!

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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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
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Basilica and Basilica School of Saint Mary, at
clyles@stmaryoldtown.org

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SECOND COLLECTION AUGUST 21/22

Next weekend, **August 21/22** our second collection will support the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese, specifically for the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who lack access to basic pastoral services to support and grow their faith: Mass, the sacraments, religious education, as well as basic needs: food, shelter, health care. If donating by check, please make it payable to the Basilica of Saint Mary with "MCP" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES

For Young Adults 18-39!

Upcoming Leagues

NEW! Registration for ULTIMATE FRISBEE League is now OPEN!

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

Register at www.catholicsports.net.

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs
(catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org)

if you'd like to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study!

Socials

Stay tuned for our first social events coming up!
If you have any questions or would like to connect,
email catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org
or text Helena at 540.551.2271

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Jane had been battered by her husband who also made unwanted advances to their 15-year-old daughter. She and her daughter relocated to an undisclosed location as he was arrested and tried. They were in fear when he was acquitted, but he died of a heart attack only a month later. While these two ladies had a measure of peace now, they both were finding their way forward with great difficulty. We sat with Jane and listened carefully to her story. We provided financial assistance to give her some breathing room in the months ahead to sort things out. We will check in with her from time to time to see how they are doing. If you would like to help neighbors like her, please consider joining us a volunteer. For more information, please contact Jim Larocco at rocca-rocco@usa.net.



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



JOHN LANNON, PARISHIONER & YOUNG BUSINESSMAN

One of the most popular Old Town Alexandria entertainment spots in the late 19th century was Lannon's Opera House at the corner of King and Pitts Streets. Erected by Saint Mary parishioner John Lannon in 1870, the imposing brick building had a restaurant and game room on the first floor and a large theatrical area on the second. The structure was just one of Lannon's successful business ventures.



Born in 1844 in Ireland, Lannon came to Alexandria as a child with his mother. Because they were quite poor, he had to work from a very early age. He was hired by grocery store owner Joseph Broders in 1860. When Federal troops occupied Alexandria during the Civil War in 1861, Broders ran off, leaving 16-year-old John in charge. When Broders returned three years later, he discovered John had a large stock of goods on hand that had not been there in 1861 and had made \$6,000 (U.S. dollars, not Confederate currency!) in profit, which he had deposited in the bank. Broders gave John half the money and made the young man his business partner. Lannon expanded the grocery to the corner of Market Alley and the Strand, where the busy Maryland ferry docked. He built one of the largest wharves along the waterfront to accommodate his river trade. Lannon's contemporaries described him as a "reliable gentleman."

Lannon was an active, generous parishioner of Saint Mary church. His name is found on every list of donors from 1863, when he was still a youth, and throughout his life. He died in 1886 of tuberculosis, three years after the death of his wife Joanna Reddy Lannon. Their descendants are still members of the Basilica. – *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*

Are You Celebrating a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1971 or 1996? Join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2021 Mass for Jubilarians on **Sunday, October 17**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington, VA. To register, contact our Parish Office at 703.836.4100 by **October 1**. For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY



Join Father Peter McShurley of Saint Agnes Catholic Church and **Father Edward Hathaway of the Basilica of Saint Mary** on a pilgrimage to Italy from **November 3 to 13**. Six nights in Rome, three nights in Assisi. Includes round-trip airfare from

IAD, beautiful four-star hotels, private transportation, incredible program of Catholic and cultural tours led by master guides, most meals, daily Mass, prayers, spiritual direction. COST: \$4,490 per person. Space is limited to 40 pilgrims. (A negative COVID-19 test is required to visit Italy; the vaccine is not required.)

For more information or to register, visit www.prometours.com/italy-arlington or contact Margaret at office@prorome.com or 434.953.1112.



MEET OUR NEW K of C OFFICERS

Congratulations to our newly installed Knights of Columbus Fitzgerald Council #459 officers for FY2021-22. Front row (left to right): Warden Chris Zettler, Financial Secretary Zach Waters, Second Trustee Steve Teslik, Chaplain Father Edward Hathaway, Deputy Grand Knight Ken Hyatt, Third Trustee Joe Castillo, Chancellor Zach Novak, First Trustee Damon Baldini. Back row (left to right): Lecturer Robby Meara, Treasurer Will Arritt, Grand Knight Chuck Zakrzwski, Virginia K of C State Secretary Patrick Rowland, District Deputy Bill Beach and Outside Guard Frank Obidike.



AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



From Our Summer Seminarian.....

Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary,

Thank you so much for welcoming me to the Basilica parish as your seminarian for the summer. Time has really flown by – it is hard to believe nine weeks have already come and gone. When my parents visited me at the end of July, they told me I had won the summer assignment lottery and I couldn't agree more. It has been a true blessing to witness parish life first hand by experiencing and assisting at various parish ministries, by serving liturgies and by getting to know so many of you.

As I head back to the seminary in the coming weeks and begin my third year of formation, I go grateful for the many blessings God has given me over the course of the summer at this parish. Particularly, I am grateful that, in just a few weeks, I came to feel at home living in the rectory, working alongside priests and serving you all in the community. It fills me with great hope and joy that God might be calling me to the priesthood – what an honor and privilege it would be to serve His people in the Church for the rest of my life as a priest.

Please pray for me and my brother seminarians as we continue our formation process and discern God's will for our lives. Be assured of my prayers for you all as well. May God continue to draw each of us closer to Him and may He continue to make His Love known to the world through this parish community.
Sincerely yours in Christ, Jordan Evans

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

Deadline to register is August 31
A women's silent retreat is planned for December 3-5, 2021. More info to come.

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic
or learning more about Catholicism?
Are you missing Sacraments?

***Open House/First Meeting
Monday, September 13 — 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Saint Mary Lyceum (313 Duke Street)***

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) offers an opportunity to meet in a small group setting to learn about the Catholic faith. RCIA sessions focus on the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, preparing individuals for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist in the Easter season.

Sessions will be in-person, but we can coordinate online instruction for those who cannot join in-person at this time. Classes meet on Monday nights from **September 13, 2021 to May 23, 2022**. Books are provided free!

ALSO, if you know a child over age seven who has not been baptized, we are happy to facilitate separate preparatory sessions for children or youth.

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.