



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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: *The Adoration of the Magi* by Gentile
da Fabriano, 1423, Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD & CHALKING OUR DOORS

Sunday, January 2, is the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**, one of the oldest of all Christian feasts. Also known as Three Kings' Day, it commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.



Marking our doorways or front porch steps with blessed chalk is a centuries-old Epiphany custom and a fun, visible way to dedicate our homes and the New Year to God. The inscription this year is:

20 + C + M + B + 22

“20” and “22” stand for the new year (2022), of course. The plus signs represent the Cross. CMB are the first initials of the traditional names given to the Magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or “May Christ bless the house.”

To mark your home, you will need two things: Chalk that has been blessed by a priest and a prayer. We have small bags of blessed chalk for you at the back of the Basilica this weekend so you can “chalk” your home! As you prepare to mark the front door or porch, say the following:

The Three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior and Balthasar, followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-two years ago. May Christ bless our home and be with us throughout the New Year. Amen.

Then, as you make the marks, offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of Your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of Your love. Grant that we may manifest Your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of You. Guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

HELPING THE BISHOPS PREPARE FOR 2023 SYNOD

Pope Francis has invited Catholics throughout the world to help prepare for the next Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome in **October 2023**. A Synod, from the Greek word “to journey together,” is a gathering of bishops called by the Holy Father to reflect and offer counsel on important pastoral matters in the life of the Church. The theme for the 2023 Synod is: “*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.*” In preparation for that gathering, the Holy Father has asked every Catholic diocese to undertake its own synodal review and discussions.

To that end, Arlington Bishop Michael Burbidge has asked that in-person Listening Sessions be held this spring, February through April, at the local level — in parishes, at universities and schools, at Catholic Charities and at other locations. He adds, “We will also reach out to include those who are no longer active in the faith, and those on the margins of the Church and society, that we may understand what distances them from the Church and how we might accompany them.” The Diocese will collect the results of these sessions and draft a report to submit to the Holy See.

Watch our bulletin and website for details on how to participate in the Listening Sessions. In the meantime, general information can be found at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/synod/>.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2

- 7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
8:30 a.m. — Mary Jean Garris †
10 a.m. — Special Intention: The President
and All Elected Officials
11:30 a.m. — David Benedict †
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Stanislaus
5 p.m. — Dolores Wray †

Monday, January 3

- 6:30 a.m. — Dolores Wray †
8 a.m. — Miriam Brioso †
12:10 p.m. — Lois McClure and Barbara Kunkler †

Tuesday, January 4

- 6:30 a.m. — Daniel Kelleher †
8 a.m. — Dolores Wray †
12:10 p.m. — Susan Felch †

Wednesday, January 5

- 6:30 a.m. — Dolores Wray †
8 a.m. — Cyril Stretansky †
12:10 p.m. — DeAnne Thornton †

Thursday, January 6

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
8 a.m. — Jack Joseph McCullough †
12:10 p.m. — James Skelley Sr. †

Friday, January 7

- 6:30 a.m. — Manny S. Rigo †
8 a.m. — Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Sudder Sr. †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John J. Sheehan

Saturday, January 8

- 8:30 a.m. — George Lynch Sr. †
5 p.m. Vigil — Miriam Santos Forrester †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 2

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 3

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 4

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 5

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 6

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 7

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Brett Cecilia Abizaid, Caleb Pham, Luke Jaxon Porris
and Niccolo Leone Peter Sabatinni

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

D. Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Theresa Aranda,
Marie Boanga, Amado Callao, Maria Campo,
Marianne Coates, John Collins, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis,
Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn,
Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Keara Jenkins,
Ethan Jones, Bob Juszcyk, Bill McCarthy, Geraldine
(Gerry) McGowan, A. Michel, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan,
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

Emma Hayes and Joseph Johnson

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 2 — Rev. Stephen J. Schultz
January 3 — Rev. James R. Searby
January 4 — Rev. Eric L. Shafer
January 5 — Rev. Scott Sina
January 6 — Rev. Charles C. Smith
January 7 — Rev. Jonathan M. Smith
January 8 — Rev. Terry W. Specht (Retired)

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.
Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given
to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?
Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at
michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

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

Marian Holiness

A Women's Retreat

Sunday, January 9, 2022

2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Parish Lyceum, 313 Duke Street



Hosted by Basilica Rector Father Edward Hathaway and led by Sister Joseph Andrew, O.P., of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

The retreat is FREE. No need to register.

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 **January 7, 2022**. 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 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus.** Celebrated in the Church, at least at local levels, since the late 15th century. Commemorates the naming of the child Jesus. Devotion to the Holy Name was promoted by Saint Bernardine of Siena
- **January 4: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious.** Raised Episcopalian; wife, mother of five children. Founded (1812) the Sisters of Charity, first congregation for women religious in the United States, devoted to educating the poor and teaching in parochial schools. First native-born U.S. citizen to be canonized (1975).
- **January 5: Saint John Neumann, Bishop.** Missionary to the United States from Bohemia; became bishop of Philadelphia. Promoter of parochial schools. First U.S. bishop to be canonized (1977).
- **January 6: Saint Andre Bessette, Religious.** Died January 6, 1937, at age 91. A healer and the "Miracle Man of Montreal," where he founded the Oratory of Saint Joseph. More than one million people paid their respects at his death.
- **January 7: Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest.** Died in 1275 at age 99. Second master general of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) after Saint Dominic. Collator of canon law. Patron of canonists and lawyers.

Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: Is it OK for a Catholic to receive communion at a Protestant church service?

A: No, it isn't. Protestant denominations do not share our Catholic belief that the Eucharist truly IS the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. In most Protestant services, the communion wine and wafer are only symbols representing Christ and His ultimate Sacrifice. Catholics believe that the Sacred Host and Precious Blood, when consecrated by the priest, actually become the Body and Blood of Christ.

According to the Code of Canon Law (844), "Catholic ministers [priest, deacon or validly commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion] may licitly administer the sacraments to Catholic members of the Christian faithful only and, likewise, the latter may licitly receive the sacraments only from Catholic ministers." The key term here is "licit." If a Catholic receives communion from a Protestant minister, it is generally considered "illicit" or unlawful.

In addition, when one receives communion, they are making a statement that they are in communion with that particular community and all of their beliefs. Therefore, it would be a scandal for a Catholic to make such a statement in a Protestant church.



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



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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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!

2021-22 YOUTH ANNUAL REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WEBSITE
REGISTER NOW FOR SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON EVENTS!

[Instagram](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) @stmarysyaya

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

Theology on Tap

MONDAY JANUARY 3RD
AT MURPHY'S IRISH PUB

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM



HAPPY 2022 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT APOSTOLATES!

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

All High Schoolers Invited!

Friday Night Hangout

with a special opportunity
and discussion

January 7th | 7:30PM
307 S Royal St



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 from Episode #226 of our Basilica Podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

PTSC serves single Catholics 40+. Meet us for: Twelfth Night Concert at Saint Luke Church (January 9); Thursday lunches (January 13 and 27); tour of National Museum of the U.S. Army (January 15); Mass at Nativity Church/lunch (January 18); and dinner in Kingstowne (January 23). For details, visit bit.ly/ptsc. Questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES

For Young Adults 18-39!

Upcoming Leagues

Registration for BASKETBALL League is now OPEN!

Sundays, January 9 – March 6
at the Basilica School of Saint Mary
Register at www.catholicssports.net!

Men's or Women's Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs if you'd like to join!

Socials

Stay tuned for events coming up! Sign up for our email list at www.catholicssports.net/emailsSignup.

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

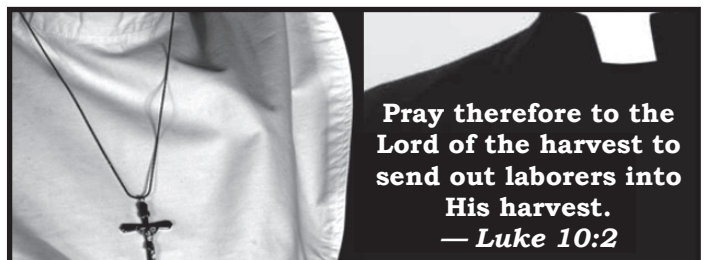
From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society



2021 was a historic year for our Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a year of challenges begun in 2020 and continuing throughout the year. With the generosity of you, our benefactors, we were able to keep many families of our neighbors secure in their homes with water running, heat turned on and stoves ready for cooking hot meals. As we have done in past years, each weekly bulletin this will feature of story we call Mary's Miracles, which is what Our Lady, who watches over our community, performs as we act as her instruments. As we look ahead, please keep in mind that while Alexandria recorded an average of more than one eviction per day last year, 2022 promises an acceleration of evictions as many who fell behind during the past two years have yet to catch up as rents rise. Please help us help these families, our neighbors, find comfort and peace of mind in 2022.

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.



Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.
— Luke 10:2

Families and individuals are invited to participate in a Basilica of Saint Mary initiative to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. You will have the opportunity to host a special crucifix for one week at a time, praying each day for vocations around the world, especially in our parish and diocese.

If you are interested in being a part of our **Vocations Crucifix Program**, sign up at stmaryoldtown.org/vocations-cross.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRIBUTE WREATHS AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY

Our Basilica of Saint Mary Knights of Columbus Fitzgerald Council 459 and Knights Assembly 2204 participated in a massive wreath-laying event on December 18 at Arlington National Cemetery. An estimated 185,000 wreaths were distributed, overall, by various groups and individuals. Our Knights distributed about 6,500 of them.



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

The Basilica of Saint Mary will have two buses for transportation to and from the March. Please plan to participate as we stand up to protect the unborn.

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4da4a929a7f94-2022>

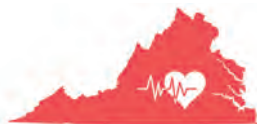
Join Other Virginians for Defending Life Day

Join fellow Virginians in Richmond on **February 9, 2022**, 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 will be provided to make constituent meetings easy and successful.

For more information and to sign up to participate, please visit <https://vaprolifeday.org/>.



JOIN FATHER HATHAWAY & FATHER NOAH ON A PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL & THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

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. Learn more and register at <https://prorometours.com/santiago>.

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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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



FATHER JOSEPH FINOTTI

Priests of the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, were the backbone of the early Saint Mary parish, serving as pastors and parochial vicars here for many decades. One of the most interesting Jesuits to serve as pastor of both Saint Mary parish and its nearby mission church, Saint Ignatius of Loyola Church in Oxon Hill, MD, was Father Joseph Finotti.

Born in Ferrara, Italy, in 1817, he was described as an “independent, bright and somewhat eccentric child.” After running away from his family, he reconciled with them and entered the Society of Jesus in Rome at age 16. His brother, Augustavo Adolfo Finotti, was a Papal Count and Consul of the Pope in Boston. Through his brother’s influence, Father Joseph Finotti joined the Maryland Province of the Jesuits. In 1849, while living in Alexandria and serving at Saint Mary, he also was given charge of the “railroad mission” in Fairfax Station. When he was made pastor of Saint Ignatius in Oxon Hill, he remained at Saint Mary and ferried across the Potomac to serve his new church on the Maryland side of the river.



Father Finotti

Father Finotti was so well liked that, when the bishop eventually moved him from Saint Mary and Saint Ignatius, a large number of parishioners approached the Jesuit Provincial to ask that he remain with them. But to their great disappointment, the bishop could not be persuaded to reverse his decision.

Father Finotti subsequently became editor of the *Boston Pilot*, a leading 19th-century Catholic newspaper. During his years as editor, he also was pastor of two Boson-area churches. Due to ill health, he moved to Colorado in 1877, where he compiled a remarkable anthology of the published works of Catholic writers in America from 1784-1824. His work laid the foundation for subsequent Catholic historians. He was pastor of the Catholic church in Central City, CO, a mining town, from 1877 until his death in 1879.

— Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



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