



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



**February 6, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector  
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, Parochial Vicar  
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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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[stmaryoffice@smsva.org](mailto:stmaryoffice@smsva.org)

# CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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**Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”**

**Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

In May, 102 of our parish second graders will receive their First Holy Communion. An essential step in preparing to receive this Sacrament is First Reconciliation (or Penance or Confession), which will take place for them on **Saturday, February 12**. Please keep these children in your prayers as they personally experience, for the very first time, in the confessional, the infinite mercy of Christ.



You might wonder why such little ones need to go to confession. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC1324) reminds us, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. When we receive Holy Communion, we should be free of serious sin. It is important for a child (or an adult coming into the Church later in life) to receive Holy Communion for the first time with the understanding that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our sins are forgiven, preparing us to worthily receive our Lord in the Eucharist. First Penance also helps a young child develop a life-long practice of going to confession on a regular basis.

**A Child’s Prayer for Forgiveness**

O my God, help me to remember the times  
when I didn’t live as Jesus asked me to.  
Help me to be sorry and to try again. Amen.

**JOIN BISHOP BURBIDGE FOR MASS & PROLIFE ROSARY**

**JUST A REMINDER:** Bishop Michael Burbidge will celebrate Holy Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life here at the Basilica of Saint Mary at our **8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 12**. After Mass, all who are interested are invited to pray the rosary with him at the abortion clinic at 2839 Duke Street. For additional information, please contact [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org).

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES & WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

This coming **Friday, February 11**, is the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**. In 1858, the Blessed Mother appeared 18 times to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous (Saint Bernadette) near Lourdes, France. Thousands of pilgrims visit the site every year, seeking to be healed by the waters of the grotto where Bernadette encountered Our Lady.

**February 11** also is **World Day of the Sick**, instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1992 as “a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ.” Saint John Paul had been diagnosed with Parkinson’s the previous year. Then, in 2013, Pope Benedict XVI chose to announce his resignation on February 11, citing his failing health as the reason for that decision.

This year, we especially continue to pray for all those affected by the pandemic, their medical and family caregivers, those seeking ways to prevent and treat the disease, and those whose livelihoods have been affected by it. We also pray for healing of the spiritual, political, racial and economic wounds continuing to afflict our nation and our world.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!*



## IN OUR PRAYERS

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, February 6

- 7 a.m. — Maureen Sullivan Hinson †  
8:30 a.m. — Marian Riley †  
10 a.m. — Dr. Joseph Braddock †  
11:30 a.m. — Genaro Malca Romero †  
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Francine  
5 p.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary

#### Monday, February 7

- 6:30 a.m. — Barbara Stoops †  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Laura Montes  
12:10 p.m. — James Long †

#### Tuesday, February 8

- 6:30 a.m. — Aline Zmijewski †  
8 a.m. — Robert Gilbert Jr. †  
12:10 p.m. — Dave Tullus †

#### Wednesday, February 9

- 6:30 a.m. — Michael Lukehart †  
8 a.m. — Carl Fronckewicz †  
12:10 p.m. — Mary Charteris †

#### Thursday, February 10

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Mariah Naegele  
8 a.m. — Leticia Lim Matus †  
12:10 p.m. — Kevin Caufield †

#### Friday, February 11

- 6:30 a.m. — Thomas Lacey Jr. †  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: The Lacey Family  
12:10 p.m. — Cindy Italiano †

#### Saturday, February 12

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Tom James Bergeron  
5 p.m. Vigil — Francisco Aleman †

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, February 6

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

#### Monday, February 7

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

#### Tuesday, February 8

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

#### Wednesday, February 9

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

#### Thursday, February 10

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

#### Friday, February 11

1 Kgs 11:29-32 and 12:19; Ps 81:10-11b, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

#### Saturday, February 12

1 Kgs 12:26-32 and 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7b, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Suzanne Arnold, Theresa Aranda, **Jayson Beckwith**, Maria Campo, Marianne Coates, Quinn Cops, Mary Davis, James Andrew Downey, Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Ethan Jones, Lily Jones, Bob Juszczuk, James Primm, Tom Mack, Bill McCarthy, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, **James Rooney**, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Mark Souder, Noel Tohill and Jerry Wallmeyer

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Olavo de Carvalho, Ignacio "Ed" Edejer and James Joseph Vincent

### 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 6 — Rev. Thomas M. Yehl, YA  
February 7 — Rev. John A. Ziegler  
February 8 — Rev. Matthew H. Zuberbueler  
February 9 — Rev. William M. Aitchison (Retired)  
February 10 — Rev. CH (Col) Eric J. Albertson  
February 11 — Rev. Ramon A. Baez  
February 12 — Very Rev. James S. Barkett, VF

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

February 6, 2022, *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*

**Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send?"**

Do you think that the Lord wants to send you 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. Reinstatement or add a name at [bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto: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

### LENTEN JOURNEY WITH SAINT AUGUSTINE

Dr. Chad Pecknold, Resident Theologian, Institute for Faith & Public Culture at the Basilica of Saint Mary, will be leading *A Lenten Journey Through Saint Augustine's Confessions*. The seven-week series is designed as a guided book club and penitential discipline for Lent, starting **Wednesday, March 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m. (NEW START DATE and TIME)**, in our Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street, for seven consecutive Wednesdays. See [www.stmaryoldtown.org](http://www.stmaryoldtown.org) to register.

### *Liturgical Calendar This Week*

—**February 8: Saint Jerome Emiliani.** Venetian soldier and convert; founder (1534) of the Clerks Regular of Somascha, dedicated to the poor and educating youth. **Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin.** Born c. 1869 in Sudan. Raised in the Islamic faith; kidnapped as a child by slave traders; purchased by the Italian Consul and sent to live with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. Granted her freedom and joined that order, serving 50 years as cook, seamstress and portress. Died in 1947.

— **February 10: Saint Scholastica, Virgin.** Died c. 543. Twin of Saint Benedict; interred in the same grave with him at the monastery he established at Monte Cassino, Italy. Her aid is invoked against storms.

—**February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes.** Commemorates the 1858 appearance of Our Lady to Saint Bernadette at Lourdes, when Mary called herself “The Immaculate Conception.” Patroness of the sick.

### BISHOP BURBIDGE TO CELEBRATE MASS AT THE BASILICA ON FEBRUARY 12



Arlington Bishop Michael Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist for our **8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 12.** He will offer a votive Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life.

Immediately following Mass, he will lead the faithful in praying the rosary at the abortion facility at 2859 Duke Street. Please join our diocesan shepherd and your fellow Basilica parishioners for a powerful morning of prayer and pro-life witness.

For more information, please contact [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org).

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## Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

### Q: What are the Precepts of the Catholic Church?

A: The laws, or Precepts, of the Church, are the “very necessary minimum” requirements for Catholics to express their commitment to Christ through participation in the life of the Church He founded. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes them as “set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life” (CCC 2041). They are:

- You shall attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligations, and rest from servile labor on those days.
- You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) at least during the Easter season.
- You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- You shall help provide for the needs of the Church.

(For more information, see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2041-2043.)





## FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



OUR TRADITION, YOUR FUTURE  
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-2023



**THE BASILICA SCHOOL  
OF SAINT MARY**  
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**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](mailto:mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org) or 703.836.4100.

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



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*The Basilica of Saint Mary's*  
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*Encounter Jesus. Become Disciples. Change the Culture.*

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**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB**



*Tuesdays | 7PM-8:30PM  
Youth House | 307 S Royal St*

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



**Theology on Tap**  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 7TH  
AT MURPHY'S IRISH PUB  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

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**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**



WEDNESDAYS | 7PM TO 9PM  
YOUTH HOUSE | 307 S ROYAL ST

## FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS



### 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](http://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](http://www.catholicsports.net/emailsingup)

If you have any questions or would like  
to connect, email [catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org)  
or text Helena at 540.551.2271.

### **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](mailto:tushar833@comcast.net).  
**(NOTE: This is a corrected email address.)**

Join the Saint Labre Community  
for Adults with Mental Health  
Conditions for a Special Zoom  
Session on the Role  
of Hope for Our Mental Health

#### Speakers:

- Catholic Social Worker and Author Anne Costa, "New Every Morning: Growing in Hope Day by Day, A Reflection on Lamentations 3"
- Rev. Joseph Townsend, Chaplain of the Labre Community and Parochial Vicar at the Basilica of Saint Mary — "The Virtue of Hope"
- Host: Kirsten Obadal, Founding Peer Member of the Saint Labre Community

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 2325 5774

Passcode: 140048

Learn more about the Saint Labre Community at  
[www.catholicmhm.org/labrenova](http://www.catholicmhm.org/labrenova)  
or email [stlabrecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:stlabrecommunity@gmail.com).  
*Be sure to ask about weekly group  
spiritual support meetings.*

### From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Sally called, sobbing, saying the Alexandria Office of Community and Social Services had referred her to us because we help the desperate. And she was. And we do. An elderly lady, she was robbed after withdrawing considerable money from an ATM, and left without funds to pay her rent. We immediately contacted her leasing office, pledging to provide assistance immediately. They were grateful. Sally blessed us up, down and sideways. Our work often is inspirational like this. Keep in mind that without your support, these acts of charity to our neighbors in need would not be possible. Help us help those who are desperate, like Sally. Please consider writing a check to SVdP, dropping it in the Poor Box or at the Parish Office. You also can support us through Faith Direct at Saint Mary's website.



### 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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) or scan this QR code:





## AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Basilica of Saint Mary  
ANNUAL IRISH HOOLEY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

**Watch the bulletin, Flocknotes  
and our website for more info!**

### 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!

### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!

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## AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

### SAVE THE DATE — March 8 **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, 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](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com) for more information.

## *FROM THE ARCHIVES*

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



### FUNERALS — A CENTURY AGO

In the horse-and-buggy days, before automobiles became common, transporting a coffin and the mourners to church and the cemetery could involve unforeseen complications. The funeral of Mr. Thomas Monroe, the father of Saint Mary's organist, suffered an unexpected mishap.



*19th-century hearse*

According to the local newspaper: "12 November 1891. As the handsome black, decorated, horse-drawn hearse from Wheatley's undertaker, on King Street, was on its way to 412 S. Pitt Street to pick up the body of the late Thomas Monroe and carry it to Saint Mary Church for his funeral service, a horse belonging to Mr. Robert Elliott, and attached to his wagon, became frightened. The spooked horse ran off and collided with the hearse at the intersection of Duke and St. Asaph Streets, upsetting it, breaking off one of its wheels and causing other damage." The story did not tell what happened next. How did they transport Mr. Monroe the two blocks from his house to the church? Use a substitute hearse? Someone's wagon or carriage? Or did the pallbearers have to carry him? Hopefully, they did not have to carry him all the way down Royal Street to the cemetery!

Less than two years later, a similar accident happened enroute to the funeral of Mr. Frank Blair, also reported in the newspaper: "25 March 1893. The funeral of Mr. Frank Blair, a well-known colored [sic] citizen, took place from St. Mary's Church. While the carriages were moving up Royal Street, a horse attached to one of them fell and caused much alarm among the occupants of the vehicle." The paper did not say whether any of the mourners were injured, or if the horse survived. The Blair family were well-respected residents of Old Town Alexandria, and included Mr. Thomas Blair, the sexton at Saint Mary Cemetery for decades and a founder of Saint Joseph Parish.

Recently, horse-drawn hearses have regained popularity. Not long ago, one was used for the burial of a member of the Day family in Saint Mary Cemetery. The mourners, however, traveled to the cemetery by car.

— Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



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