



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



February 20, 2022
Seventh 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

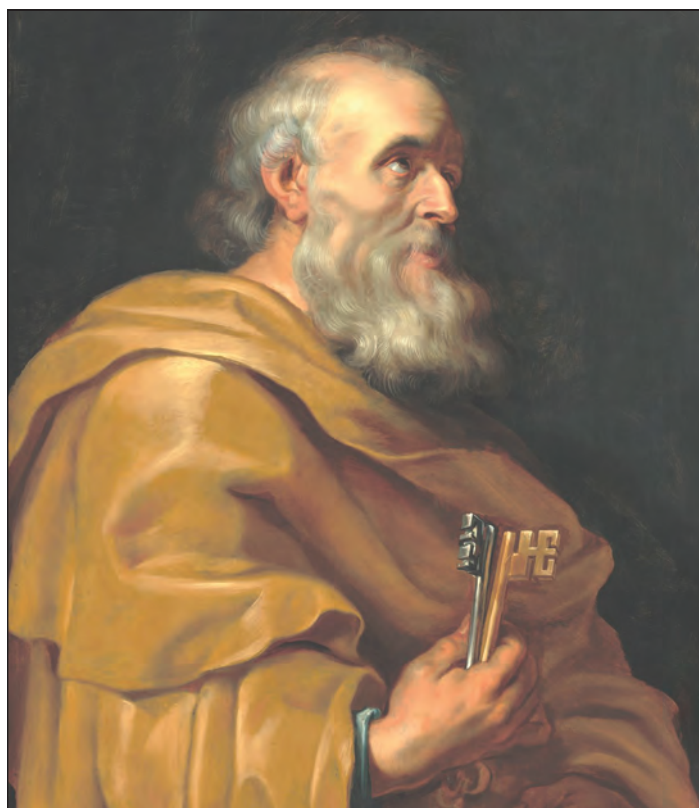
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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)

400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Mr. Daniel Cinalli, Principal

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COVER IMAGE: *Saint Peter* by Sir Peter Paul Rubens, c. 1617,
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30 -7:30 p.m. Wed.	Maureen Breiner	tb5va@aol.com
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Nocturnal Adoration Society 9 p.m. 1st Friday to 6 a.m. 1st Saturday	Helen Lynch	helenlynch21@gmail.com
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Jail Ministry Alexandria City Jail	Philippe Bruno	pmvjbruno55@gmail.com
Pro-Life Activities	Bob Whearty	prolife@stmaryoldtown.org
Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA)	Annie Hall (Saint Mary Ambassador)	ahall@stmaryoldtown.org
Shut-In Visitation	Call Parish Office	703.836.4100
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

EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION

Adult Faith Formation, CCD, RCIA	Hilary Munger	hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100 x 3033
Date Night at the Basilica	Erica Englefield and Ann Somerset	datenightatthebasilica@hotmail.com
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To learn more about our parish apostolates, visit
www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate.



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

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE – February 22

On December 6, 2017, the Basilica of Saint Mary was formally designated as a Basilica by Pope Francis, successor to Saint Peter. As a Basilica, Saint Mary has a particular bond with the Roman cathedra, or Chair of Peter, and we are required to celebrate with particular care certain feasts connected with the papacy. One of those feasts occurs on **February 22, the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**, celebrating the papacy and the role of Saint Peter as first bishop of Rome.



This year, we will mark the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at our regular 12:10 p.m. Mass on **Tuesday, February 22**, which will feature music, a celebratory tone and a special treat to recognize the feast day! I hope you will be able to join us in person or via livestream on our parish website at www.stmaryoldtown.org. *Saint Peter the Apostle, pray for us!*

PRESIDENTS’ DAY – February 21

Monday, February 21, is Presidents’ Day, a national holiday and annual commemoration of George Washington’s birthday. You can read about the historic connection our own parish has to George Washington in this week’s FROM THE ARCHIVES on page 9. Aside from the secular celebrations, the day provides an opportunity to pray for our president and all elected officials.

**Our parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 21,
with one Mass celebrated at 9 a.m.**

PREPARING FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent is just around the corner with Ash Wednesday less than two weeks away on **March 2**. A good way to enter more fully into this most solemn season is to follow the four traditional spiritual practices of the Catholic Church: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Study.

Prayer, of course, is at the very heart of our ongoing, personal relationship with God. During Lent, I encourage you to spend more time in intimate conversation with Him. Attend daily Mass (the ultimate prayer of the Church) when possible. Join fellow parishioners in praying the Stations of the Cross in the Basilica at 7 p.m. on Fridays during Lent, beginning on **Friday, March 4**. Start your day with a brief morning prayer and end it with an evening or night prayer.

A good resource is a wonderful new Mass Guide, ***Lift Up Your Hearts: Prayers of the Heart for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass***, compiled by Women Religious in the Diocese of Arlington. The guide was produced for the preparatory period leading to the 50th or Jubilee Anniversary of our Diocese in 2024. Bishop Michael Burbidge has asked us to devote the current preparatory year to the Eucharist and the Mass.

The new guide is available in booklet form at the back of the Basilica. Each week during Lent, I encourage you to select some of the prayers and practices in the booklet to open your heart more fully to receive Christ in the Eucharist. Pray with the booklet before, during and after Mass, but leave it in the church for others to use. You also may access the booklet at www.stmaryoldtown.org/wp-content/uploads/Mass-Guide-digital-1.pdf.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 20

- 7 a.m. — Mary Charteris †
8:30 a.m. — Mary B. Meyer †
10 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
11:30 a.m. — Marie-Therese Peterson †
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Eliette
5 p.m. — Tommy Lacey †

Monday, February 21

- 9 a.m. — Josef Hettich †

Tuesday, February 22

- 6:30 a.m. — Joey Pizzano †
8 a.m. — Frank and Alberta Rushen †
12:10 p.m. — Tommy Lacey †

Wednesday, February 23

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Edward Balceniuk †
8 a.m. — Carlos Diaz †
12:10 p.m. — Thomas Lacey Jr. †

Thursday, February 24

- 6:30 a.m. — Kevin Caporaso †
8 a.m. — Elaine Thomas †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Donald Cernansky

Friday, February 25

- 6:30 a.m. — Patsy Clark †
8 a.m. — James Himpler †
12:10 p.m. — Marguerite Sullivan Hannon †

Saturday, February 26

- 8:30 a.m. — Maryan Martella †
5 p.m. Vigil — Rosanne Polyachyk †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 20

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monday, February 21

Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday, February 23

Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, February 24

Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday, February 25

Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, February 26

Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Aidan Christopher Billy, John Casey Gosnell
and Roman Jackson McDermott

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Theresa Aranda,
Jayson Beckwith, Jon Bunting, Maria Campo, Quinn
Copp, Mary Davis, James Andrew Downey, Jean Edwards,
Gary Farabough, Gina Gonzalez, **Zia H-Bahaduri**, Michael
Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, **Eric Jaramillo**,
Ethan Jones, Lily Jones, Bob Juszczuk, James Primm, **Tom
Mack Jr.**, Bill McCarthy, Bud Miles, Lois Miller, **Dean
Montayne**, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, Cathy
Quinn, Mark Souder, Alexander Staron and Noel Tohill

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Marianne Coates, Michael Coursey and Armando Lopo

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 20 — Rev. Dort A. Bigg
February 21 — Rev. Joseph P. Biniek (Retired)
February 22 — Rev. Nicholas F. Blank
February 23 — Rev. Vincent P. Bork
February 24 — Rev. Edward J. Bresnahan
February 25 — Rev. Robert C. Brooks (Retired)
February 26 — Rev. James C. Bruse

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Love one another as I have loved you.

Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord?

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.

The presentation also will be live streamed (and archived for future viewing) at <https://vimeo.com/676415059>.

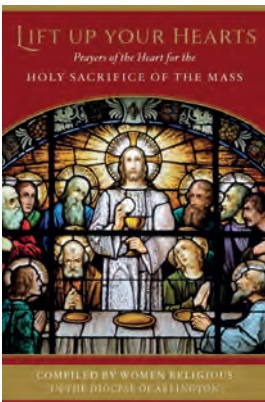
HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

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 mary.petrino@gmail.com or 703.785.5588.

Saint Junipero Serra, Ora Pro Nobis

PREPARING FOR A REWARDING LENT

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Kavanaugh #54, will sponsor a talk by Sister Maria Veritas of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist on **Saturday, February 26**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Lyceum Auditorium. Sister Maria will speak on Dominican spirituality and how to prepare to have a rewarding Lent. All in the parish are welcome!



PRAY WITH A NEW GUIDE TO THE MASS

As the Diocese of Arlington prepares to mark its first half-century since it was established in 1974, Bishop Michael Burbidge has called for the Catholic faithful to embark on a spiritual and intellectual renewal in the foundational truths of the Catholic Faith. He has called for a Golden Jubilee Year, with two preparatory years, crowned by the celebratory Golden Jubilee Year in 2024. "Year One: Remember" is devoted to the Eucharist and the Mass. As part of understanding both, please read and pray with a wonderful new Mass Guide, entitled "Lift Up Your Hearts: Prayers of the Heart for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass," compiled by Women Religious in the Diocese of Arlington and distributed by the Diocese.

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Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: Is there an actual Chair of Saint Peter? What is its significance?

A: Yes, the Chair of Saint Peter (Latin: *Cathedra Petri*), also known as the Throne of Saint Peter, is an actual relic conserved in the Basilica of Saint Peter at the Vatican. Tradition holds that this wooden throne belonged to the Apostle Saint Peter, who used it when he served as the first Pope and Bishop of Rome. The relic is now enclosed in a sculpted, gilt, bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini and made between 1647 and 1653.

In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."



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



This month, Mrs. Minkiewicz's PreK is hard at work matching letters of the alphabet. In the activity pictured here, they were matching letters to Valentine's Day cards. This teaches students the importance of being able to discriminate between things that are the same and different.

<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!

Weekly for Young Adults



HOLY HAPPY HOUR

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6PM ADORATION
7PM HAPPY HOUR IN OLD TOWN



SUNDAY COFFEE

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 10AM MASS
BACKYARD OF 307 S ROYAL STREET
ACROSS FROM THE BASILICA

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

Young Adult Mass Explained

with Fr. Noah

FIND OUT MORE AT
[STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/](https://stmaryoldtown.org/)
YOUNG-ADULT-MASS-EXPLAINED

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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 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. 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)*

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.



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.catholicports.net!

Bible Studies

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

Sign up for our email list at

www.catholicports.net/emailsingup

If you have any questions or would like
to connect, email catholicports@stmaryoldtown.org
or text Helena at 540.551.2271.

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

There are times when those whom we have helped in the past contact us only for prayers. One such family of Catholic refugees fleeing persecution in the Middle East reached self-sufficiency over a period of years with our sustained help. The father invited us to his swearing-in as an American citizen. He, his wife and three kids were all beaming with pride and joy. But then COVID took the life of the wife's brother and the dad's mother was hospitalized last month with COVID. Nagi reached out to us for prayers. Like many immigrants, including many of our ancestors, the American dream does not come easy. Let us pray for them and other refugees, including recently arriving Afghanis who supported our troops and diplomats, that they may find that dream and make their road easier to navigate.



POOR BOX

Please remember our neighbors in need
by making a contribution to the Poor Box.
Proceeds support the Saint Vincent de Paul Society
and other charitable work of our parish.

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
or email stlabrecommunity@gmail.com.
*Be sure to ask about weekly group
spiritual support meetings.*

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!

Many thanks to
ALEXANDRIA AUDIOLOGY
for advertising in our parish bulletin.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

PRESIDENTS DAY

Monday, February 21

**is Presidents Day and a Federal holiday.
We will have one Mass in the Basilica at 9 a.m.
Our Parish Offices will be closed for the day.**

MARCH 12: A MORNING OF REFLECTION ON THE EUCHARISTIC MESSAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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, please contact Frank Spicer at praydailyrosary@gmail.com.

Basilica of Saint Mary ANNUAL IRISH HOOLEY SUNDAY, MARCH 13

2 to 4 p.m.

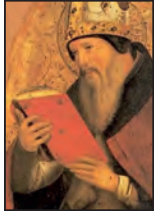
**Basilica of Saint Mary School Gym
at 400 Green Street**

**For more information and to
purchase tickets, go to
<https://stmaryoldtown.org/youre-invited-to-the-2022-saint-patrick-irish-hooley> or use this QR code:**



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>.



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 attend a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of Saint Dominic's Monastery. The

Laetare Benefit is the annual fundraising dinner for the cloistered nuns of Saint Dominic's Monastery in Linden, VA, in the Diocese of Arlington. As cloistered nuns, they depend on the charity of the people of God for their existence. They have needs for 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**, from 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. To purchase tickets online through Faith Direct, point your camera at the QR code and click for the registration page. Or please visit <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=61bfb2b-10fc-4328-a1ec-2d5f7ca67b6e>. For more info, contact friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com.

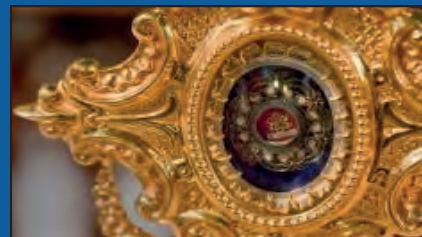


Liturgical Calendar This Week

- **February 21. Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.** Died in 1072. Reforming Benedictine monk and cardinal of Ostia. Dante placed him in one of the highest circles of Paradiso as a great predecessor of Saint Francis of Assisi.
- **February 22. Chair of Saint Peter.** Celebrates Saint Peter's assuming pastoral responsibility for the Church of Rome.
- **February 23. Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr.** Disciple of Saint John and bishop of Smyrna. Burned at the stake. One of the first martyrs to be venerated.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS: TREASURES OF THE CHURCH ON MARCH 8



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
since its founding in 1795*



PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON & SAINT MARY PARISH

As we celebrate Presidents' Day this week (February 21), we can reflect on the special connection our parish has with this nation's very first president, George Washington.

An Episcopalian in Virginia, a colony where it was illegal to practice the Catholic faith until after the Revolutionary War, Washington nevertheless supported this area's Catholics by making a sizeable contribution toward purchasing land for a Catholic church here in Alexandria. He reportedly discussed the subject while celebrating Saint Patrick's Day at the home of his close friend, Colonel John Fitzgerald, an Irish-born Catholic who served as General Washington's aide-de-camp. The Fitzgerald home was located on the southeast corner of King and Fairfax streets, now the site of the Burke and Herbert Bank building. The land eventually purchased for the original Saint Mary church, with Washington's financial aid, is now the site of our parish cemetery at 1001 South Royal Street.



In 1932, Alexandria joined the nation in celebrating the bicentennial of the birth of George Washington's birth. (In 1932, Washington's estate at Mount Vernon, south of Alexandria, was within the boundaries of Saint Mary parish.) Fr. Thomas Rankin, Saint Mary's pastor from 1930-1942, was an avid student of Virginia history. He orchestrated a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving here on February 21, 1932, in honor of our First President. Fr. Richard Blackburn Washington of Hot Springs, VA, a descendant of President Washington, was the celebrant. The church was, of course, decorated in red, white and blue bunting! Bishop Andrew J. Brenna of Richmond, Bishop John J. McNamara of Baltimore, plus 30 other priests, participated. The U.S. Marines provided an honor guard and a trumpeter from the Marine Band accompanied the parish choir.

According to the *Baltimore Catholic* newspaper (February 22, 1932), the church was packed for "one of the most colorful celebrations ever staged in historic Saint Mary's Church." – *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*



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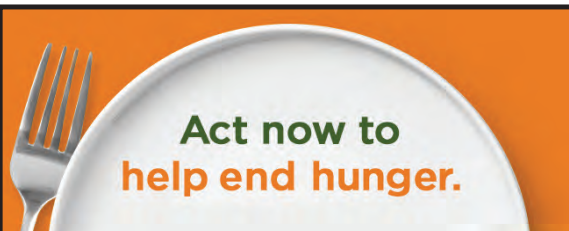
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