



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



February 13, 2022
Sixth 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
Msgr. Michael Morgan, Assisting
Rev. Robert Monagle, USAF, Assisting

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

(Check our website for updated information
on which Masses are 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)

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 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 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: *The Marriage of the Virgin*
by Raphael (1483-1520), now in the Pinacoteca di Brera, Milan

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

SYNODAL LISTENING SESSION – March 15

In preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome, Pope Francis has asked every local church to undertake their own synodal phase of prayerful listening, dialogue and discernment, focusing on how the Catholic Church is journeying together and fulfilling our mission in the world.

Bishop Michael Burbidge has asked all Arlington Diocese parishes and other diocesan institutions to host their own synodal Listening Sessions. Every person may attend and participate.

Here at the Basilica of Saint Mary our Listening Session will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in our parish Lyceum auditorium located at 313 Duke Street.

For more information, please see <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/synod>.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: Called to the Joy of Love

World Marriage Day, the second Sunday of February (**February 13** this year), and National Marriage Week USA (February 7 to 14 this year) are observed annually in dioceses throughout our country, focusing on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for National Marriage Week 2022 is **“Called to the Joy of Love.”**

Marriage in the Church (between a baptized man and a baptized woman) was raised to a Sacrament by Jesus Christ. By this sacrament, He gives to spouses the grace they need to love each other. Their relationship is “caught up into divine love” and “governed and enriched by Christ’s redeeming power and the saving activity of the Church” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 48).

This focus on marriage provides all of us with an opportunity to celebrate the precious, God-given covenant between a man and a woman.

THE EUCHARIST: Source and Summit of Our Faith

In the coming months, the Basilica is hosting a series of posters, compiled by the Real Presence Association, Inc., with photos and historical descriptions of the major, Church-approved Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred around the world. Through the posters, you can “virtually visit” the sites where the miracles took place and learn more about each one. Here at the Basilica, the panels will be displayed, on a rotating basis, through **November 2022**, in the church, Lyceum, Basilica School of Saint Mary and our parish offices.



I encourage you to explore and reflect on these magnificent posters. Each colorful panel will offer you a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Eucharist as the Real Presence of Jesus Christ – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – the Source and Summit of our Catholic faith. Learn more about the collection at http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl_mir.htm.

THE MASS EXPLAINED

Please join Father Noah for a presentation devoted to “The Mass Explained” on **Thursday, February 24**. See page 5 for more information.

Another excellent resource for you is a podcast entitled “The Holy Mass as the Center of Our Life” from the Saint Josemaria Institute at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-holy-mass-as-the-center-of-our-life/id966458405?i=1000549677016>.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 13

7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
8:30 a.m. — Walter Sonny Lesinski †
10 a.m. — Dollin Kelly †
11:30 a.m. — Andreas Karasikis †
1 p.m. — A Special Request
5 p.m. — Francis Burke †

Monday, February 14

6:30 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Helen Lynch
12:10 p.m. — Carol Santoro †

Tuesday, February 15

6:30 a.m. — James Rutolo †
8 a.m. — Jared Burnsed †
12:10 p.m. — Mary Charteris †

Wednesday, February 16

6:30 a.m. — Clay Derderian †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: In Thanksgiving
for the Three Archangels
12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Petrino Family †

Thursday, February 17

6:30 a.m. — Joanne Beronja †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: In Thanksgiving
for the Three Archangels
12:10 p.m. — Lauren Whitestone & Cynthia Masters Warren †

Friday, February 18

6:30 a.m. — Jean Sadlik †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: In Thanksgiving
for the Three Archangels
12:10 p.m. — Harmon Burns †

Saturday, February 19

8:30 a.m. — Rocco & Elizabeth Bellezza
5 p.m. Vigil — Marilyn Weiler †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 13

Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday, February 14

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 15

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 16

Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4b, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 17

Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 18

Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday, February 19

Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Hadley Elizabeth Joynes, Rivers Alexander Large,
George Patrick Marter and Kerry Jane Marter

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Suzanne Arnold, Theresa Aranda,
Jayson Beckwith, **Jon Bunting**, Maria Campo, Marianne
Coates, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, James Andrew Downey,
Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael
Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Ethan Jones, Lily Jones, Bob
Juszczak, James Primm, Bill McCarthy, Bud Miles, **Lois
Miller**, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, **Cathy Quinn**,
James Rooney, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Mark Souder,
Alexander Staron and Noel Tohill

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Stanley Chincheck and Jerry Wallmeyer

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

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

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

February 13 — Rev. Nicholas R. Barnes
February 14 — Rev. Brian G. Bashista
February 15 — Rev. Michael J. Bazan
February 16 — Rev. Bryan W. Belli
February 17 — Rev. Kevin J. Beres
February 18 — Rev. Paul A. Berghout
February 19 — Rev. Joseph D. Bergida

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD ...

Are you considering a vocation to the consecrated life?

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. Reinstate or add a name at bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS



FEBRUARY: For religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

THE MASS EXPLAINED

with Father Noah Morey



All are invited for "The Mass Explained" with Father Noah Morey on **Thursday, February 24**, at 7 p.m. in the Basilica. As part of our preparation for the Golden Jubilee of our Diocese, Father Noah will offer an in-depth explanation of the Mass. He will provide insight into the significance of each part of the Mass

and how we are invited to enter into relationship with our Lord through this holy sacrifice. Mass is not actually being celebrated that evening, just explained.

To listen to a podcast on the importance of Mass in our lives, please go to <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-holy-mass-as-the-center-of-our-life/id966458405?i=1000549677016>.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

On **Thursday, March 24**, at 7 p.m., the Basilica of Saint Mary and the Serra Club of Arlington will host a Holy Hour and Solemn Vespers for Vocations.

Please join us in the Basilica to pray on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

For more information, visit the events page on the Basilica website <https://stmaryoldtown.org/> or contact Mary A. D. Petrino, Serra Club of Arlington VP for Communications, at mary.petrino@gmail.com or 703.785.5588.
Saint Junípero Serra, Ora Pro Nobis

SATURDAY, MARCH 12: A MORNING OF REFLECTION ON THE EUCHARISTIC MESSAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA BY SISTER ANGELA DE FATIMA COELHO



Sister Angela de Fatima Coelho is a renowned expert and speaker on the Messages of Our Lady of Fatima. She will offer a reflection on the Eucharistic Message of Our Lady of Fatima in our parish Lyceum (313 Duke Street) on **Saturday, March 12**, from 10 to 11 a.m. You're invited to attend our 8:30 a.m. Mass that day and pray a Rosary in the Basilica from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Following the Rosary, head to the Lyceum Auditorium to socialize until 10 a.m., when the talk starts. Sister Angela's recent book, *Inside the Light: Understanding the Message of Fatima*, will be available for \$20 (cash or check).

The Morning of Reflection is sponsored by the Luminaries of Mary, a Basilica apostolate that meets the third Saturday morning of each month to prayerfully ponder the message of Fatima and grow closer to our Lord through devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information on the Luminaries of Mary and the Morning of Reflection, contact Frank Spicer at praydailyrosary@gmail.com.

Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

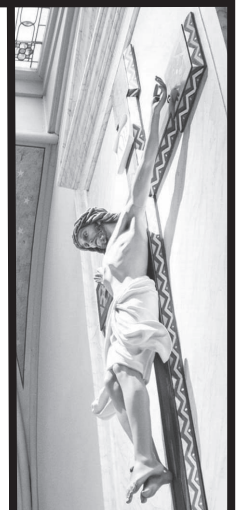
Q: Why do some of our altar servers wear black and some wear red?

How old does a boy need to be to serve as an altar server?

A: Here at the Basilica of Saint Mary, the servers wearing red cassocks (the long garment beneath the white surplice) have received the sacrament of Confirmation. Those wearing black cassocks are younger boys.

Our Basilica altar servers are boys in 5th grade and above. They serve Our Lord at the altar and assist our priests at weekly Masses, funerals, weddings, feast days and various liturgical events throughout the year. Special training is provided before a boy begins serving at the altar.

Contact Father Joseph Townsend at frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a server.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



Saints, Stewards, Scholars: School NEWS

The Basilica School of Saint Mary celebrated Catholic Schools Week this month. Students in all grade levels worked together to create care packages that were delivered to Christ House by parent volunteers. Pictured here are students from Ms. Boggs' 4th grade class wearing their spirit shirts as they worked on the service project.



WORKCAMP 2022 Needs Adult Volunteers

The Diocese of Arlington WorkCamp provides a life-changing opportunity for high school-aged Catholic youth to grow in their faith by serving in the community. Adult volunteers are needed: **ADULT CREW LEADERS** to supervise the young people; **CONTRACTORS** with home-repair skills; **HOMEBASE TEAM MEMBERS** to support the camp experience; and **SECURITY PERSONNEL**. All adult volunteers must be OPCYP compliant.

Contact Mariane Staron, Director of Youth & Young Adult Apostolates at mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org or 703.836.4100.

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

 @stmarysyaya



The Basilica of Saint Mary's
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT APOSTOLATES
Encounter Jesus. Become Disciples. Change the Culture.

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

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

Evening of Recollection

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 15TH
7PM TO 8:30PM



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Aaron Zanca, Assistant Director | azanca@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3024

YOUNG ADULT SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
307 S ROYAL ST

MORE INFO AT

[HTTPS://STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/
YOUNG-ADULT-SUPER-BOWL-PARTY](https://stmaryoldtown.org/young-adult-super-bowl-party)

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

February 19 Special Olympics Polar Plunge

The Knights of Columbus Fitzgerald Council 459 will be taking an icy plunge into the Potomac River on **Saturday, February 19**, to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics. We'd like your help with this charity event!

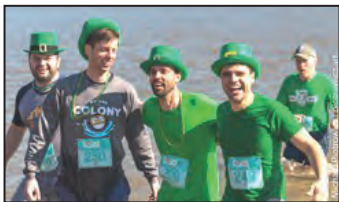


Special Olympians are people with intellectual disabilities. Through the power of sports, they discover new strengths, abilities, skills and successes. Our K of C Council has been instrumental in making their dreams a reality over the years through the Special Olympics Polar Plunge challenge — and they have a lot of fun! Please help the Council in this endeavor by donating at

<https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/team/396221>

Also, find other event details there. You can donate to a specific team member or to the team in general. Donations also gratefully accepted the weekend of February 19-20.

Many thanks for your consideration and God Bless,
Zach Novak, K of C 459 Team Coordinator
(zacharypnovak@gmail.com)



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES

Upcoming Leagues

INDOOR SOCCER – Sundays, March 20 to May 6,
at The Basilica School of Saint Mary Gym
REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 6
REGISTER TODAY at www.catholicsports.net!

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs to join
a Men's or Women's Bible Study

Socials

Stay tuned for our next social events!

Sign up for our email list at

www.catholicsports.net/emailsingup

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

As Omicron took many who live from paycheck-to-paycheck out of work for a week last month, low-income families saw their savings vanish and bills left unpaid. Luis, a construction worker, and his wife, who works as housemaid, both were left paycheck-less. They barely had enough to feed their two kids. We provided them with grocery gift cards and rental assistance, giving them peace of mind as they went back to work. Please think of the children who often suffer so much when savings run out. Let us never forget those lovely words of the hymn: "Let the lowly hear and be glad. The Lord listens to their pleas and to hearts broken. He is near for He hears the cry of the poor." So do we. Let us be instruments of the Lord via your support.



CORRECTION: ACTS RETREATS

The Basilica of Saint Mary is looking to host the Men's and Women's ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service) Retreats starting in Fall 2022. If anyone has previously participated in an ACTS Retreat, please contact Tushar Suthar at tushar833@comcast.net. **(NOTE: This is a corrected email address.)**



2022 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

is underway! The theme is "Do this in remembrance of me." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us remember the tender nature of Christ as together we give of ourselves to others. You may make a gift at www.arlingtondiocese.org or scan this QR code:



AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

Basilica of Saint Mary ANNUAL IRISH HOOLEY SUNDAY, MARCH 13

2 to 4 p.m.

**Basilica of Saint Mary School
Gym at 400 Green Street**

**To purchase your Hooley
tickets, please go to**

**[https://
forms.ministryforms.net/
viewForm.aspx?
formId=8a1fb59b-e320-4bfa-
a7ad-db5e678bf543](https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=8a1fb59b-e320-4bfa-a7ad-db5e678bf543)**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING



The next meeting of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Kavanaugh #54 will be held on **Monday, February 14**, in the Saint Joseph Room of Saint Mary's Lyceum. We will have social time starting at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 7 p.m. All women of the parish are welcome to attend!

JOIN OUR PARISH PRO-LIFE TEAM!

For all parishioners interested in volunteering with the Basilica of Saint Mary pro-life ministry, there will be an informational meeting in the Lyceum (313 Duke Street) on **Tuesday, March 1**, at 7:30 p.m. For additional details, email prolife@stmaryoldtown.org.



Liturgical Calendar This Week

— **February 14: Saint Cyril, Monk, and Saint Methodius, Bishop.** Cyril (died in 869) and Methodius (died in 885) were brothers. Known as the "Apostles to the Slavs," they prepared Slavic liturgical texts; served as the "spiritual bridge between Eastern and Western traditions," according to Saint John Paul II.

— **February 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.** The Order of Friar Servants of Mary or Servites (O.S.M.), were founded by seven Florentine cloth merchants in 1233. Today they number about 855 religious. They popularized devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows.

FROM THE WORLD OF THE OCCULT TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH: ZACHARY KING TO SHARE HIS TESTIMONY ON FEBRUARY 18

Zachary King, a convert to the Catholic faith from the church of Satan and the occult, will give a talk about his experiences on **Friday, February 18**, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish Lyceum Auditorium at 313 Duke Street.

This event is open to all, and hosted by Saint Mary Young Adults, Saint Rita Young Adults and the Defend Life Organization. For more information, contact Aaron Zanca at azanca@stmaryoldtown.org.

LENTEN JOURNEY WITH SAINT AUGUSTINE'S "CONFESSIONS"

Dr. Chad Pecknold, Resident Theologian for the Institute for Faith & Public Culture at the Basilica, will lead "A Lenten Journey Through Saint Augustine's Confessions," a five-week series designed as a guided book club and penitential discipline during Lent. It will take place in the Basilica Lyceum Auditorium, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., for five consecutive Wednesdays, from **March 9 until April 6**. The registration fee is \$25. To register, please go to <https://stmaryoldtown.org/2022-lenten-book-club>.



PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL & THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO WITH FATHER HATHAWAY AND FATHER NOAH

Father Edward Hathaway, Rector of the Basilica, and Father Noah Morey, a priest-in-residence at the Basilica and the chaplain at Bishop Ireton High School, will lead the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Portugal and the Camino de Santiago, **June 6–17, 2022**. The pilgrimage begins with a three-day visit to the greatest shrines of Portugal, including Fátima, the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarém and the Bom Jesus do Monte in Braga. It wraps up with eight days in Spain, six spent walking the Camino, and the last two days of the trip in Santiago de Compostela. You can learn more and register at <https://prometours.com/santiago>.



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The Basilica of Saint Mary will host a visit on **Tuesday, March 8**, by more than 150 sacred relics, brought to us by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. Father Martins will discuss the relics during a talk in the Basilica beginning at 6:30 p.m. Following his talk, you may venerate the many relics, some as old as 2,000 years, in the Lyceum, 313 Duke Street. Included will be relics of Saint Bernadette Soubirous, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Maria Goretti, Saint Therese of Lisieux, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Faustina Kowalska. There also will be a fragment of Our Lady's veil and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross. See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information.

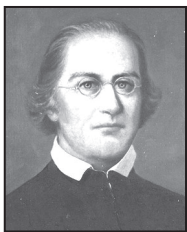
FROM THE ARCHIVES

*A periodic look at the history
of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish*



EARLY JESUIT PRIESTS AT SAINT MARY

From 1795 to 1818, **Father Francis Ignatius Neale** served as pastor at Saint Mary. He was assisted by a number of diocesan and Jesuit priests during his time as pastor. Several had unique and interesting stories.



Father Kohlman

Father Anthony Kohlman, S.J. (1771-1836), was an Alsatian who had escaped from the French Revolution. Pope Leo XII sent him to Georgetown to teach dogma. While he was administering the Diocese of New York, Father Kohlman built the first Saint Patrick's Cathedral. During his years in New York, Father Kohlman was instrumental in having a penitent-parishioner return stolen property. The court attempted to force the priest to reveal the name of thief. Father Kohlman refused to break the seal of the confessional. The episode attracted much attention in the newspapers. After a number of years in the United States, Father Kohlman returned to Europe and taught theology at the Gregorian College in Rome. Among his students was the future Pope Leo XIII.

Father Enoch Fenwick, S.J. (1780-1827), was a member of one Maryland's prominent families. He was instrumental in building the cathedral in Baltimore. His brother, Benedict Joseph Fenwick, became bishop of Boston. Father Fenwick also served as president of Georgetown College, a position he did not want. According to contemporary testimony, he allowed the prefect of studies, Roger Baxter, to run the college. Young Mr. Baxter was not much of an administrator. He was more interested in being "one of the boys" than in discipline. He declared school holidays whenever he felt in the mood for a day off from classes. As a deacon, Baxter served at Saint Mary; he later returned as pastor here after his ordination.

Giovanni Antonio (John) Grassi, S.J. (1775-1849), was an outstanding scholar and scientist. Before coming to America, the Italian Jesuit was rector of a college in Russian Poland and studied mathematics, astronomy and English. He, too, served as president of Georgetown College. During his tenure there, Father Grassi increased and broadened the college's enrollment, bringing poor Irish students to the school along with the sons of rich planters and Washington politicians. In 1811, he calculated an eclipse of the sun. Father Grassi also spent considerable time as a traveling missionary. — *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*



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