



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



February 27, 2022
Eighth 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 information on which
Masses are currently being live streamed*

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY through FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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: Detail from *The Holy Family*
by Agnolo Bronzino, 1540.

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

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Pro-Life Activities	Bob Whearty	prolife@stmaryoldtown.org
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Saint Vincent de Paul Society	Marietta Bernot	svdp2marietta@gmail.com
Sunrise Retirement Home	Father Joseph	frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100
Woodbine Rehabilitation Center	Judy Klesius	703.836.1777

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

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

MARCH 2: ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, March 2, is the beginning of Lent, a period of penance and reflection, recalling the 40 days Christ fasted in the desert in preparation for His Passion and death. The ashes we receive on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday are an outward sign reminding us of our mortality and the need to repent.



Our Masses that day, with distribution of ashes, will be at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (with choir). Confessions will follow the 12:10 p.m. Mass. There also will be Adoration after the 12:10 p.m. Mass until 4:45 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting** and **abstinence**. Catholics ages 18 through 59 are required to fast, eating only one full meal. Two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal also are permitted, if needed, to sustain energy. Everyone age 14 and older also is required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

MARCH 4: STATIONS & LENTEN SUPPERS BEGIN

Friday, March 4, will see the return of two much-loved, family-friendly Lenten traditions at the Basilica: Lenten Suppers and Stations of the Cross. Please join us for both!

Lenten Suppers — 6 p.m. in the parish Lyceum (313 Duke Street) on **March 4, 11, 18 and 25, and April 1 and 8**. The suppers will be meatless, except for March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and a time of celebration! Each Friday's supper will be hosted by one of our wonderful parish Apostolate groups. A free-will donation will support the work of our Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Stations of the Cross — 7 p.m. in the Basilica on the **Fridays of Lent, including Friday, April 15 – Good Friday**. Also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, the 14 stations prayerfully commemorate specific events of Christ's last day on Earth, following His journey from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to His tomb.

MARCH 4: PLENARY INDULGENCE

A privilege granted to Saint Mary as a Basilica is a plenary indulgence available to those who devoutly visit the Basilica and participate in any sacred rite (such as Mass or Stations of the Cross) or at least recite the Lord's Prayer here on certain days. One of those days is **Friday, March 4**, the anniversary of the dedication of Saint Mary Church by Father Francis Ignatius Neale, S.J., in 1827. To receive the plenary indulgence, the usual conditions apply: Go to confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. These conditions may be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act.

MARCH 6: PREMIERE OF OUR NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Saint Gregory Children's Choir will sing their first Mass here at the Basilica at **11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 6**. Under the expert instruction of Director of Music David Elliott, the young singers began their music studies last fall. They now look forward to presenting to the congregation the results of their hard work. As they continue to learn and grow as musicians, the children will sing more frequently at Mass, with the eventual goal of singing once a month. What a blessing it will be to have the Basilica filled with the joyful sounds of singing children!

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 27

- 7 a.m. — Special Intention: Francis O'Brien
8:30 a.m. — Fr. Nevin Ford, OFM †
10 a.m. — Thomas Lacey, Jr. †
11:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Cristina Melendez
5 p.m. — Thomas Knoeraschild †

Monday, February 28

- 6:30 a.m. — Jane Jessey †
8 a.m. — Dr. James Ford †
12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Petrino Family

Tuesday, March 1

- 6:30 a.m. — Souls in Purgatory
8 a.m. — President Biden and All Elected Officials
12:10 p.m. — William Livesay †

Wednesday, March 2

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Danielle Matava
8 a.m. — George Palarmo †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Barry Meade
5 p.m. — Maria Cabrera †
7:30 p.m. — Mary Fones †

Thursday, March 3

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Diane Kapanowski
8 a.m. — Thomas M. Jones †
12:10 p.m. — Anna Gabor †

Friday, March 4

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: John J. Sheehan
8 a.m. — Barbu Alim †
12:10 p.m. — Michael and Margaret Rusnak †

Saturday, March 5

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Thanksgiving for the Immaculate Conception
5 p.m. Vigil — Tim Anderson †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 27

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58

Monday, February 28

1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 1

1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 2

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51: 3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 3

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday, March 4

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, March 5

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Luis de Andino, Suzanne Aragona, Theresa Aranda, **Crystal Barr**, Jayson Beckwith, Jon Bunting, Maria Campo, **J. Collins**, Quinn Copps, **Cathy Craft**, Mary Davis, Jean Edwards, **Cynthia Ellis**, Gary Farabough, Gina Gonzalez, Zia H-Bahaduri, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Robert Juszczyc, James Primm, Bill McCarthy, Bud Miles, Lois Miller, Dean Montayne, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, Cathy Quinn, Mark Souder, Alexander Staron, **Bernadette Troy** and Noel Tohill

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Rosalie Twaddell, Virginia Vaughn and Thomas Carroll Whiteford

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 27 — Rev. Christopher M. Buckner (Retired)
February 28 — Rev. Tarsicio D. Buitrago (Retired)
March 1 — Rev. Jason C. Burchell, LT, CHC, USN
March 2 — Rev. Richard T. Carr
March 3 — Rev. Mark F. Carrier
March 4 — Rev. Thomas B. Cavanaugh
March 5 — Rev. Christopher P. Christensen

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Therefore ... be firm, steadfast,
always fully devoted to the work of the Lord.**
Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord
as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?
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.

MARCH: A Christian response to bioethical challenges.

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2

A day of universal fast and abstinence.

Masses with distribution of ashes

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

5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Choir)

Confessions after 12:10 p.m. Mass

Adoration after 12:10 p.m. Mass

until 4:45 p.m.

THE MASS EXPLAINED

with Father Noah Morey



Father Noah Morey offers an in-depth explanation of the Mass. His presentation provides 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. **Watch it at <https://vimeo.com/676415059>.**

EUCCHARISTIC MESSAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Sister Angela de Fatima Coelho, renowned expert and speaker on the Messages of Our Lady of Fatima, will offer a reflection on the Eucharistic Message of Our Lady of Fatima in our parish Lyceum (313 Duke Street) on **Saturday, March 12**, 10 to 11 a.m. You're invited to attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass, join parishioners for a Rosary from 9 to 9:30 a.m., then go to the Lyceum 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. For more information on the Luminaries and the Morning of Reflection, contact Frank Spicer at praydailyrosary@gmail.com.

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. 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 maryl.petrino@gmail.com or 703.785.5588.

Saint Junipero Serra, Ora Pro Nobis

Liturgical Calendar This Week

- **March 2. Ash Wednesday.** The first day of the penitential season of Lent and a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God.
- **March 3. Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin.** Philadelphia heiress and founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Died March 3, 1955, at age 97. Canonized on October 1, 2000, by Pope Saint John Paul II.
- **March 4. Saint Casimir.** Polish prince, led an austere life, known as the “brother and defender of the poor.” Patron of Poland and Lithuania. Died in 1484.

Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: What does it mean to say that the Bible is “inspired” by God?

A: To say that the Bible, or Sacred Scripture, is “inspired” means that God is the primary inspiration behind the human authors. *Dei Verbum*, the Second Vatican Council's “Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation,” affirms this when it states: “The books of the Old and New Testament, whole and entire, with all their parts... (were) written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit ... they have God as their author and have been handed on as such for the Church herself.”

The humans who wrote the Sacred Scriptures were not just passive recipients of God's Word who merely served as secretaries for what He was dictating. Rather, as *Dei Verbum* tells us, God “made use of their powers and abilities,” calling them “true authors,” even though they “consented to writing everything and only those things which He wanted.”



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

Children under the age of 18 who have received their First Communion, and parents seeking an extra-curricular activity that enriches a young person's spiritual life and engages them in age-appropriate spiritual works of mercy under the spiritual direction of Father Joseph, please consider joining the Junior Legion of Mary.

- **WHEN:** Every Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend/participate.
- **WHERE:** Saint Joseph Room in the Lower Level of Saint Mary's Lyceum, 313 Duke Street
- **QUESTIONS:** Please email Adria Tayrani at lomstmaryoldtown@gmail.com or text 571.310.4016.



Saints, Stewards, Scholars NEWS from The Basilica School of Saint Mary



Students in Mrs. Overfelt's 7th grade English class recently read the classic Cinderella story. They then researched different cultures and rewrote Cinderella incorporating different cultural aspects. Many cultures were represented, including Japanese, Russian, Italian, Canadian and Hawaiian. After completing their version, students presented their story to the class.

<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.

Theology on Tap

MONDAY MARCH 7TH
AT MURPHY'S IRISH PUB

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

Mariane Staron, Director | mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3030
Aaron Zanca, Assistant Director | azanca@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3024

All High Schoolers are invited to join us at

Friday Night Hangout

with a service opportunity
and discussion



March 11th | 7:30PM
307 S Royal St

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS – Spring Food Drive



The **Saint Lucy Project** is a food pantry and delivery network of the **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (CCDA)** that is striving to achieve a Diocese without hunger -- one county, one neighborhood, one parish, one family at a time. The many Arlington Knights of Columbus Councils and parish volunteers are a main reason this is now a major program. As such, **Council 459** will be supporting the Spring Food Drive by **handing out Saint Lucy food bags** after Mass the weekend of **March 6th** and **collecting the filled bag** with the goods listed below, at Mass the weekend of **March 13th**. Thank you for your generosity!!!

The Saint Lucy Project is specifically in need of the following items -----(please, no glass!)

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| ✓ Canned Meat/Fish | ✓ Cereals, Hot & Cold | ✓ Canned Sauce & Pasta | ✓ Dried & Canned Beans |
| ✓ Canned Green Beans/Corn | ✓ Canned Fruit | ✓ Children's Snacks | ✓ Juice |
| ✓ Peanut Butter & Jelly | ✓ Rice & Grains | ✓ Soups & Baking Items | ✓ Boxed Shelf Stable Milk |

Checks made out to CCDA welcomed. Gift cards from WalMart, Giant and Aldi are also welcomed.

ARE YOU IRISH OR PART IRISH?

Are you a practicing Catholic? JOIN US! The Herbert-Cady Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is looking for practicing Catholic men of Irish heritage to join our great organization. We promote Irish heritage and culture, and improve the community and church through charity. We meet **every third Monday** of the month, upstairs at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub (713 King Street). Doors open at 6:40 p.m., with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Contact Joe Castillo at aohrecruiter@outlook.com or 219.880.6889 if you are interested. The next meeting is **February 28**, due to the holiday and parade. Learn more at www.aohalexandria.org.



UPCOMING SPECIAL & SECOND COLLECTIONS
March 2, Ash Wednesday — Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
March 5/6 — Black & Indian Missions

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

One of the areas with low-income families located within our parish boundaries is the Duke Street corridor. Rather than driving past these low-rise apartments, take a moment to drive around and see the faces, many belonging to immigrants. These men and women provide so many services to us. They do this for their kids, as other immigrants to our great country have done for generations. These families are close knit, loving and caring for each other. When money falls short because of an injury, illness or an unexpected expense, they know we will be there to help. To us as Vincentians, this is not just charity. It's love, the love Christ offers to us every moment of every day. Help us spread this love with your donation to our mission. Please consider writing a check to SVDP and dropping in the Poor Box or at the Parish Office. You can also use Faith Direct at Saint Mary's website.



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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

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.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

2022 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Do this in remembrance of me.

The 2022 BLA Commitment Sunday is this weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a pledge to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services no parish could provide on its own. By participating in the BLA, we remember the gift Christ Himself gave us through His body and blood, and are asked to respond to His call to serve our brothers and sisters. As of February 17, the Basilica had reached 31 percent of its assigned goal (\$725,000) for 2022.

Make a donation online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla or scan this QR code. You also may make a gift at www.arlingtondiocese.org.



INVITE OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME!



The Legion of Mary invites you to spend Lent with Our Lady by hosting the Basilica's Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home for a week. We are never alone in our Lenten journey; Our Lady always draws us closer to her son, Jesus Christ. The only requirement is to pray a daily rosary in front of Our Lady. Those who have hosted her report many graces. To participate, email lomstmaryoldtown@gmail.com or call/text: 571.310.4016.



EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS: TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

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 at 313 Duke Street.

You can find more information on the collection at www.treasuresofthechurch.com.

MARCH 5: "ASK BISHOP LOVERDE"



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Kavanaugh #54, will host "Ask Bishop Loverde," a Q & A session with the Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Arlington, on **Saturday, March 5**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Lyceum Auditorium (313 Duke Street). Bishop Loverde will take questions from all comers on any and all topics related to our Catholic Faith. You have questions. Bishop Loverde has answers. Join us for what promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable morning, one sure to get your Lent off to a great start. Refreshments will be served. All in the parish are invited.

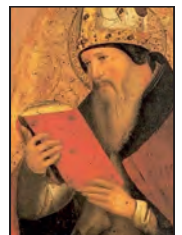
MARCH 27: LAETARE BENEFIT SUPPORTING SAINT DOMINIC'S MONASTERY

The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to the annual fundraising dinner for the Cloistered Nuns of Saint Dominic's Monastery in Linden, VA. The nuns depend on the charity of the people of God for their existence, including everyday items such as food and healthcare, and are building a chapel at the monastery. Please show your support and join us for a reception, dinner, raffle and auction on **Sunday, March 27**, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, VA. Seating is limited. **RSVP by March 21**. Tickets: \$175 each; table sponsorships start at \$1,750 for 10. Send a check payable to Friends of Saint Dominic's Monastery, 524 North Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Purchase tickets online using this QR code. Or visit <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=61bfbd2b-10fc-4328-a1ec-2d5f7ca67b6e>. For additional information, you can contact friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com.



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**. Registration is \$25 at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/2022-lenten-book-club>.



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Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. in the Basilica
March 4, 11, 18 & 25;
April 1, 8 & 15 (Good Friday)



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, please email prolife@stmaryoldtown.org.



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The Light is On For You *Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

As Catholics, we are to receive God's beautiful gift of mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance or Confession), at least once a year, especially in Lent.

To help you, the Basilica of Saint Mary is again participating in *The Light Is On for You*, an initiative of the Diocese of Arlington and the Archdiocese of Washington, with Catholic churches throughout the D.C. metro area open for quiet prayer and Confession on Wednesday evenings in Lent.

During Lent, Confession times at the Basilica are:
Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6,
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Monday through Friday — After 12:10 p.m. Mass
Friday — 7:30 p.m., after Stations of the Cross
Saturday — 9 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.

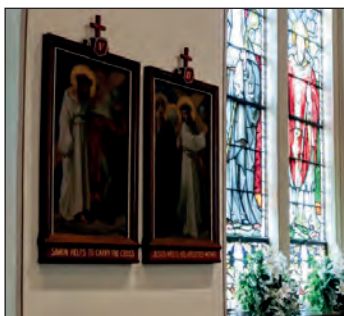
FROM THE ARCHIVES

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Fridays during Lent, it is a tradition at the Basilica of Saint Mary and most Catholic churches to pray the Stations of the Cross. This 14-step devotion commemorates the events of Christ's last day on Earth as a man, beginning with His condemnation by Pontius Pilate and ending as He is laid in the tomb. At each Station, prayers are recited as we then move to the next Station until all 14 are completed. The Stations can, of course, be prayed in the Basilica and elsewhere any time, often as a mini-pilgrimage recalling Christ's sacrifice for us.



The Stations here at the Basilica consist of 14 oil paintings on wood panels with mahogany-stained frames. The images are subtly multi-colored with gold leaf accents. Stations I through VII are installed on the north wall of the nave; Stations VIII through XIV are found on the south wall. These Stations date back to extensive renovation of the church in 1857. Pastor at that time was Father Peter Kroes, S.J., a native of Holland. He was the first tenured pastor at Saint Mary and served here until 1872. The Basilica Stations may have been the work of American artist Edward Schuler (1806-1882), noted in an *Alexandria Gazette* article of July 16, 1857, as a "Fresco Painter." They were restored in 1995. (Adapted from official documents submitted to the Vatican to support designation of Saint Mary as a Basilica.)

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