The Basilica of Saint Mary

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

December 8, 2019
The Second Sunday of Advent

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Nicholas F. Blank, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Noah C. Morey, In Residence
Rev. Kevin Barnekow, In Residence
Rev. Mr. Brian Wirth, Deacon

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

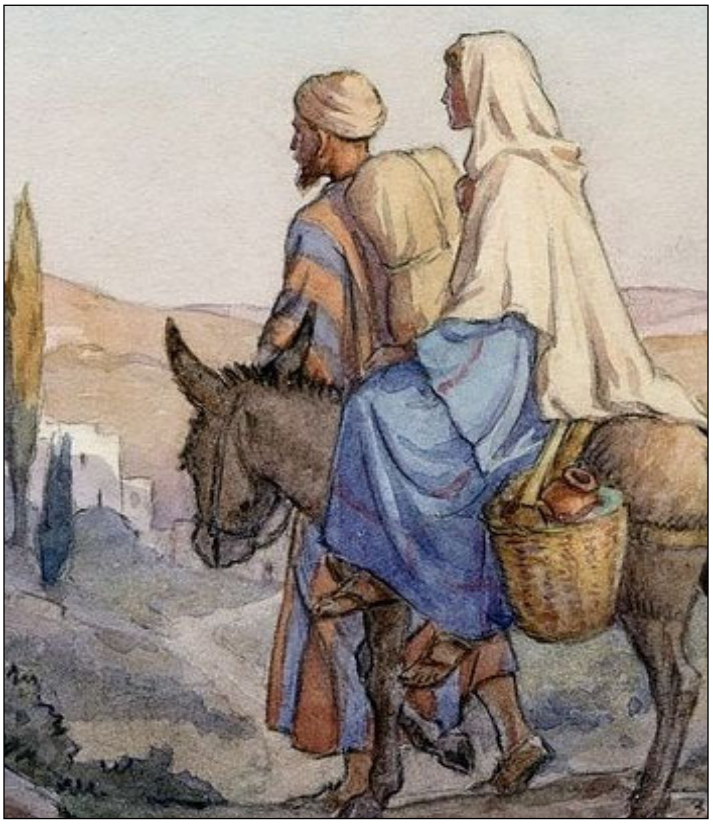
SATURDAY
8:30 a.m., 5 p.m. (Vigil for Sunday)

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
7:30 p.m., Third Friday of the month

FEDERAL HOLIDAYS & HOLY DAYS
Check the bulletin and parish website

Sacrament of Penance

MONDAY TO FRIDAY: Following 12:10 p.m. Mass
SATURDAY: 9 to 10 a.m., 4 to 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 7:30 p.m. during the Holy Hour
(See page 8 for Advent Confession times)



Basilica Hours

MONDAY-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-FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday, 12 noon
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 8 a.m.
Wednesday, 12:40 to 7:30 p.m.
Holy Hour with Compline
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Nocturnal Adoration
First Friday, 9 p.m., until Saturday, 7:30 a.m.
First Saturday Devotion (1st Saturday of the month)
8 a.m. Adoration and Meditation on a Mystery of the Rosary
8: 30 a.m. Mass 9 a.m. Confessions and Rosary

Baptisms

Sunday, 2:15 p.m. Please call the Parish Office to register in advance and obtain requirements for godparents, etc.

Marriages

Contact Parish Priest a minimum of 6 months before possible wedding date for marriage preparation. Couples living together will be asked to live separately during marriage preparation.

The Basilica School of Saint Mary

(Pre-K to 8th grade)
400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Mr. Daniel Cinalli, Principal
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COVER IMAGE: *Mary and Joseph Travelling to Bethlehem*
by Cicely Mary Barker

Consider Getting Involved in Our Parish

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Mary Martha Guild	**Christine Kleiber**	MMG @stmaryoldtown.org
Nocturnal Adoration Society 9p.m.1st Friday to 6 a.m. 1st Saturday	**Helen Lynch**	helenlynch21 @gmail.com
Rosary Prayer Group Rosary at 8 a.m. Mass on weekdays	**Call Parish Office**	703.836.4100
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Pro-Life Activities	**Melinda and Chuck Zakrzwski**	stmotprolife @gmail.com
Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA)	**Annie Hall** (St. Mary Ambassador)	ahall @stmaryoldtown.org
Shut-In Visitation	**Call Parish Office**	703.836.4100
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Woodbine Rehabilitation Center	**Judy Klesius**	703.836.1777

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To learn more about our parish Apostolates, please visit www.stmaryoldtown.org.

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Oremus pro invicem "Let us pray for each other"

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

OUR PARISH SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

For the past few weeks, you have been hearing about the needs of our parish school, the Basilica School of Saint Mary, and the visionary transformation planned for the campus and facilities. During our Masses this weekend, I would ask you and your family to consider participating in the Mary Lead Us Campaign by making a sacrificial pledge to help make this transformation a reality. Please visit www.maryleadus.org for more detailed information.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Today, **December 8**, the Second Sunday in Advent, we continue our preparation for the Birth of Christ. In addition to His coming in History (mentioned here last Sunday), we meditate this week on Christ's Coming in Mystery. He does this through the Church, most powerfully through Her Sacred Mysteries – the Seven Sacraments. During this holy Advent season, we are especially encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance where we truly encounter the mystery of Christ's mercy and healing.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Tomorrow, **Monday, December 9**, is the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It normally is celebrated on December 8 but it is transferred this year because the 8th falls on a Sunday. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year...when the date moves, the obligation does not. However, it is still a solemnity. Why not come to Mass and honor Mary on her feast day? Our Masses that day will be at **6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5 p.m.**

This feast recalls the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Because she was destined to be the Mother of God, Mary was sinless, or "immaculate," from the very moment of her conception. Chosen by God, Mary reverses the sin of Eve and, through Mary, God's salvation is made known to all nations. Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is patron of the United States and our Basilica. Immaculate Mary, pray for us!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Next **Sunday, December 15**, the Third Sunday in Advent, will be a very busy day here at the Basilica of Saint Mary.

Known as **Gaudete Sunday**, the Third Sunday is the half-way point of Advent. We light the rose candle on our Advent wreathes and priests wear rose-colored vestments. All signify joyful anticipation as we draw ever-closer to celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

It is also **Bambinelli Sunday**, a touching tradition given to us by Pope Saint John Paul II. Early in his papacy, he began inviting children to bring the little statues of the Baby Jesus from their home Nativity sets to Saint Peter's Square for a special blessing. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis continued the tradition. Here at the Basilica, we do the same! Please bring the Infant Jesus from your home Christmas crèche for a blessing at our Sunday Masses next weekend, including the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday.

We will light our **parish Christmas tree** next Sunday, after the 5 p.m. Mass, in the courtyard at 314 Duke Street. Please join us for this festive gathering! Thank you to our American Heritage Girls and RCIA volunteers for hosting the event.

After the tree-lighting ceremony, walk just a few steps to the Basilica to enjoy our wonderful, annual **Lessons & Carols**, beginning at 7 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 8 — Second Sunday of Advent

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. Bar 5:5; 4:36

7 a.m. — Lee McMurtrie
8:30 a.m. — James Malone
10 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
11:30 a.m. — James Ruddy
1 p.m. — Caroline Kopczynski
5 p.m. — Jennie Mae Basila

Monday, December 9

6:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
8 a.m. — Sophie Young
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Trish Weiler
5 p.m. — The Wallace Family

Tuesday, December 10

6:30 a.m. — Grace M. O'Lone
8 a.m. — Herb Harmon
12:10 p.m. — Ray Christopher Woods

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 a.m. — Edward W. Sudder Sr.
8 a.m. — Genevieve Wagner
12:10 p.m. — Curtin Winsor Jr.

Thursday, December 12

6:30 a.m. — Robert Allen Davis
8 a.m. — Brighton Thomas
12:10 p.m. — Robert F. Dodd

Friday, December 13

6:30 a.m. — Maury Flood
8 a.m. — Teresa Wallace
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Melanie Wallace

Saturday, December 14

8:30 a.m. — Robert Gonnella
5 p.m. Vigil — Ernesto Gallardo

Sunday, December 15 — Third Sunday of Advent

7 a.m. — Elizabeth Olten
8:30 a.m. — Maurice Malone
10 a.m. — Special Intention: George (Yiorgo) Lynch
11:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
1 p.m. — Anne Grady Doyle
5 p.m. — Herbert Jung

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

The Very Young. That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM:

Eleanor Rose Crane, Edward Calvin Low, Josephine Marie Marzano, Alexandra James Mitchell and Madison Grace Quinn

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING:

Anne Adams, Dutch Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Nancy Baker, Vivian Boley, Mary Davis, Betty Jean Deshler, John Dina, Sara Dina, Jean Edwards, Michael Friedson, Amanda Ftaats, Doris Gillis, Charlotte Graejtak, Judge William Greene, Gage Sheridan Gribbon, Michael Hahn, **Tonya Harley**, Michael Henderson, Lewis Humphries, Jackson Foltz Huttman, Paul L. Jones, Joseph Juszczyk, Frederick Kroesen, Chiara Le, Carol Mahoney, Liz Marin, Dorothy Lipps Nelson, Thomas Nolan, Terry Nunan, Doris Parker, Thomas Parker, Ann Patrick, Jeffrey Petrino, Gina Pieri, Marge Rusnak, Bradley Saull, Kelli Solsma, **Veronica Sparks,** Kimberly Taylor, Olga Teer, Bryan Tuccillo, John Van Slyke, Ginger Wagstaff, John Warrener and Randy Weber

Please call 703.836.4100 to add or remove names. Names of the ill are listed for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING:

Maureen Harrigan

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

Michael Andriani, Bryan Bergman, Mike Binninger Jr., Timothy P. Blaine, Fr. CH (LTJG) Jason C. Burchell, Casey Chandler, Peter Culbert, Alex Deerr, Nicholas David Fletcher, Kevin Gallagher, Mary Elizabeth Hawkes, Brayden Hill, Jeremy Hill, Faith Emilee Holman, Jenna Kling, Joseph A. Krzemien, Kaylyn E. Krzemien, Ryan Maple, Caitlin Callaghan Martins, Mark Martins, Nathan Martins, Sara McAlpin, Mitchell Mehaffey, Hannah Martins Miller, Joshua Parker, Edward Joseph Parry III, Chris Quayle, David Alejandro Sandoval, Michael Stabile Jr., Patricia Stabile, Patrick Tuccillo, Josh Villeneuve and Brian Wong

If an individual listed here is no longer in the service (military or civilian — law enforcement, firefighter, etc.) let us know at 703.836.4100 or bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org.

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

December 8 — Very Rev. Michael J. Dobbins, VF
December 9 — Rev. Denis M. Donahue
December 10 — Rev. Jeb S. Donelan
December 11 — Rev. Alexander R. Drummond
December 12 — Rev. Paul L. Dudzinski
December 13 — Rev. Michael R. Duesterhaus
December 14 — Rev. David A. Dufresne

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

As John baptized in the desert, is the Holy Spirit calling you to tend His flock in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life?
Call Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703.841.2514
or write michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Monday, December 9

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year but please come to honor Our Blessed Mother)

Masses at the Basilica of Saint Mary:

6:30 a.m. — 8 a.m. — 12:10 p.m. — 5 p.m.

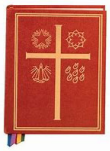
THE MASS EXPLAINED

You are invited to join our Basilica of Saint Mary RCIA group on **Monday, December 9** from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Basilica where Father David will offer an in-depth explanation of the Holy Mass. He will go through the different aspects of the Mass and offer insight into the significance of each part and how we are invited to enter into relationship with our Lord through this holy sacrifice.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass) is celebrated at the Basilica of Saint Mary on the **third Friday** each month. The next will be at 7:30 p.m., **Friday, December 20.** Celebrant: Father David Dufresne. Missals are provided with Mass parts in Latin and English.

DAILY MASS READINGS



Sign up to receive daily Mass readings, plus audio and prayerful reflections, via email from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/bible/readings.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12

…Am I not here, I, who am your Mother?
Are you not under my shadow and protection?
Am I not the source of your joy?
Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?
Do you need anything more?
Let nothing else worry you, disturb you…
— Our Lady to Saint Juan Diego

***FORMED*. A FREE, comprehensive, online library of Catholic resources is available to Saint Mary parishioners at https://stmaryoldtown.formed.org.**

Liturgical Calendar This Week

- **December 9: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Commemorates Mary's conception free of original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus Christ. Established for the entire Church in 1708. Under this title, Mary is patroness of the United States and our Basilica of Saint Mary.

- **NEW! December 10: Our Lady of Loreto. Pope Francis recently added to the General Roman Calendar the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto on December 10. His decree notes that the Shrine of the Holy House of Loreto in Italy, venerated by generations of pilgrims and honored by numerous popes, "recalls the mystery of the Incarnation, leading all those who visit it to consider 'the fullness of time,' when God sent His Son, born of a woman, as well as to meditate both on the words of the Angel announcing the Good News and on the words of the Virgin in response to the divine call…. Here the Virgin Mary, the young woman full of grace, continues to speak to the new generations, accompanying each person in the search for his or her own vocation."**

- **December 11: Saint Damasus I, Pope.** Preserved papal archives, devoted to relics and resting places of martyrs. First pope to call Rome the "Apostolic See." Encouraged Saint Jerome to produce a new translation of the Latin Bible, the Vulgate.

- **December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe.** Recalls the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to Juan Diego on Tepayac Hill near Mexico City in December 1531. She asked that a church be built there in her honor. The resulting basilica is now the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world. Under the title of Guadalupe, Our Lady is patroness of the Americas.

- **December 13: Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr.** Born c. 304, died in Sicily under Diocletian. Patroness of those with eye diseases; associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia.

- **December 14: Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church.** Known as the "Mystical Doctor," born in Spain c. 1542. With Saint Teresa of Jesus of Avila, founded the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite friars, now more than 4,000 religious.

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

From your Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP)

Our motto, "Keeping families in their homes," adopted three years ago, has taken on a special urgency. In Alexandria, evictions topped 1,000 in 2017, rose to 1,800 in 2018 and are expected to reach as many as 2,500 this year. To be sure, factors making housing unaffordable here for low-income neighbors are many and not disappearing. As we approach Christmas, please pray for those facing eviction, as the stress on mom, dad and the kids is crushing. Help us give them the peace of mind that they can either stay in their homes or accept our help to move them to more affordable housing, an option we increasingly find the only viable one. Help us by writing a check to SVdP and dropping it in the Poor Box or the Parish Office. Help us put hope into their Christmas. For further information, contact Jim Larocco at rocca-rocco@usa.net.

Looking to take that first step to volunteer for our parish? Consider volunteering for the **Sanctuary Society**! It's easy, done in 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 six weeks or so, each volunteer picks up altar linens used during Mass, takes them home for laundering (we'll show you how and teach you their names). Laundered linens then are returned to the sacristy.

We would love to have you join us.
Just give us a call and let's get started!
Contact Stephanie Giorlando at 703.765.2951.

O CHRISTMAS TREE!!!!!

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE !

The Basilica School of Saint Mary is holding its annual Christmas Tree sale through next **Sunday, December 15** on the school's blacktop, 400 Green Street. On weeknights, the lot is open from 6 to 9 p.m. On weekends, it is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

GIVING TREE PROJECT

The Youth and Young Adult Apostolates' Giving Tree is set up in the back of the Basilica through this weekend, **December 7/8**. Please take a tag to purchase an item for a family in need. Return your item to the Basilica next weekend, **December 14/15**. There will be a collection table outside the Basilica before and after Masses. If you have any questions, please contact Arragon Perrone at aperrone@stmaryoldtown.org.

ALIVE! HOUSE SHELTER NEEDS DIAPERS!

ALIVE! House residents need size 6 diapers. Send or drop donations to the ALIVE! Office, 125 South Payne Street, Alexandria. ALIVE! House is a shelter serving woman and families, sponsored by ALIVE!, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization of volunteers from religious congregations (including the Basilica of Saint Mary) and the community working to help those in need in Alexandria.

Second Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner!

Hosted for senior citizen parishioners by the Basilica of Saint Mary Young Adults

Saturday, January 4 in the Lyceum Auditorium at 313 Duke Street

Cocktails at 4:30 p.m. — Dinner at 5 p.m.
Register ($15) via Faith Direct at stmaryoldtown.org/seniors-christmas-dinner
or in the Parish Office at 313 Duke Street
Deadline to register is Friday, January 3, at 4 p.m.
No registration at the door
Contact: Kristin Smith at 703.836.4100 or ksmith@stmaryoldtown.org

FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

BABY JESUS PARTY!

Pauline Books and Media
1025 King Street in Alexandria
Saturday, December 14
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Kids of all ages are invited!
Storytelling and cake at 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. (in Spanish) and 3:15 p.m.
Costumes are provided so you can dress up for photos with Baby Jesus (bring your camera).
Crafts …. and more!
Questions? Contact the Daughters of Saint Paul
alexandria@paulinemedia.com
or 703.549.3806

CDA FAMILY BINGO NIGHT 2020

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are thrilled to announce their Family Bingo Night on **Friday, January 31, 2020**. Basilica School of Saint Mary middle schoolers will provide fantastic prizes and conduct raffles, with a cash prize to the winner or winners of the final round. Pizza, snacks and beverages will be sold at affordable prices for the convenience of hungry families. All proceeds benefit the Julia Petrino Memorial Scholarship Fund, which helps pay the tuition of a boy and girl graduating from The Basilica School of Saint Mary to a Catholic high school. Put **January 31** on your calendar and pray for no school closings due to inclement weather! See future bulletins for additional details.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

The Basilica of Saint Mary has an American Heritage Girls Troop, "VA 0325," for girls ages 5-18. We meet twice a month to combine the AHG program of "Raising Women of Integrity" with our Catholic foundation of following Our Lady's "Yes" in all God asks of us as we learn to walk with Christ. We earn badges, have parties, enjoy serving our neighbor, take field trips and have fun along the way. For more information, visit: stmaryoldtown.org/Apostolate/AHG or please contact Bethann García at bamgarcia3@gmail.com.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

Second Week of ADVENT at the Basilica of Saint Mary

Sun 12/8	Mon 12/9	Tues 12/10	Wed 12/11	Thu 12/12	Fri 12/13	Sat 12/14
Second Sunday of Advent **Mass** 7 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1 p.m. 5 p.m.	***Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*** **Mass** 6:30 a.m. 8 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5 p.m. **Confessions** After 12:10 p.m. Mass ***The Mass Explained*** with Fr. David, 7:30 pm. in the Basilica	**Mass** 6:30 a.m. 8 a.m. 12:10 p.m. **Confessions** After 12:10 p.m. Mass	**Mass** 6:30 a.m. 8 a.m. 12:10 p.m. **Confessions** After 12:10 p.m. Mass and during Holy Hour **Adoration** 12:30 p.m. through Holy Hour **Holy Hour** 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. with Confessions	**Mass** 6:30 a.m. 8 a.m. 12:10 p.m. **Confessions** After 12:10 p.m. Mass	**Mass** 6:30 a.m. 8 a.m. 12:10 p.m. **Confessions** After 12:10 p.m. Mass 	**Mass** 8:30 a.m. **Confessions** 9 a.m. 4 p.m.

FOR ALL PARISH WOMEN!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Kavanaugh #54, welcomes you to our next monthly meeting on **Monday, December 9**, at 7 p.m. in the parish Lyceum. The meeting will be preceded by a Meet and Greet at 6:30 p.m. CDA is a national Catholic organization dedicated to prayer and charitable works. Please join us! For additional information, contact Regent Marguerite McAuliffe at mcauliffe916@yahoo.com.

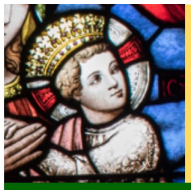
CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

Join the Alexandria-Springfield Chapter of the Catholic Business Network (www.CBNNoVa.org) on **Tuesday, December 10,** at 7:30 a.m. in the Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street, for networking, breakfast, and guest speaker, Fr. David Dufresne, Parochial Vicar at the Basilica. He will provide an Advent reflection to help prepare us for Christmas. RSVP at www.CBNNoVa.org in the "Upcoming Events" column. Please contact Paula Potoczak at PMPLaw@Earthlink.net with questions. Pre-registration preferred.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

IMPORTANT! For Your 2019 Tax Statement

In accordance with IRS Regulations, all donations made to the Basilica of Saint Mary for the 2019 tax year must be received in the Parish Office at 313 Duke Street **by the close of business (5 p.m.) on December 31** in order to be included on your 2019 tax statement. Mail-in checks and donations that are postmarked December 31, 2019 or earlier will be included in the 2019 tax statement. Donations mailed in, left in the parish mail box or received in the office after December 31, regardless of the check date, will be credited to the 2020 tax year.



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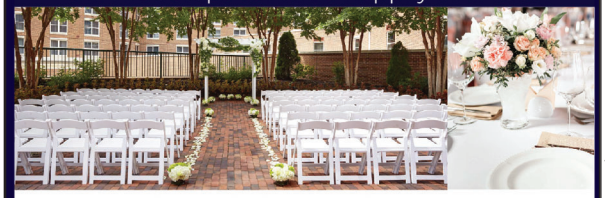

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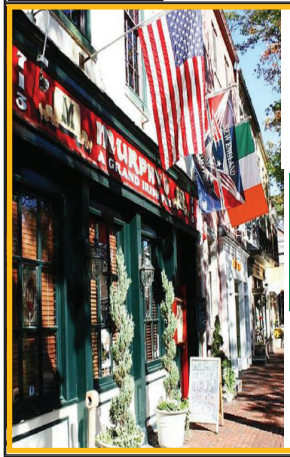

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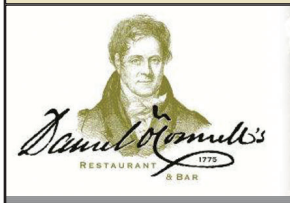

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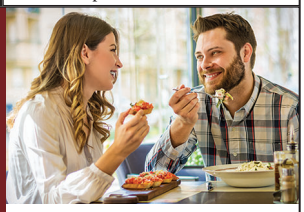

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