



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



January 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar
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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: *The Baptism of Christ* by Bartolome Esteban
Murillo, c. 1655, Staatliche Museen, Berlin

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

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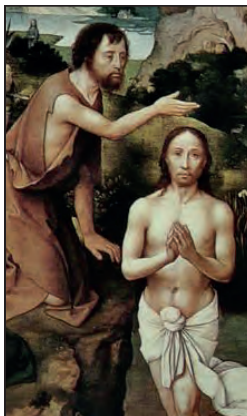
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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, JANUARY 9



Today, **Sunday, January 9**, our Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. With His baptism in the Jordan River by Saint John the Baptist, Jesus entered into His public ministry. John was the man who proclaimed Christ as the Lamb of God, whose way he had prepared, and the Triune nature of the Godhead was revealed.

At Christ's baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our baptism, the Trinity made its home in our soul. At His baptism, Christ was proclaimed the Beloved Son of the Father; at our baptism, we became the adopted sons and daughters of God. At His baptism, Jesus prayed; after our baptism, we must pray to avoid sin.

Christ, of course, was free of all sin and did not need to be baptized. Rather, He was baptized “to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of baptism,” according to Saint Ambrose of Milan. Through the merits Christ gained for us at His baptism, our own baptism cleanses us of all sin, including Original Sin and any sin we may have committed up until that moment.

Do you know your baptism date? Do you know the name of the priest or deacon who baptized you? If not, ask your parents or other family members or family friends who were there. Or contact the church where you were baptized to ask them to check their records. Your baptism is a milestone to be celebrated with great joy each year. After all, it's the day you became a child of God!

ORDINARY TIME BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 10

The liturgical cycle of the Church divides the calendar year into seasons, each with its own tone and theological emphasis. These seasons can be signified by different ways of decorating a church, lectionary readings, themes for preaching and the colors of the vestments worn by the clergy.

Tomorrow, **Monday, January 10**, we begin “Ordinary Time” in the liturgical cycle and the priests will wear green vestments. Ordinary Time is the period outside other major seasons (Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas). In Latin, it is called *Tempus Per Annum* or “time throughout the year.” Ordinary Time now continues through Tuesday, March 1, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It resumes when the Easter season ends on Monday, June 6, the day following Pentecost Sunday.

Ordinary Time is far from ordinary. During the “green” weeks, the Gospel readings we hear at Mass help us enter more deeply into the life and teachings of Christ. Reflecting on the readings and following Him in our daily lives throughout the year can guide us to make the ordinary truly extraordinary.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW BASILICA OF SAINT MARY INSTITUTE FOR FAITH & PUBLIC CULTURE

On **Sunday, January 23**, we will launch our new Institute for Faith & Public Culture with a lecture by Dr. Chad Pecknold, the Institute's Resident Theologian. Learn more about the Institute and Dr. Pecknold's lecture on page 9.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9

7 a.m. — Flor Wepez
8:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
10 a.m. — Mildred Arico
11:30 a.m. — Shari Fronzaglia †
1 p.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the Kabore Family
5 p.m. — Jeffrey P. Petrino †

Monday, January 10

6:30 a.m. — Joe Wachner †
8 a.m. — John T. O'Donnell †
12:10 p.m. — Donald Nash Smyles †

Tuesday, January 11

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Alanna Hartford
8 a.m. — Loretta Carberry †
12:10 p.m. — Eileen Tolan

Wednesday, January 12

6:30 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
8 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John Harchick

Thursday, January 13

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Quinlan Byrne
8 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
12:10 p.m. — Neville Russell †

Friday, January 14

6:30 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
8 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
12:10 p.m. — Neville Russell †

Saturday, January 15

8:30 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino †
5 p.m. Vigil — David Power †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 9

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday, January 10

1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 11

1 Sm 1:9-20; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 12

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 13

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 14

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 15

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19 and 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 13-17

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Kelton Michael Binder and Sarah Lynn Gallegos

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, **Donna Eclipse**, Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Keara Jenkins, Ethan Jones, Bob Juszczyk, 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

Ronald Gasper and Sheila Sheehan Rohrbach

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 9 — Rev. Daniel S. Spychala
January 10 — Rev. Terrence R. Staples
January 11 — Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski
January 12 — Very Rev. Michael G. Taylor, VF
January 13 — Rev. Lawrence B. Terrien, SS
January 14 — Rev. Gregory Thompson
January 15 — Rev. Christopher F. Tipton

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice.

Do you feel the Lord calling you to consider becoming 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

Marian Holiness

A Women's Retreat

Originally scheduled for
Sunday, January 9
IS CANCELED!

Liturgical Calendar This Week

January 9: The Baptism of the Lord. Christ humbles Himself to receive John's baptism of repentance, not to be purified but to purify each of us.

January 13: Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Married, convert from paganism. Bishop of Poitiers in 353 during the Arian heresy. Exiled to Turkey for defending the orthodox faith. Known for his work, *On the Trinity*, and his commentaries on the Psalms and Matthew's Gospel. Declared a Doctor of the Church in 1851.



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!

HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE
Available at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese

Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: Is my confession valid if I don't remember exactly how many times I committed a particular sin?

A: It depends. The important thing is not just to remember the number of times but to be truly sorry for all sins committed by confessing everything you can remember, to the best of your ability. You also must intend to do better, avoid situations that might lead you to sin again and then, right away, perform any penance given by the priest.

The venerable old *Baltimore Catechism* tells us: "If we cannot remember the number of our sins, we should tell the number as nearly as possible, and say how often we may have sinned in a day, a week, or a month, and how long the habit or practice has lasted." (Q792)

On the other hand, if you purposely omit confessing a serious sin or purposely do not tell the priest how often that sin occurred, then the confession is not valid. As the old saying goes, "God will not heal what we do not reveal." (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1456)



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.

FORMED

Study | Watch | Listen | Read

A **FREE**, comprehensive, online library of ongoing Catholic faith formation resources for the entire family is available for all Basilica parishioners at <https://stmaryoldtown.formed.org>.

<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!

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

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

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

All high school girls invited

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB

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

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

WEDNESDAYS | 7PM TO 9PM
YOUTH HOUSE | 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 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/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

Mary's Miracles. The afternoon of December 16, our cars lined up next to the Basilica School of Saint Mary, ready to pick up gifts provided by the children and parents to be distributed to families we had identified. One could feel the spirit at the school as Christmas approached and the goodwill echoing in the corridors. We packed the carefully wrapped presents in our vehicles and set off with our 4, 6 or 8 reindeer-power engines to make our rounds. As we arrived at homes and kids raced to the door, we could hear their squeals of delight as their parents smiled. Christmas would be a joyous one, thanks to the generosity of all the angels who walk those school corridors every day. We wish joy and blessings for our school kids, parents and administrators for this special season and for all of 2022.



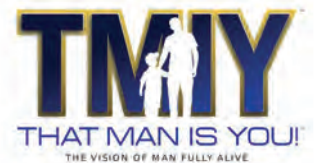
POOR BOX

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.

THAT MAN IS YOU BEGINS NEW PROGRAM!

Ready to kickstart your new year? Wherever you are in your spiritual life, Jesus Christ wants to encounter you right there and take you further. That Man Is You (TMIY) is a men's group that meets **every Saturday morning** and has helped thousands of men across the country become better sons, fathers, husbands and friends. We start again on **January 15** with an exciting program designed for both newcomers and past participants. If you would like to learn more now, please check <https://stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/TMIY/>



MORNINGS OF MERCY

Join other members of the Arlington Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. Each morning includes Mass, a talk and Benediction. Mornings of Mercy retreats are led by Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, pastor at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The retreats are free. To participate in a retreat, please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy/. The next retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, February 5**, at Saint Timothy Catholic Church in Chantilly, VA, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

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 from 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, contact Monica Favela at skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org.



2Minutes2Virtue

Get closer to Jesus through Sunday reflections by the priests of our Arlington Diocese. Sign up by texting **2m2v** to **84576** or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue.

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.

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

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://prorometours.com/santiago>.

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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>.

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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

FROM THE ARCHIVES

*A periodic look at the history
of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish
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BOB McCASLIN

For many years, Robert “Bob” McCaslin (1917-2014) was among Saint Mary’s most dedicated volunteers. A devout, 60-year member of the parish, Bob had been a special agent with the FBI. After he retired, he kept busy by renovating and remodeling houses in Alexandria. Bob and his wife, Wanda Larson McCaslin, lived on the 200 block of South Fairfax Street, just a block from the parish rectory. Wanda was a Saint Mary parish secretary for many years before her death in 1994.



Bob’s expertise in construction served him well as president of Saint Mary’s Saint Vincent de Paul Society, which renovated and maintained a number of houses in the parish for the poor. He also served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and lector here for many years. He was a member of the parish council and helped with many church fundraising campaigns. He helped found Bishop Ireton High School and was actively involved there and at Saint Mary School.



No matter what the pastor needed, he could always rely on Bob to help. One humorous incident involved a favor requested by Father Leo Massei, Saint Mary’s pastor from 1959 to 1965. The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, the religious sisters whose convent occupied one of the brick townhouses across the street from the church, told Father Massei their roof was leaking onto a sister’s bed! Father Massei immediately dispatched Bob to check it out. While Bob was there, he also took a look at the rest of the house to see if anything else needed to be repaired. He discovered the rubber gasket around their refrigerator door was missing. Father Massei told him to go to Sears and buy them a nice, new refrigerator. When Bob returned to the convent to tell the sisters the good news, their first reaction was surprising. They were thrilled, of course, but they had been using the faulty appliance as their kitchen nightlight! When the new refrigerator arrived, the ever-resourceful Bob McCaslin brought them a new nightlight from Murphy’s dime store on King Street. – *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*



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