





January 23, 2022 Third 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

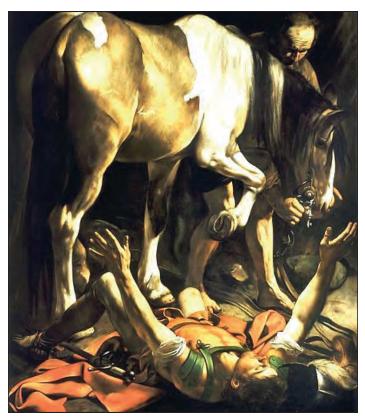
*These Masses are live streamed at www.stmaryoldtown.org

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

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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. <u>Rosary</u> Monday through Friday before 8 a.m. Mass and on Saturday before 8:30 a.m. Mass
<u>Miraculous Medal Novena</u> Monday 12 noon
<u>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u> Wednesday 12:45 to 8:30 p.m.
<u>Adoration with Holy Hour & Benediction</u> Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
<u>First Friday Nocturnal Adoration</u> Friday 9 p.m. until Saturday 8:20 a.m.
<u>Communal First Saturday Devotion</u> 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

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COVER IMAGE: *The Conversion of Saint Paul* by Caravaggio, c. 1601, Cerasi Chapel, Santa Maria del Popolo, Rome

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

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. Over the centuries, a number of remarkable saints have promoted devotion to the Holy Name. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux begged that it be lovingly kept in everyone's heart and reverently uttered on everyone's lips. Saint Bernardine of Siena carried the Holy Name of Jesus on a banner through the streets of Rome.



Saint John of Capistrano won a battle against the Turks in 1456 by commanding his soldiers to repeat the Holy Name of Jesus with adoration and reverence. The Jesuit Order, founded by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, has its feast on January 1, the day Mary's Divine Child received His Holy Name. This month, and always, let us pray for sincere respect for this greatest of all names and make reparation for offenses to it, especially in the entertainment industry.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

For more than 100 years, Christians around the world have joined in a **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, **January 18 to 25** this year. The 2022 theme, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him" (Matthew 2:2), was selected by the Middle East Council of Churches and originates from the churches in Lebanon. Current times in Lebanon are extremely difficult and economically disastrous, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The power of our prayer in solidarity with those suffering in Lebanon, and elsewhere, is a sincere demonstration of Christian unity and a sign of communion.

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL – JANUARY 25

At daily Mass on **Tuesday, January 25**, we read the story of the conversion of Saul/Saint Paul the Apostle. The event led him to cease persecuting early Christians and become a follower of Jesus. It launched his life as a tireless missionary. The Responsorial Psalm on Tuesday repeats Christ's words: "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News" (Mark 16:15). This was Paul's vocation but it is also the vocation of the whole Church and each one of us.

To that end, **today, Sunday, January 23**, we launch our new Institute for Faith & Public Culture at the Basilica of Saint Mary, created to reach out as a beacon of life, light and faith in our community. The Institute's inaugural event is a lecture by Dr. Chad Pecknold, the Institute's Resident Theologian, entitled "Sacred Fire: How the Church's Faith Became Integral to the Ancient City, and Can Become So Again!" We will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by the lecture at 6:30 p.m., both in the parish Lyceum auditorium at 313 Duke Street. (For more information on the Institute, listen to Dr. Pecknold in Episode #291 of our Basilica podcasts at https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/.)

BISHOP BURBIDGE TO CELEBRATE MASS FEBRUARY 12



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 located at 2859 Duke Street. Please join our diocesan shepherd and your fellow Basilica parishioners for a powerful morning of prayer and pro-life witness.

2022 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!

Letters from Bishop Burbidge are on their way to all registered Basilica parishioners, seeking your participation in the 2022 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme this year is: "Do this in remembrance of me." Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. The BLA funds important programs and ministries serving thousands of people in need of spiritual, charitable and educational assistance throughout our diocese. To participate in the BLA, respond to the letter from Bishop Burbidge or make a gift at www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla/.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 23

7 a.m. — Special Intention: Tobias and Mary Naegele and Family 8:30 a.m. — Karen Kinsella ♥ 10 a.m. — Laura Camel ♥ 11:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary 1 p.m. — Nilda Pedrosa ♥ 5 p.m. — Lydia Gorman ♥

Monday, January 24

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Tobias and Mary Naegele and Family 8 a.m. — Sylvia DuVal Adams ⊕ 12:10 p.m. — Palmira Briceno ⊕

Tuesday, January 25

6:30 a.m. — Walter and Mary Kropenski ↔ 8 a.m. — Special Intention: Cassia Manos 12:10 p.m. — Elizabeth Guthrie Ing ↔

Wednesday, January 26

6:30 a.m. — Sister Barbara Wright ♥ 8 a.m. — Karl Owen DuVal ♥ 12:10 p.m. — Jeffrey Petrino ♥

Thursday, January 27

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Kevin Lynch 8 a.m. — Catherine Ann Jones ⊕ 12:10 p.m. — Neville Russell ⊕

Friday, January 28

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Tobias and Mary Naegele and Family 8 a.m. — Jordan H. Sheldon ♥ 12:10 p.m. — Jeffrey Petrino ♥

Saturday, January 29

8:30 a.m. — Theodore Corcoran, DMD, MD ↔ 5 p.m. Vigil — Maria Hernandez de Malca ↔

Readings for the Week

Sunday, January 23 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4 and 4:14-21 Monday, January 24 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday, January 25 Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 Wednesday, January 26 2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:1-20 Thursday, January 27 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25 Friday, January 28 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34 Saturday, January 29 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Natalie Virginia Hale, Charles Callum Meara and Sean Thomas O'Brien

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Suzanne Arnold, Theresa Aranda, Maria Campo, Marianne Coates, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, James Andrew Downey, Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Ethan Jones, Lily Jones, Bob Juszczyk, Tom Mack, Bill McCarthy, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Hank Petruskewic, **Kathryn Phillips**, Pam Rubin, Mimi Shea, Baby Shiller, Noel Tohill, James Joseph Vincent and Jerry Wallmeyer

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Pauline Ruby Christiani, Mary Edwards, Michael Robert Collier and Rose Yonkers

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 23 — Rev. Stephen M. Vaccaro January 24 — Rev. Thomas P. Vander Woude January 25 — Rev. Joseph D. Q. Vu January 26 — Rev. James F. Waalkes January 27 — Rev. Robert J. Wagner January 28 — Rev. Steven R. Walker January 29 — Very Rev. Kevin B. Walsh, VF

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

You are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

<u>Names of the ill</u> are listed for 4 weeks. <u>Names of those</u> <u>actively serving in harm's way</u> (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 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

January 30 5th Sunday Rosary for Increasing Vocations & Second Vespers

The Knights of Columbus and the Basilica Rosary Society invite the parish to join in the 5th Sunday Rosary for Vocations on January 30, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass (approximately 6:05 p.m.). The assembly also will pray Second Vespers for that Sunday. We have been asked, as well, to pray for the purification of the Church and for an end to the pandemic.

The next 5th Sunday Rosary will be on <u>May 29</u>. Please mark your calendars as we come together to seek the intervention of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For more information, please contact Bill Beach, Basilica Rosary Society, 571.527.7772, or wbeachkoc459@gmail.com.

Liturgical Calendar This Week

— January 24: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church. Died in 1622. Bishop of Geneva. Sought to bring many back to the church through his personal life, sermons and writings, including his famous *Introduction to the Devout Life*. Co-founder with Saint Jane Frances de Chantal of the Visitation Order; patron of writers, journalists and the deaf.

— January 25: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle. Commemorates the conversion of Paul, a Pharisee, who became the "Apostle of the Gentiles."

— January 26: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops. Timothy, from Lystra in Asia Minor, and Titus, of Greek origin, were 1st century companions of Saint Paul. Overseers of the churches of Ephesus and Crete, respectively. Recipients of the so-called pastoral epistles.

— January 27: Saint Angela Merici, Virgin. Founded the Company of Saint Ursula, 1535, in Brescia, Italy, to educate girls. Later came the Order of Ursulines, with sites of learning worldwide, most notably in North America.

— January 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church. Died in 1274; Order of Preachers. The "Angelic Doctor" who wrote the *Summa Theologiae*, the *Adoro te devote*, *O salutaris*, *Tantum ergo* and *Pange* lingua. Patron of Catholic schools, colleges and universities.

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 on <u>February 4.</u> 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 for an hour or more of adoration or for more information about Nocturnal Adoration, contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.



Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: Why does the priest drop a piece of the consecrated Host into the chalice during the Lamb of God?

A: At that moment in the Mass, the priest breaks off a tiny piece of the Sacred Host and drops it into the chalice. He prays, "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."

This action represents the unity of the Sacrament: The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus is truly and fully present in both the Precious Blood in the Chalice and the Sacred Host on the paten.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

QUO VADIS DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR <u>HIGH SCHOOL BOYS</u>

Get a foretaste of the Arlington Diocese Quo Vadis Camp while preparing for Lent. Join Fr. Michael Isenberg, Director of Vocations, and seminarians of the diocese, for a day of fellowship, prayer and fun. <u>Saturday, February 26</u>, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Deadline to register is <u>Monday, February 21</u>. Sponsored by the Arlington Diocese Office of Vocations. Find more information at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis.

FIAT DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR <u>HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS</u>

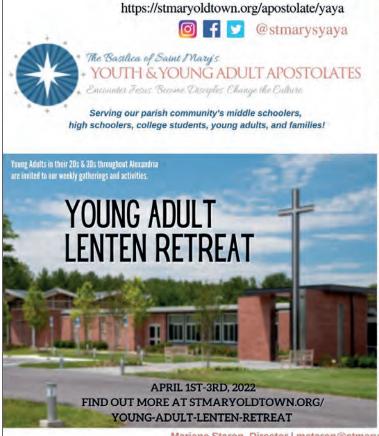
Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist for a day of reflection for high school girls, modeled after the Arlington Diocese FIAT Camp. <u>Sunday, February 27</u>. Mass and adoration with fun activities and talks from the sisters. It's also a great way to prepare for Lent. Deadline to register is <u>Monday, February 21</u>. Sponsored by the Arlington Office of Vocations. Find more information at ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.



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 to make it happen: **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**. <u>All adult volunteers must be OPCYP compliant</u>.

For more information or to help, contact Mariane Staron, Director of Youth & Young Adult Apostolates at mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org or 703.836.4100.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 28TH LYCEUM AUDITORIUM

MORE INFO AND TICKETS AT HTTPS://STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/ YOUNG-ADULT-JEOPARDY-NIGHT/

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FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES Upcoming Leagues

DOOR SOCCER – Sundays, March 20 to May 6, at The Basilica School of Saint Mary Gym <u>REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 6</u> REGISTER TODAY at 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/emailsignup

If you have any questions or would like to connect, email catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org or text Helena at 540-551-2271

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

<u>Monday, February 27 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</u> 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.

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Mary's Miracles (cont.) Tim's drug problems had cost him his job and his family. Following successful drug rehabilitation, he was moved to the city-run shelter on Mill Road that houses addicts, battered women and



other tough cases. We sat down with Tim as he told us his life story, praying with him as he had learned to do when he hit bottom. We outlined a way forward for him and he broke down, wondering how the shelter knew to call us. Mary clearly led us to him, one of her wounded children, providing comfort and healing. Tim is now working, feeling reborn. Please help us help those like Tim who have given up on life but now find meaning and hope.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 22/23 is for the Church in Latin America

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 tsuthar@comcast.net.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE VIDEO FROM BISHOP BURBIDGE

The Arlington Diocese is in the midst of a three-year preparation period to celebrate its Jubilee Anniversary in 2024. Please check out a wonderful Jubilee overview from Bishop Michael Burbidge at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwOOiY8pugk.

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE BASILICA PRAYER CHAIN

The Basilica of Saint Mary has started a prayer chain. To place a request for prayer, please go to www.stmaryoldtown.org/prayer-chain-requests to complete and submit a form so a group of Saint Mary parishioners can pray for your request.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



KNEELERS BEING REPLACED 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. (Our regular 6 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Basilica.) Also, there will be no Holy Hour in the Basilica on Wednesday, January 26.

Thank you for your patience during this upgrade!

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 (\$5 per person, \$15 per family). Check our parish website at www.stmaryoldtown.org for more 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 pil-

grimage 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://prorometours.com/santiago.



FRANCISCAN MONASTERY TOUR GUIDES

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC, is looking for Tour Guide Volunteers to lead visitors on tours of their historic church, which includes replicas of Holy Land shrines and Roman catacombs set amid beautiful architecture and gardens. They especially need help on Saturdays. Volunteers should enjoy working with people and speaking to both small and large groups. If you are interested, please contact tours@myfranciscan.com or call 202.526.6800, extension 364. For information about the Monastery, please visit www.myfranciscan.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/.

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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

FROM THE ARCHIVES of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish since its founding in 1795

A periodic look at the history



SAINT MARY'S STAINED **GLASS WINDOWS.** Part 4

Continuing our look at the large stained glass windows in the Basilica nave (main section), we find two beautiful depictions of saints on the north wall, on your left as you face the statue of Saint Joseph in the sanctuary.



Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Michael the Archangel. The window depicting Saint Vincent de Paul (1580-1660), Patron Saint of the Poor, was donated by the family of Michael A. Ahern, son of Irish immigrants and well-known Alexandria businessman and philanthropist. During the Spanish Influenza epidemic of 1918, Ahern was the largest contributor to a fundraising drive to help indigent citizens pay for hospital bills or burial costs. He was an active member of the parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society and left most of his estate to the Society and other charities. His former grocery store at the corner of Prince and West Streets is today

Christ House and the Catholic Charities clothing store. The Saint Michael half of the window reflects the fact that Ahern's baptismal name was Michael. The archangel is holding a sword with a flame, representing his role as our protector against the "wickedness and snares of the devil."

Saint Bridget and Saint Patrick. These two well-known Irish saints (both lived circa 400-500 AD), are depicted in

this prominent location in the center of the nave. Saint Patrick converted the Irish to Christianity; Saint Bridget founded a convent so many young girls could become nuns. This window was given to our parish church by the family of Denis and Ellen Buttimore, Irish immigrants from County Cork. The 1880 Alexandria city directory lists Denis Buttimore as a laborer, living at 112 North Patrick Street. In 1895, he is listed as a watchman. He died in 1897. — Adapted from official documents submitted to the Vatican to support the designation of Saint Mary as a Basilica



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