

## August 8, 2021 The Nineteenth 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 Mr. Jordan Evans, Seminarian

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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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**COVER IMAGE:** Detail from *Bambin Gesu domiente* by Garofalo, c. 1550, Louvre Museum

## CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

PRAYER & WORSHIP			
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30 -7:30 p.m. Wed.	Maureen Breiner	tb5va@aol.com	
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Rosary Prayer Group Rosary before 8 a.m. weekday Mass, 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass	Call Parish Office	703.836.4100	
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Shut-In Visitation	Call Parish Office	703.836.4100	

Saint Vincent de Paul Society	Jim Larocco	rocca-rocco@usa.net	
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Woodbine Rehabilitation Center	Judy Klesius	703.836.1777	
EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION			
Adult Faith Formation, CCD, RCIA	Hilary Munger	hmunger @stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100 x 3033	
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#### Oremus pro invicem "Let us pray for each other"

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

#### THANK YOU TO SUMMER SEMINARIAN JORDAN EVANS!

Today, August 8, is Seminarian Jordan Evans' 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. Please keep Jordan and our two Basilica seminarians (both Basilica parishioners!), Deacon John O'Farrell and Alex Solsma, in your prayers. Deacon O'Farrell is in his final year of preparation for the priesthood at Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. God willing, he will be ordained a priest for the Arlington Diocese in June 2022. Seminarians Jordan and Alex begin their studies for the new academic year at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphia in mid-August. May God bless, protect and guide them.

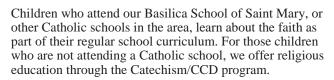
#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW K of C OFFICERS

Congratulations to our new Knights of Columbus Fitzgerald Council #459 officers, installed on Saturday, July 31: Grand Knight Chuck Zakrzwski, Deputy Grand Knight Ken Hyatt, Recorder Ryan Moy, Financial Secretary Zach Waters, Treasurer Will Arritt, Chancellor Zach Novak, Lecturer Robby Meara, Advocate Jim Burkart, Warden Chris Zettler, Inside Guard Tim Burns, Outside Guard Frank Obidike, First Trustee Damon Baldini, Second Trustee Steve Teslik and Third Trustee Joe Castillo. It is my pleasure and honor to continue to serve as Chaplain for our Council.

My thanks, also, to outgoing Grand Knight Damon Baldini and his hardworking team of officers for all they accomplished for our parish and community this past year. I look forward to more great things from our Knights in the months to come! For information about joining the Knights of Columbus, contact Chuck Zakrzwski at basilicaofstmarysknights@gmail.com.

#### SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

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





Our new Catechism/CCD classes will begin in September. We need additional volunteer catechists to help the children learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. If you are interested in volunteering as a CCD catechist, please contact Hilary Munger, Basilica of Saint Mary Director of Religious Education, at hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org or 703.836.4100, extension 3033. (Read more on page 6.) You also should contact Hilary if you would like information on how to register your child for CCD.

August 22 is also traditionally the Feast of Saint Dominic (1170-1221), founder of the Order of Preachers (O.P. or Dominicans). His feast day is not part of the Church calendar this year because it falls on a Sunday. Appropriately, two young men, Brother Cornelius Avaritt and Brother Gregory Santy, who currently are studying at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC, will be helping with our religious education programs, including CCD and RCIA, this coming academic year. Please pray for them on this, their patronal feast day.

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

#### **D**AILY **M**ASS **I**NTENTIONS

#### Sunday, August 8

7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary 8:30 a.m. — Steve Zuro 中 10 a.m. — Donald Condit 中 11:30 a.m. — Katherine Tyson Chambers 中 1 p.m. — Jonny Andersen 中 5 p.m. — Josie Abbott 中

#### Monday, August 9

6:30 a.m. — Larry Hayes ♥ 8 a.m. — Mrs. Motoko Higa ♥ 12:10 p.m. — Sally Schenkelberg ♥

#### Tuesday, August 10

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Thavy Lynch 8 a.m. — Kenneth Gabriel † 12:10 p.m. — Adolph "Bud" Nix †

#### Wednesday, August 11

6:30 a.m. — Anselmo Barbetti ♥ 8 a.m. — Special Intention: Anthony O'Brien 12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Mariah Naegele

#### Thursday, August 12

#### Friday, August 13

6:30 a.m. — Erin C. Ellis ⊕ 8 a.m. — John Manning ⊕ 12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Kristina Clancy

#### Saturday, August 14

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 8

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51 **Monday, August 9** 

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27 Tuesday, August 10

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

Wednesday, August 11

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20 **Thursday, August 12** 

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday, August 13

Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12 **Saturday, August 14** 

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

#### **WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM**

Daniel Lee Erickson, Reagan Katherine Hermann and Liam Alexander Poppert

#### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, Sr. Barbara Dawson, Dietrick Dollak, 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

Tua Batih and James C. Brincefield, Jr.

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

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

#### **PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS**

August 8 — Rev. Brendan W. Bartlett August 9— Rev. Brian G. Bashista August 10 — Rev. Michael J. Bazan August 11 — Rev. Bryan W. Belli August 12 — Rev. Kevin J. Beres August 13 — Rev. Paul A. Berghout August 14 — Rev. Joseph D. Bergida

#### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.

Your faithful response to your vocation gives joy to the heart of God. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you.

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

We wonder why the Gospel makes so little mention of Saint Joseph. But did it not say everything when it taught us that he was the husband of Mary?

- Blessed William Joseph Chaminade



#### **HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE**

youtube.com/arlingtondiocese

#### 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.** 



#### Saints on the Calendar This Week

- •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. Taught school until forced to resign due to anti-Semitism. Entered Discalced Carmelite convent in Cologne in 1933. Arrested in 1942, sent to Poland, killed August 9 at Auschwitz.
- August 10. Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr. Martyred in 258, 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 Poor Clares; directed their first convent 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. As a widow, with Saint Francis de Sales, her spiritual director, founded in 1610 the Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary.
- August 13. Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs. Pope Pontian banished by Maximinius Thrax to Sardinia and reconciled with Hippolytus. Before dying in 235, he abdicated his office (first pope to do so) to make way for his successor. Hippolytus was the first anti-pope (217-235); exiled to Sardinia with Pontian.
- August 14. Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr. Franciscan friar (OFM), died by lethal injection in 1941 at Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. Offered his life in exchange for the father of a family.

## Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

#### Q: Is the "Hail Mary" in the Bible?

A: Yes. The Hail Mary comes from the New Testament, almost word-for-word.

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. "And coming to her, he [the Angel Gabriel] said, 'Hail favored one! The Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28) When we pray the Hail Mary, our greeting echoes the greeting of God's own angel and the reality of Mary's role in salvation history.

Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. "Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said 'Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:42)

*Holy Mary, Mother of God.* Elizabeth asks, "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43)

*Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.* "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful." (James 5:16)



#### **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!



#### **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



# **CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES**For Young Adults 18-39!

#### **Upcoming Leagues**

NEW! Registration for ULTIMATE FRISBEE League is now OPEN!

Early registration closes on <u>August 15</u>. 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

#### ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MEETING

Are you Irish? Do you enjoy serving the community and the parish? Do you enjoy learning about and promoting Irish culture? The **Ancient Order of Hibernians** is seeking Irish-Catholic men to join our Herbert-Cady Division in Old Town, Alexandria, in keeping with our motto of "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity." The AOH will meet on **August 16**, at 7:30 p.m., upstairs at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub, 713 King Street. If you wish to join the group, please contact Division Recruiter Joe Castillo at jc305@evansville.edu.

#### From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Marwan was born and raised in Bethlehem. He married at age 19. He and his wife immigrated to America and they now have 8 children and 14 grandchildren. He and his wife reside at a modest apartment here in Alexandria. When we visited them, it was clear they were uncomfortable asking for help. He showed us his medical records confirming that he had stage 4 cancer. Bills had piled up as his chemo treatment was ongoing. We listened and did our best to provide comfort and advice, concluding with our pledge to pay his rent. He was

gratified and thankful, noting his trust in God to guide him and his family through this difficult period. Please add Marwan and his family to your prayers. Help us help him and others like him by joining us as a volunteer or writing a check to SVdP and dropping it off at the parish office or in the Poor Box.



#### **AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND**

## FROM THE ARCHIVES A periodic look at the history of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish

A periodic look at the history since its founding in 1795



#### EARLY RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

The first documented Saint Mary parishioner to enter a religious order was Sister Mary Sebina Roach of the Visitation Order. A native of Alexandria, she was the daughter of James and Matilda Roach from Wexford, Ireland. She died at the young age of 28 at the Georgetown Visitation Convent on September 5, 1849.



Mother M. Augusta

The second known Saint Mary vocation was Mother Mary Augusta Anderson. Born and baptized Ann Amanda Anderson on July 10, 1803, she was the daughter of John and Mary Mills Anderson. She entered the Community of the Holy Cross Sisters in 1854, becoming Sister M. Augusta. She spent most of her life as a religious in the Midwest. In 1856, when she was just 26, she established Saint Mary's Infirmary in Cairo, IL. During the Civil War, she was among the Holy Cross Sisters sent to nurse sick and wounded soldiers in both Cairo and Memphis. TN, and was reportedly at the Battle of Vicksburg.

After the war, Sister Augusta was sent to Salt Lake City, UT, where she was instrumental in founding a school and hospital. In 1882, she was elected mother superior of the whole congregation in the United States. In 1889, Pope Leo XIII decided the congregation should have a mother general and Mother Augusta was chosen to fill that office.

Although she was never assigned to her home parish, Mother Augusta was Superior of Saint Cecelia Academy in Washington, DC, from 1892-1902. During this time, she visited Saint Mary and Alexandria numerous times. She died at her order's motherhouse in Indiana in 1907 after an exemplary life of service to her God and country.

- Kitty Guy, Parish Historian

#### **OUR PARISH BULLETIN IS ONLINE** at https://stmaryoldtown.org/bulletin/

#### 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 November 3-13. 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.prorometours.com/ italy-arlington or contact Margaret at office@prorome.com or 434.953.1112.

### 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

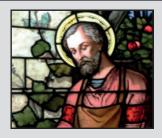


member of the Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington (http://www.healingministry.net).

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.

Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. (James 5:16)

#### **AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND**



#### FOLLOWING SAINT JOSEPH TO JESUS

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

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.



October 30 – The Biennial Diocese of Arlington Marian pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. This years' pilgrimage theme is "Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Body of Christ." Catholics from parishes throughout our diocese will prayerfully gather that day at the Shrine devoted to the wife of Joseph and our Mother Mary.

Watch for details in the bulletin, our website and weekly e-newsletter (sign up for the newsletter at: https://stmaryoldtown.org/email-sign-up/).

# RCA

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 more about the Catholic faith. RCIA sessions focus on the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist during the Easter season.

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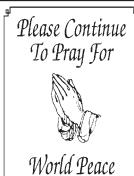
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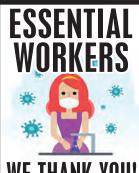


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