

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

July 18, 2021
The Sixteenth 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
Mr. Jordan Evans, Seminarian

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

All 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

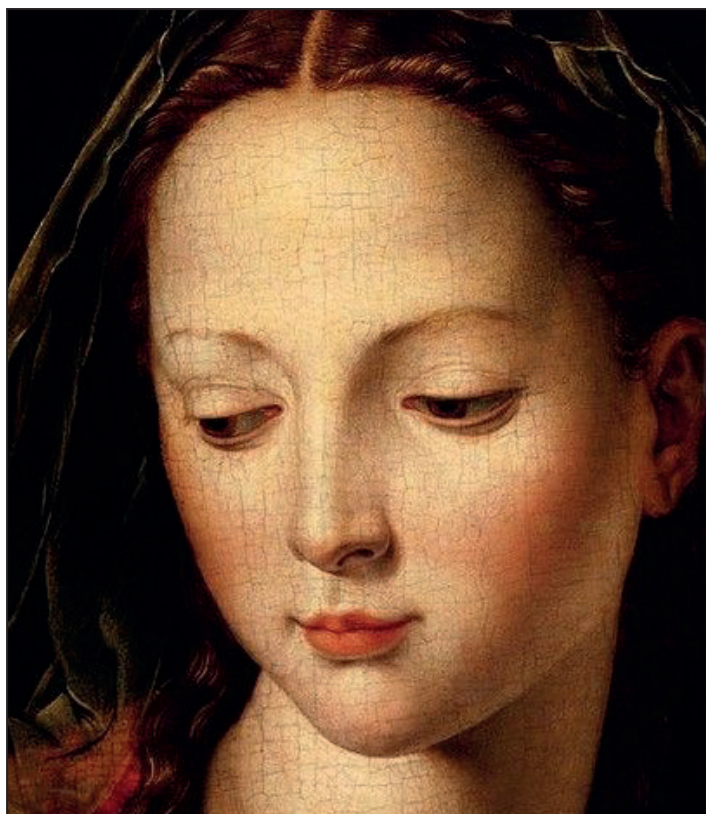
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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 7:30 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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Mr. Daniel Cinalli, Principal

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CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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Christ House	Julie Howard	juliehowardmom@aol.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	Jim Larocco	rocca-rocco@usa.net
Sunrise Retirement Home	Father Nicholas	fnicholas@stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100
Woodbine Rehabilitation Center	Judy Klesius	703.836.1777
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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

NEW FACES AT THE BASILICA!

We welcome three new faces to the Basilica staff this month:
Carlos Briceño, Clarence Lyles and Susan Gray Sheehan.



**Carlos Briceño is our new Director of Communica-
tions and Evangelization.** A veteran Catholic journal-
ist born in New York City, Carlos has worked for major
national news organizations, including *The New York
Times* and National Public Radio. After working in the
secular media, he chose to work for Catholic organiza-
tions to better integrate his faith life with his work life.
He has done freelance work for Catholic news entities
including *Our Sunday Visitor*, *National Catholic Regis-
ter*, *The Deacon* and Vatican Radio, and was bureau
chief for a diocesan newspaper in the Diocese of Saint

Petersburg. Most recently, he was the founding editor of *Christ Is Our
Hope*, the magazine for the Diocese of Joliet. He also is a veteran podcast
producer. Because his wife and daughter have terminal illnesses, he ex-
plains he has surrendered to God and seeks His Divine Providence and
Will in the sacrament of the present moment. He is also a prayer warrior,
so don't be surprised when he offers to pray for you or your family!

**Clarence Lyles is our Donor Relations and Data-
base Administrator for the Office Stewardship,**

a new staff position. He will be working closely with
Anne Mathis, Director of Stewardship and Special
Projects for both the parish and school. In support
of our ongoing school and parish fundraising activi-
ties, Clarence will help manage data information,
campaign and special gifts donor acknowledgments
and interface with donors. He comes to us with
many years of experience managing databases for
both private businesses and non-profit organiza-
tions. He also has been a middle school teacher
and is a certified personal trainer. Originally from
Frederick, MD, Clarence now lives in Fairfax, VA.



**Susan Gray Sheehan is our new Assistant
Director of Religious Education.**

A native of Cleve-
land, OH, Susan lives in Fairfax County with her
husband, Joseph (her in-laws were married at Saint
Mary). They have 29 nieces and nephews and are
godparents to several. She served most recently with
the Religious Education Program at Queen of Apos-
tles in Alexandria and also supported their adult faith
formation/RCIA Program in English and Spanish.
She says she finds great joy in accompanying
students, parents and adults in learning about the
Catholic faith and their desire to live and love the



sacraments. Previously, she worked at Divine Mercy Care where she led
donor relations, accounting, social media, fundraising and community
outreach activities. Susan received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, and earned a Masters in Educa-
tion with a concentration in Adult Education, Curriculum and Instruction,
from George Mason University in Fairfax.

Please join me in welcoming Carlos, Clarence and Susan
to our Basilica of Saint Mary family!

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 18

- 7 a.m. — William G. McMurtrie †
8:30 a.m. — William Menda †
10 a.m. — Robert W. Kane †
11:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
1 p.m. — Margaret Duhanel †
5 p.m. — John McGurn †

Monday, July 19

- 6:30 a.m. — Alejandro Manuel Perez †
8 a.m. — Dr. Joseph Braddock †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: The Solsma Family

Tuesday, July 20

- 6:30 a.m. — Nick Tierney †
8 a.m. — Ken Gabriel †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: The Otero Family

Wednesday, July 21

- 6:30 a.m. — Richard Bennett †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Tobias Naegele
12:10 p.m. — Robert Bell †

Thursday, July 22

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Julio Eden
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Seth Wheeland
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Guillerma Terrible

Friday, July 23

- 6:30 a.m. — Mildred Coe Huffman †
8 a.m. — Dr. Joseph Braddock †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: The Federle Family

Saturday, July 24

- 8:30 a.m. — Barbara Manos †
5 p.m. — Chris Wallace †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 18

Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Monday, July 19

Ex 14:5-18; (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 20

Ex 14:21—15:1; (Ps) Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 21

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 22

Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday, July 23

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 24

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

James Alexander Bickley, Julian George Maguire,
Charlotte Elena Pede Monje and Isaac Kuhn Rogers

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, **Sr. Barbara Dawson**, Dietrick Dollak, Jean Edwards, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Sean P. Kocourek, Peggy Lee, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Jeanne Maday, Bud Miles, Jeff Neisse, Terry Nunan, Maritza Occasio, Jeffrey Petrino, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Noel Tohill, Jerry Wallmeyer and Maddison Wingert

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Virginia Esther Masse

PRAY FOR THOSE ACTIVELY SERVING IN HARM'S WAY, INCLUDING

Alex Deerr, Tim Galginaitis, Kaylyn E. Krzemien, Nathan Martins, Sara McAlpin, Mitchell Mehaffey, Vincent P. Pensyl, Ryan Rickley, David Alejandro Sandoval, Patrick Tuccillo, Josh Villeneuve and those serving in law enforcement, as firefighters and as emergency first responders

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

July 18 — Rev. Thomas P. Vander Woude

July 19 — Rev. Joseph D.Q. Vu

July 20 — Rev. Robert J. Wagner

July 21 — Rev. Steven R. Walker

July 22 — Rev. James F. Waalkes

July 23 — Very Rev. Kevin B. Walsh, VF

July 24 — Rev. Jason Weber

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Will you respond to the needs of Christ's sheep as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

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 JULY

Social Friendship. We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Year of Saint Joseph

The Almighty has concentrated in Saint Joseph, as in a Sun of unrivalled luster, the combined light and splendor of all the other saints.

– Saint Gregory of Nanzianzen



MONTHLY NOCTURNAL ADORATION



Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during the Basilica of Saint Mary's monthly Nocturnal Adoration on the **first Friday of each month**, beginning at 9 p.m. and ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday. **Adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday will be

August 6. Vocal prayers during Adoration follow recitation of the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament*, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. To sign up or to learn more about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.

BASILICA ROSARY SOCIETY

The Basilica of Saint Mary Rosary Society provides resources to help the faithful grow in their love of our Lord, the Blessed Mother, the rosary and the Church. The Society executes this mission by connecting parish members with parish organizations that pray the rosary (particularly the Daily Rosary Group), planning and managing spiritual retreats and the Fifth Sunday Rosary for Vocations (next is August 29), and sponsoring seminars and presentations on our faith by prominent spiritual leaders. The Society meets as a community at least once a quarter after the Fifth Sunday Rosary is prayed. Participation in is open to any Catholic, regardless of parish affiliation.

More information at

<https://stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/basilica-rosary-society/>
or contact Bill Beach
at wbeachkoc459@gmail.com

Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: Monastery, convent, friary....what's the difference?

A: A monastery (from the Greek *monzein*, to live alone) is a place where religious men (monks) or women (nuns) live in seclusion. Theirs is a cloistered, contemplative life of work and prayer, mostly in silence and with very limited access to the outside world. How cloistered the group is depends on the religious order or community and the intent of the founder who started it. Here in Alexandria, strictly cloistered Poor Clare nuns live at Mary, Mother of the Church Monastery, near Saint Louis Church.

A convent is generally home to religious women who are not cloistered and are more involved with the outside, secular world. The word convent comes from the Latin *conventus* meaning assembly. (Women who live in convents are technically known as "sisters" rather than "nuns.") The sisters typically live and pray together in the convent but work outside in schools, hospitals, etc. For example, the Daughters of Saint Paul who operate the Pauline Books and Media Center here in Old Town Alexandria live in a convent.

A friary (from the Latin *frater*, meaning brother) is generally the male version of the convent. It provides a place where religious men (brothers and priests) live, work and pray together.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUMMER FAITH & FUN!

Once again this summer, the Office of Religious Education and Office of the Youth and Young Adult Apostolates are hosting our Family Summer Program to engage the whole family all summer.

Our Family Summer Program events and activities will offer all Basilica of Saint Mary parishioners an opportunity to engage in service, to learn new things about the faith, to share fellowship with one another and, above all, to grow closer to Christ.

Learn more at

<https://stmaryoldtown.org/family-summer-program/>
Or contact Family Summer Program Intern Daniel Sabia at dsabia@stmaryoldtown.org

NEW — SATURDAY PLAY GROUP!

Saint Mary's Play Group is adding a monthly **Saturday** play date!

Our **Monday** morning play dates will resume once schools are in session.

We welcome moms and caregivers of young children

and meet at local play areas.

Please email saintmarystots@gmail.com for more information.

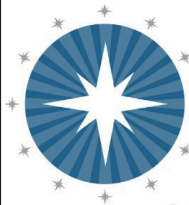


You can find a **FREE**, comprehensive, online library of Catholic resources for the entire family at <https://stmaryoldtown.formed.org>

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Study | Watch | Listen | Read

<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!

Blessed Sacrament, St. Rita's and the Basilica of Saint Mary presents...

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB

Next meeting: July 20th at 7PM
Lycium Auditorium

DIOCESAN KINGS DOMINION TRIP

FRIDAY, JULY 23RD

ALL RISING 9TH GRADE TEENS THROUGH RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE INVITED

REGISTER: [HTTPS://STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/HIGH-SCHOOL-KINGS-DOMINION-21](https://stmaryoldtown.org/high-school-kings-dominion-21)

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

CONTACT ARRAGON PERRONE FOR LOCATION UPDATES

Arragon Perrone, Director | aperrone@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3024
Mariane Staron, Assistant Director | mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3030

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Anna, whom we introduced last week, will be working at a hospital in patient relations. Her compelling, un-daunted optimism and sweet smile will bring comfort to so many. When we concluded our meeting with her at her modest apartment with hugs all around, we prayed this special Vincentian prayer: "God, our Father, thank you for this visit and the opportunity to meet with our neighbors. Lord, you know each of us. You know us from the day we were born, you know our hearts, our needs and everything about us. You told us that you will never leave us and forsake us. You ask us to seek and we shall find, knock and the door will be opened, ask and it shall be given. We are asking today for each of our needs, some spoken and some in our hearts. Please Lord, walk with us and give us your strength in our worries and difficulties." Come join us and pray together with our neighbors in need. Contact Jim Larocco at rocca-rocco@usa.net



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MEETING
Are you Irish? Do you enjoy assisting the community and the parish? Do you enjoy learning about and promoting Irish culture? The **Ancient Order of Hibernians** is seeking Irish-Catholic men to join our Herbert-Cady Division in Old Town, Alexandria, in keeping with our motto of "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity." The AOH will meet on **August 16**, at 7:30 p.m., upstairs at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub, 713 King Street. If you wish to join the group, contact Division Recruiter Joe Castillo at jc305@evansville.edu.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO TEACH!

Education and Workforce Development of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington is seeking teachers, co-teachers and tutors for ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages), Citizenship, GED Prep and Workforce Development. Volunteers are being accepted for in-person classes and online! In-person classes will be in Manassas and Sterling starting in August; online classes start in September. There is a constant, ongoing need for online tutors. Training, the curriculum and resources are provided. No second language necessary! If you are interested, call Education and Workforce Development at 571.208.1572 or email volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN IS ONLINE
at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/bulletin/>

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

Serves single Catholics 40 and over. Join us for the Ghana Community Mass at Queen of Apostles Church (**July 25**); and walk at Glade Pool Recreation Area in Reston (**July 31**). For details, visit bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

CHRIST HOUSE THRIFT SHOP

Catholic Charities Christ House Thrift Shop volunteers needed three hours per week on **Thursdays and Fridays**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Interested? Contact aniliza.juan@ccda.net.

MEALS ON WHEELS

A life-sustaining program that allows seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop, or who have difficulty preparing a meal, to have two healthy meals a day delivered to their homes, 365 days a year, including holidays. To learn whether you are eligible to receive subsidized meals offered through the Alexandria Division of Aging and Adult Services, call 703.746.5999. Don't qualify? SSA offers a direct-pay Meals on Wheels program at only \$10 a day. Both programs serve the same food. A minimum of three days a week is required. For more information or to refer a senior, please call 703.836.4414, ext. 112, or email mealsonwheels@seniorservicesalex.org



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES

Upcoming Leagues

Registration for Outdoor Volleyball
Season 2 is CLOSED.

Stay tuned for our first Ultimate Frisbee league
starting in September!

For more information, visit www.catholicsports.net!

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs

(catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org)

if you'd like to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study!

Socials

Stay tuned for our first social events coming up!

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



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.



MONSIGNOR STEPHENS' HEARING AIDS!



Monsignor Edward L. Stephens, pastor at Saint Mary from 1943 to 1959, did not believe the parish needed a large number of different social organizations. When his young assistant priests would suggest an organization he did not want to bother with, the good Monsignor pretended he could not hear them, fiddled with his hearing aids and repeatedly asked, "What did you say?" The younger priests presumed "the boss" didn't hear them and eventually gave up. Monsignor Stephens told his colleagues it took the assistants at least a year to catch on to his trickery.

But he was outsmarted one time. In 1958, an elderly parishioner went over the pastor's head and wrote to Pope John XXIII to complain there were no activities in the parish for older people. The Vatican Secretary of State sent the request on to Monsignor Stephens, who obligingly organized the parish Golden Age Club!

– Kitty Guy, Parish Historian

SEEKING REPARATION FOR RACISM

The Saint Katharine Drexel Society, a Saint Mary parish apostolate, 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.** 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. For more information, contact Monica Favela at sksdsociety@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.

Get the Truth about the Equality Act
Go to arlingtondiocese.org/equalityact
to learn about the dangerous implications of the Equality Act and what you can do to help stop its passage.

Saints on the Calendar This Week

July 20. Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr. 1st century. Early accounts report he was ordained bishop by Saint Peter himself and sent as a missionary bishop to Ravenna, Italy, in the reign (41-54 AD) of the emperor Claudius. Renowned for his power to heal in the name of Christ; exiled, tortured, imprisoned and ultimately martyred for the faith.

July 21. Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Capuchin friar, linguist, military chaplain, diplomat and minister general. Fifteen volumes of his writings are extant. Died in 1619.

July 22. Saint Mary Magdalene. 1st century. Healed of possession; disciple of Jesus and present at His crucifixion. In Mark, the first to witness to the risen Lord, hence called the "Apostle of the Apostles." Almost universally agreed today that her being identified as the sinful woman of Lk 7:36-50 is unfounded. Patroness of the Order of Preachers.

July 23. Saint Bridget, Religious. Died in 1373 in Rome. Born in Sweden, mother of eight. Mystic, prophet, founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior ("Bridgetines"). Sought to end the luxury and dissipation of the Avignon papacy and returning the pope to Rome. Patroness of Sweden. With Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and Saint Catherine of Siena, declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1999.

July 24. Saint Sharbel Makhlof, Priest. Born in 1828 in a small mountain village in north Lebanon; became a Maronite rite monk; ordained a priest in 1859. Devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary; spent his last 23 years as a hermit. Taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice and prayer by the life he lived. Possessed the gift of performing miracles even during his lifetime. Died in 1898. Canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1977. Known as the "Hermit of Lebanon."

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY REFLECTION



Father Joseph Townsend, Parochial Vicar at the Basilica of Saint Mary, offered a reflection on the Transfiguration during our Communal First Saturday for July.

As part of our Communal First Saturdays, one of our Saint Mary priests reflects on a Mystery of the Rosary on the first Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. This reflection by Father Joseph on the Fourth Luminous Mystery was recorded on July 3.

Learn more about our Communal First Saturdays and listen to all of our previous rosary reflections at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/communal-first-saturdays/>

F3

FRATERNITY/FITNESS/FAITH

Father David has started a new men's group at the Basilica called F3 — Fraternity, Fitness and Faith.

The group meets in front of the Basilica every Saturday at 5 a.m.

All men of the parish are invited to attend. The men work out for roughly 45 minutes, led by a different member of the group each week, and finish with prayer.

DAY OF HEALING & PRAYER

The Arlington Diocese sponsors post-abortion healing retreats for women in English and Spanish. *An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing* for women who have experienced abortion will be held **Saturday, September 25**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For additional information and confidential registration, contact Project Rachel Ministry by calling 703.841.2504 or emailing info@helpafterabortion.org.

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A Front Royal native, Helena was a student athlete at Christendom College before becoming a sports missionary in Northern Virginia. Catholic Sports is a growing national faith-based ministry that builds authentic community by organizing sports leagues. You can learn more about this ministry at www.catholicsports.net

This podcast, and our complete podcast archive featuring additional talks and interviews, is located at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com>. Basilica of Saint Mary Podcasts also are available for download on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

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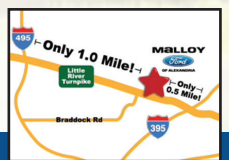
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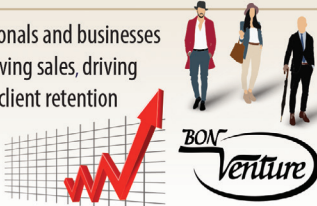
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