



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



January 16, 2022
Second 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

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

*These Masses are live streamed at www.stmaryoldtown.org

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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COVER IMAGE: *Madonna and Child*
by Fra Filippo Lippi (1406-1496)

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

STILL MARCHING FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 22, is the 49th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in this country. According to the National Right to Life Committee, more than 62.5 million babies have been lost through legalized abortion since 1973. We clearly must continue to advocate and pray for an end to this tragedy. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta warned, “A nation that kills its children in the womb has lost its soul.”

Each year, for nearly five decades, pro-life advocates from around the nation have gathered in Washington, DC, to march from the National Mall to Capitol Hill and the steps of the Supreme Court, seeking a reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. **March for Life 2022 takes place on Friday, January 21.**



As in past years, the Basilica of Saint Mary is hosting groups from outside our area who will stay here or use our facilities for March-related activities. Included this year are: Catalyst Catholic, a youth ministry group from New Albany, IN, and a group from Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH, led by their president, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. We'll also be hosting 40 high schoolers and 10 adults from the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, the home diocese of Fr. Andrew Thornton, who was with us at the Basilica during his seminary studies.

One focus for the March this year will be the Supreme Court's response to *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The case addresses the constitutionality of elective abortions after 15 weeks' gestation. The Court heard oral arguments in the case late last year and is expected to issue a decision in the coming months. The ruling could be the first step in an incremental weakening of *Roe v. Wade*. We pray for a pro-life outcome!

JOIN THE BASILICA FOR THE MARCH

If you haven't done so, please reserve your seat on one of two parish buses that will leave the Basilica for the January 21 March at 11 a.m. COST: \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Sign up at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/join-other-basilica-parishioners-to-participate-in-the-march-for-life-in-washington-dc-on-january-21-2022/>.

If you cannot march with us, please come to the Basilica that day for a Holy Hour with Adoration following our 12:10 p.m. Mass to pray for a fruitful outcome of the March and ongoing pro-life efforts.

A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in Your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your hands, and renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

NEW KNEELERS

Kneelers in the Basilica will be replaced on **January 24-28**, with the work possibly extending into the following week. As a result, the 12:10 p.m. weekday Mass and confessions on **Monday, January 24, through Friday, January 28** (and into the next week, if needed), will take place in the Lyceum auditorium at 313 Duke Street. Enter through the double doors at the front of the building or access the elevator via the side door, under the arch at the right of the building. Thank you for your patience during this upgrade. I hope you will be pleased with the results!

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 16

- 7 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
8:30 a.m. — The Family of David Power
10 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
11:30 a.m. — Kay Gartland †
1 p.m. — A Special Intention
5 p.m. — Ann Leonard Molenda †

Monday, January 17

- 9 a.m. — Leonard “Dutch” Anderson †

Tuesday, January 18

- 6:30 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Lisa O’Brien
12:10 p.m. — Leonard Anderson †

Wednesday, January 19

- 6:30 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
8 a.m. — Antonia Liutkus †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: The Sullivan Family

Thursday, January 20

- 6:30 a.m. — Charles W. Basila †
8 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
12:10 p.m. — Patricia and John Hitt †

Friday, January 21

- 6:30 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
8 a.m. — Edward Mace Jr. †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John and Anne Ryan
and Family

Saturday, January 22

- 8:30 a.m. — Everett Perry †
5 p.m. Vigil — Special Intention: Tobias and Mary Naegel
and Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 16

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday, January 17

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 18

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 19

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 20

1 Sm 18:6-9 and 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 21

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 22

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Blair Colwell Ansley, Sebastian Reyes-Liuzza
and Henry Joseph Spofford

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

D. Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Suzanne Arnold, Theresa Aranda, Marie Boanga, Amado Callao, Maria Campo, Marianne Coates, John Collins, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, **James Andrew Downey**, Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Keara Jenkins, Ethan Jones, **Lily Jones**, Bob Juszczak, Tom Mack, Bill McCarthy, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, A. Michel, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Hank Petruskewic, Pam Rubin, Mimi Shea, Baby Shiller, Noel Tohill, Troella Tyznik, James Joseph Vincent, Jerry Wallmeyer, Allen White and Tara White

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Colleen Christiani, Donna Eclipse and Becca Shepard

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

January 16 — Rev. Joseph B. Townsend
January 17 — Rev. Augustine Minh Hai Tran
January 18 — Rev. Nhi Dinh Tran (Retired)
January 19 — Rev. Clarence M. Trinkle (Retired)
January 20 — Rev. John T. B. Trong (Retired)
January 21 — Rev. James A. Tucker
January 22 — Rev. Christopher T. Vaccaro

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

There are different forms of service, but the same Lord.

Is your form of service to become a priest, deacon
or consecrated religious?

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. You may reinstate or add a name at bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.



HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

MONTHLY NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar during the Basilica of Saint Mary's monthly Nocturnal Adoration on the **first Friday of each month**, beginning at 9 p.m. Friday and ending at 8:20 a.m. on Saturday. **Additional adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday Nocturnal Adoration will be **February 4**. Vocal prayers during Adoration follow the recitation of the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament*, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. To sign up or for more information about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.

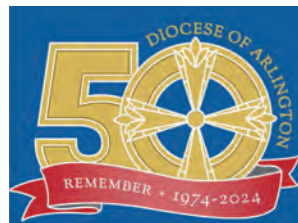


Liturgical Calendar This Week

January 17: Saint Anthony of Egypt, Abbot. Died in 356 at the age of 105. Born in upper Egypt; hermit and early founder of religious life. Called the "Patriarch of Monks"; aided St. Athanasius of Alexandria in combatting the Arian heresy that denied the divinity of Christ.

January 20: Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr. Layman elected bishop of Rome in 236. Martyred in 250. **Saint Sebastian, Martyr.** Martyred around 288 under Diocletian — pierced by arrows and then clubbed to death. Patron of archers, soldiers and police associations.

January 21: Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr. Martyred in the early 4th century at the age of 12 (according to Saints Augustine and Ambrose). Patroness of Christian virtue confronted by political and social violence. Represented with a martyr's palm and a lamb (her name in Latin means lamb).



THE MASS EXPLAINED

This first year of preparation for celebrating the Jubilee Anniversary of our Arlington Diocese in 2024 focuses on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith, and the Meaning of the Mass.

To help us enter more deeply into the mysteries celebrated at Mass, Fr. David Dufresne, parochial vicar at the Basilica of Saint Mary, recently made a presentation, ***The Mass Explained***, for our RCIA class and other parishioners. In this presentation, he walks us through the Mass, explaining the actions, words and items used.

You can view his presentation any time at <https://vimeo.com/647791853>. Please share this link with others!

Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online

Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Diocesan Shepherd? Find selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.



Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: Why does the priest kiss the altar at Mass?

A: The kiss is an act of reverence. The altar represents our Lord, who as we pray in Preface of Easter V "showed Himself to be the priest, the altar and the lamb of sacrifice." Moreover, relics of the saints traditionally are placed in the altar, which themselves make an altar worthy of such veneration.

(NOTE: Here at the Basilica of Saint Mary, there is no record telling us which saints' relics are embedded in our altar. That information is simply lost to history.)



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY



WINTER OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS
JANUARY 18, 2022 - 8:30AM - 11:00AM

RSVP AT [SMSVA.ORG](https://smsva.org)



WorkCamp

WORKCAMP 2022 Looking for 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 to make **WorkCamp 2022** happen!

Needed: **ADULT CREW LEADERS** to supervise the young people; **CONTRACTORS** with home-repair skills; **HOMEBASE TEAM MEMBERS** to support all aspects of the camp experience; and **SECURITY PERSONEL**.
All adult volunteers must be OPCYP compliant.

If you can help, contact Mariane Staron, Director of Youth & Young Adult Apostolates, mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org or 703.836.4100.

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

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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
JANUARY 18TH
7PM TO 8:30PM



Young Adult Jeopardy Night

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28TH
LYCEUM AUDITORIUM

MORE INFO AND TICKETS AT
[HTTPS://STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/
YOUNG-ADULT-JEOPARDY-NIGHT/](https://stmaryoldtown.org/young-adult-jeopardy-night/)

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FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS JANUARY MEETING



The Herbert-Cady Division of the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** is looking for practicing Catholic men of Irish heritage to join their great organization. AOH promotes Irish heritage and culture, and improves the community and Church through charity. Members meet **every third Monday** of the month, upstairs at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub at 713 King Street in Alexandria. The doors open at 6:40 p.m., with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. For membership info, please contact Joe Castillo at aohrecruiter@outlook.com or 219.880.6889. The next AOH meeting is **January 17**. Also learn more at www.aohalexandria.org

F3: FRATERNITY/FITNESS/FAITH

Start the New Year right!

All men of the parish are invited to participate in **F3 — Fraternity, Fitness and Faith**, a group that meets in front of the Basilica every Saturday at 5 a.m.

The men work out for roughly 45 minutes, led by a different member of the group each week and then finish with prayer.

Learn more about F3 in Episode #226 of our Basilica Podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES

Upcoming Leagues

Registration for BASKETBALL League is now CLOSED. The next league will be Indoor Soccer (Futsal)

Registration opens soon!

More information at www.catholicports.net!

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs if you'd like 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.catholicports.net/emailsSignup

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

Mary's Miracles (cont.) Gary called requesting help with his medical bills. In his case, as in too many others, he was not aware he was eligible for Medicaid and a variety of other benefits. We helped him arrange an appointment to sign up for these benefits as we paid back debts. Gary felt he had a new lease on life with a belief that he could become self-sufficient in a few months. Like so many of our low-income neighbors, Gary was unaware of benefits available to him and how to sign up. Much of our work this past year was advising those in need how to do this and helping them do so, if necessary. Despite strong efforts from our local and state governments to publicize programs, the information often never reaches those most in need. We help find those people who fall through the cracks and help them find what they need. Mary guides us in this vital work, inspiring us — with each success — to keep searching.



SECOND COLLECTION JANUARY 22/23

will be for the Church in Latin America



Basilica of Saint Mary Men's Silent Retreat FOLLOWING SAINT JOSEPH TO JESUS February 25-27

Come aside and rest awhile and meditate at our Arlington Diocesan Retreat Center at the edge of the Shenandoah Mountains in White Post, VA.

Friday evening February 25 through February 27.

Father John Riley will offer Mass, hear Confessions and present conferences during this silent retreat for men who would like to learn from Saint Joseph how to live, pray and draw closer to Jesus, and by His Grace to become "men after Christ's Own Heart."

For more information and registration materials, email Fr. Riley at retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or Bill Beach, Basilica Rosary Society, at wbeachkoc459@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 18

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



The annual March for Life takes place in Washington, DC, on **Friday, January 21**.

The Basilica of Saint Mary will have two buses travelling to and from the March.

COST: \$5 per person, \$15 per family.

Please plan to participate as we stand up and march to protect the unborn.

For more details and to sign up for seat on a bus, go to

<https://stmaryoldtown.org/join-other-basilica-parishioners-to-participate-in-the-march-for-life-in-washington-dc-on-january-21-2022/>

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

One Mass at the Basilica at 9 a.m.

Parish Offices will be closed

Friendly Visitor Program

Carefully screened and trained volunteers are individually matched with socially isolated seniors with whom they visit for at least an hour each week, year-round. All seniors are interviewed regarding their personal history and interests, to facilitate a compatible match. The program enhances the quality of life of seniors in the City of Alexandria by providing social interaction, mental stimulation and emotional support. For more details or to refer a senior, call 703.836.4414, extension 120, or email friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org



Join Other Virginians for Defending Life Day

Join fellow Virginians in Richmond on **February 9**, to advocate for a pro-life Virginia!

- Led by Arlington Bishop Michael Burbidge and Richmond Bishop Barry Knestout.
- Meet with legislators to urge them to defend life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Talking points, legislative updates and tips for effective advocacy are available to help make constituent meetings easy and successful are available at <https://vaprolifeday.org/>.

The Basilica will sponsor a bus to Richmond for the February 9 event. Check our website for details!

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>.

SEEKING REPARATION FOR RACISM

The Saint Katharine Drexel Society at the Basilica of Saint Mary prays for the healing of our nation, especially for the historical and continuing wounds inflicted by slavery, and in reparation for the sins of racism, past and present. The group prays the rosary during the Basilica Holy Hour on Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., leads a rosary following the 8:30 a.m. Mass every second Saturday of the month, and meets at other times for prayer and fellowship. Father David serves as chaplain. The patroness of the society, Saint Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), was the second American-born saint canonized by the Catholic Church. Born in Philadelphia to a wealthy family, she entered religious life and used her inheritance to minister to the poor and oppressed, particularly serving Native American reservations and Southern African American inner-city and rural communities. To learn more about the group, contact Monica Favela at skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org.



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

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

The Lawlers are a good example of the very successful Irish immigrant families who settled in Alexandria. Edmund Lawler (1818-1883) and his wife, Mary, came from County Kilkenny around 1849. He worked as a milkman in Alexandria. Their son, Martin (1837-1916), was 12 years old when his family came to America. Martin first worked at Smith and Perkins locomotive works in the 1850s. Later, he worked at Thomas Jamieson's machine shop at the southwest corner of Pitt and Gibbon Streets. After the Civil War, he entered the grocery business. His store, located at the corner of Pitt and Gibbon, was very successful. In 1903, Martin bought the large, red brick Queen Anne house at 517 South Washington Street that has become somewhat of a landmark in Old Town Alexandria today.



Nicholas Lawler, Martin's son (1877-1940) went into the wholesale gas business. He served on the Alexandria City Council and was an active member of Saint Mary Church. After the 1929 fire that badly damaged the church, major repairs and renovations were needed. At that time, the marble tabernacle in use today replaced an older one. Nicholas Lawler and his sister, Ella Lawler Ryan, donated the "safe" (locked interior) of the tabernacle in use today and its golden revolving door, in memory of their parents. A brass plaque on the pediment over

the current tabernacle bears the dedication to Martin and Mary Lawler. The family also donated the Saint Mary's ornate gold monstrance in memory of their brother Neale Lawler.



Nicholas and Annie Fleming Lawler's daughter, Margaret, lived in the large house on Washington Street until the 1970s. Margaret, too, was an active and devout member of the parish. When she died in 2013, she bequeathed a very large amount of money to Saint Mary, to be used for the cemetery. Her generous gift was used to erect the marble altar on the South Royal edge of the cemetery, used for Mass on Memorial Day and exposition during the parish Corpus Christi procession. – *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*



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