



July 24, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, Parochial Vicar Rev. Peter J. Clem, YA, Parochial Vicar Rev. Noah C. Morey, In Residence Msgr. Michael Morgan, Assisting Rev. Robert Monagle, USAF, Assisting

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Check our website for information on which Masses are currently being live streamed

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 (There will be no Traditional Latin Mass in July)

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 six 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)
400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Mr. Robert Loia, Principal
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COVER IMAGE: Detail from painting of Saint Joachim embracing Saint Anne at the Golden Door, by Giotto di Bondone (1266-1337)

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

PRAYER & WORSHIP		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30 -7:30 p.m. Wed.	Maureen Breiner	tb5va@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	Marietta Bernot	svdp @stmaryoldtown.org
Sunrise Retirement Home	Father Joseph	frjoseph @stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100
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EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION			
Adult Faith Formation, CCD, RCIA	Hilary Munger	hmunger @stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100 x 3033	
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To learn more about our parish apostolates, please visit www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate.



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Oremus pro invicem "Let us pray for each other"

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

In 2021, Pope Francis instituted a new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to occur on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the July 26 Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.

The Holy Father is dedicating this year's celebration "to the importance of inviting older people to contribute to building a better world." He selected Psalms 92:15, "They shall bear fruit even in old age" as the theme for 2022, noting that the elderly "should be cared for like a treasure of humanity; they are our wisdom, our memory."

Pope Francis has permitted a plenary indulgence, under the usual circumstances, to those who participate in a solemn celebration of this day and to those who spend time with an elderly person in need.

Here at the Basilica of Saint Mary, we are honoring our grandparents and elders in several ways, including my latest cooking video to help you prepare a special meal (hint: it's pizza time!) with a grandparent or elder. To view the cooking video, visit our parish website at www.stmaryoldtown.org.

We also are offering Masses of Thanksgiving this weekend in gratitude and admiration for our grandparents and special elders:

5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, July 23. Barbara Juszczyk, leader of our Saints Anne and Joachim Society, will provide a brief reflection after Mass. A wine-and-cheese reception will follow in the Lyceum.

8:30 a.m. Children's Mass on Sunday, July 24. Children attending the Mass will join me in blessing our grandparents and elderly relatives and friends – donuts, coffee and juice will follow in the Parish Courtyard.

10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 24. This Mass will include a special blessing and an opportunity to learn more about our Saints Anne and Joachim Society. Doughnuts, coffee and juice follow in the Parish Courtyard.

(Our new Basilica of Saint Mary School principal, Robert Loia, also will be speaking after our 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses this weekend to introduce himself to all of you.)

I also encourage you to enjoy a segment of the Sacred Art series on FORMED, featuring a video showcasing Giotto di Bondone's painting of Saints Joachim and Anne (featured on the cover of this bulletin) at https://watch.formed.org/july-26-sts-joachim-and-anne-parents-of-our-lady/videos/sacred-art-sts-joachim-and-anne.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST SEMINARIAN

Saint Mary parishioner Aaron Zanca, until recently Assistant Director of Youth and Young Adult Apostolates here at the Basilica, has been accepted by Bishop Burbidge as a seminarian for the Arlington Diocese. The coming year will be a pastoral year for him, in preparation for continuing his seminary studies in the fall of 2023.

Please keep Aaron, Alex Solsma (our other parish seminarian) and all of our Arlington seminarians, in your prayers. God bless them for their "yes" to God's call to the priesthood.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 24

7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary 8:30 a.m. — Barbara Manos 中 10 a.m. — Crisanto Magistrado 中 11:30 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino 中 1 p.m. — Louise Lubbard 中 5 p.m. — James Joseph Vincent 中

Monday, July 25

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Rachel Fronczak ♥ 8 a.m. — Lucille Fonte ♥ 12:10 p.m. — Ignacio Edejer ♥

Tuesday, July 26

6:30 a.m. — Steven Meiser ♥ 8 a.m. — Margaret Carroll ♥ 12:10 p.m. — Roy James Stevens ♥

Wednesday, July 27

6:30 a.m. — Mark R. Fracasso Jr. ♥ 8 a.m. — Jeffrey Petrino ♥ 12:10 p.m. — Suresh and Terry Gulati ♥

Thursday, July 28

6:30 a.m. — Mary Gray Edwards ♥ 8 a.m. — Clara Andrade ♥ 12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Petrino Family

Friday, July 29

6:30 a.m. — Emma Lopo ♥ 8 a.m. — Henry Lopez ♥ 12:10 p.m. — Jackie Riordan and Family

Saturday, July 30

8:30 a.m. — Philip Lynch † 5 p.m. (Vigil) — Elizabeth Sartorius †

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 24

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13 **Monday, July 25**

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b-6; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday, July 26

Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79: 8-9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 27

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59: 2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 28

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6b; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 29

Jer 26: 1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 38-42

Saturday, July 30

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Clare Marli O'Conor

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke, Jon Bunting, Donna Maria Butler, Maria Campo, J. Collins, Quinn Copps, Cathy Craft, Henry Dagenhart, Jean Edwards, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Ed Jones, Maryna Kapovska, **Bobbi Lungren**, Bill McCarthy, Lois Miller, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, Anne-Marie Pierce, Laura Pinner, Joanne Ritter, Jo Roinos, **Kate Schroeck**, Alexander Staron, Noel Tohill and Patricia Whelan

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

Carlton Mason Ebhardt, Gern Jaeger and Patricia Lopez

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

Alex Deerr, Kaylyn E. Krzemien, Sara McAlpin, Vincent P. Pensyl, David Alejandro Sandoval, Josh Villeneuve and all those serving in law enforcement, as firefighters and emergency first responders

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

July 24 — Rev. Daniel S. Spychala July 25 — Rev. Peter St. George July 26 — Rev. Terrence R. Staples July 27 — Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski July 28 — Very Rev. Michael G. Taylor, VF July 29 — Rev. Lawrence B. Terrien, SS July 30 — Rev. Gregory Thompson

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

It is He whom we proclaim.

Are you being called to proclaim Christ and the word of God?
Contact Father 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. Reinstate or add a name at bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY



JULY: Elderly. We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look toward the future with hope and responsibility.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Liturgical Calendar This Week

<u>July 25. Saint James, Apostle</u>. Brother of John, called "the Greater" because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name. First of the Twelve to be martyred, being decapitated by order of Herod Agrippa I, c. 44. Venerated at Compostella, Spain. Patron of pilgrims, of Spain, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

July 26. Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Names for the parents of Mary are found in the 2nd century Protoevangelium of James. Veneration of Anne originated in the 6th century. In the East, she is patroness of childless women and miners. Devotion to Joachim dates from the 8th century.

July 29. Saint Martha, Mary and Lazarus. In the household of Bethany, Jesus experienced the family, spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This new feast (2021) day recognizes their witness to Christ in welcoming Him into their home, in listening to Him attentively, (and) in believing that He is the resurrection and the life."

<u>July 30. Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u>. Called "Chrysologus," meaning "of golden speech," for his exceptional preaching ability; 170 homilies are extant; bishop of Ravenna. Died c. 450.

HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE

are available at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar during the Basilica's Nocturnal Adoration 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 <u>August 5</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 additional information about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.

JOIN OUR LADY'S ARMY!



The Legion of Mary, Our Lady's Army, makes its members better Catholics through prayer, service and evangelization. Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion. In pairs, they perform two hours of apostolic work each week. Our Basilica of Saint Mary Legion group meets every **Tuesday** (new day of the week!) at 7 p.m. in the Lyceum Conference Room at 313 Duke Street. If you are interested in joining the Legion of Mary or

have any questions, please contact Adria Tayrani at avillar@hotmail.com or call 571.310.4016.

Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

In preparation for its 50th anniversary, our Arlington Diocese is marking this year with the theme: "Remember," reflecting on the Eucharist and Christ's words during the Last Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me." An article in the *Arlington Catholic Herald* (June 30-July 13, 2022), "The Eucharist Explained," explores various aspects of Holy Communion, incorporating information from Matthew Tsakanikas, a theology professor at Christendom College. Following is an excerpt from that article:

Q: How do the host and wine become Christ's body and blood?

A: Section 1412 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that wheat bread and grape wine become the Eucharist when the blessing of the Holy Spirit is invoked and the priest announces the words of consecration spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper: "This is my body which will be given up for you. This is the cup of my blood."



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN Register today for fall 2022!



Do your children attend public school or a non-Catholic private school and you want them to learn their Catholic faith? CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) at the Basilica of Saint Mary is ready to help!

WHO: Children in K-Grade 8

WHEN: Sundays from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

beginning September 11

WHERE: The Basilica School of Saint Mary,

400 Green Street, Alexandria

We partner with parents to provide faith formation to their children, helping them

know the Catholic faith, prepare for the Sacraments and live a life in Christ as His disciples. For families wishing to home-school their children, a self-directed learning option with accountability is available.

For more info, see www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolates/ccd, email hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.



TRAINING FOR ALTAR BOYS

Session I

September 13 at 3 p.m. September 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Session II

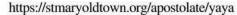
September 20 at 3 p.m. September 24 at 10:30 a.m.

All sessions in the Basilica

New servers <u>must</u> attend both parts of one of the two sessions.

The training also is open to any current server who may want a refresher course.

For more information and to sign up, email Father Joseph at frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org.







Serving our parish community's middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, young adults, and families!

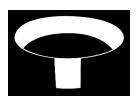




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FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS



Our Arlington Diocese is blessed with a growing number of men entering the priesthood. Eight men were ordained as priests this past June, eight more are scheduled for ordination in 2023, and another four are preparing for ordination in

2024. That means 20 new priests for our diocese at a time when many parts of the country are ordaining only a few, if any! Please support our future priests by making a gift to SEEF, the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund. SEEF's income helps cover expenses such as tuition, health insurance and books, which average more than \$45,000 per seminarian, per year. To donate online, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/donate_SEEF or mail a check payable to Foundation for the CDA-SEEF to 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203.

SANCTUARY SOCIETY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Looking to take that first step to volunteer for our parish? Consider serving with the Sanctuary Society! It's easy, done at your own home and at your own speed. Most importantly, volunteering for the Sanctuary Society is a labor of love and a blessing for each member. Once every seven weeks or so, in their own home, a volunteer handlaunders the linens used in the



sanctuary during Mass. (We'll show you how and teach you the name and purpose of each item.) Then, the volunteer returns the linens to the sacristy. We would love to have you join us...give us a call and let's get started! Contact Stephanie Giorlando at 703.765.2951.



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-39

Upcoming Leagues
NEW! VOLLEYBALL Season 3

Registration is OPEN!
Sundays, September 11 - October 30

REGISTER TODAY at www.catholicsports.net!

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study

Sign up for our email list at www.catholicsports.net/emailsignup. If you have questions or want to connect, email catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org or text Helena at 540.551.2271.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY JULY 31

Join the Knights of Columbus Council #459 and the Rosary Society of the Basilica of Saint Mary for our regular Fifth Sunday Rosary in the Basilica, following the 5 p.m. Mass (approximately 6:05 p.m.) on **Sunday, July 31**.

We will pray Evening Prayers (Vespers) and recite the Glorious Mysteries, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an increase in vocations and the defense of life.

The rosary also will be livestreamed at https://vimeo.com/725020942.

For more information, contact Bill Beach, Basilica Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus at wbeachkoc459@gmail.com.

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Tim had succumbed to opioids. We visited him at the Robinson House in Del Ray, an

unassuming house that hosts those who have successfully completed rehab programs. As many as 12 live there, communal style, with signs throughout their home reminding them that God will help them get through this. They have seen hell on earth and desperately want to be reborn to a new, productive, drug-free life. Tim had just landed a job within walking distance but needed help with his rent. We had a long talk, hearing his tale of drugs taking him from his family and nearly causing his death. The mentor at the house took us aside and thanked us for what we are doing to help these former addicts rejoin society. We replied that it is our mission and our duty, as Christ enjoined all Christians to do. Our visits to Alexandria's halfway houses are always inspiring while they remind us of the many blessings we enjoy. Please consider joining us as a volunteer by contacting svdp@stmaryoldtown.org or contributing financially to our mission.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on **Saturday**, **October 15**. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 703.841.2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

HUNGRY CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP



Summertime means more leisure activities for kids, but also less food security for many. Catholic Charities Saint Lucy Food Project needs shelf-stable milk, individual fruit cups, microwavable Chef Boyardee meals, and Macaroni & Cheese. Help by donating these items to its pantry location at Christ House (131 South West Street in Alexandria). Please see www.ccda.net or email Lori.Sikra@ccda.net with questions or to obtain information on drop-off hours.

All Are Invited to the Basilica Courtyard for an Ice Cream Social As Part of National Night Out 2022



Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022 6-8 p.m. Basilica Courtyard 314 Duke St.



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police/fire department community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.





VOLUNTEER TEACHERS/ TUTORS NEEDED

Help refugees and immigrants in Northern Virginia! The Education and Workforce Development program of Catholic Charities, in the Arlington Diocese, is seeking teachers, co-teachers and tutors for ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages), Citizenship, GED Prep, Computer Literacy, IT (CompTIA) and ESOL for Childcare. Volunteers needed for in-person classes in Manassas, Woodbridge, Falls Church and Sterling. Work with online classes also is available. Commit to teach once or twice a week for 12 weeks. Training, curriculum and resources provided. No second language necessary! Classes begin in August and September. If you are interested, please contact the Education and Development Workforce office 571.208.1572 or ewd@ccda.net.

PRAISE & WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

Join others for a praise and worship Holy Hour on **Tuesday**, **August 9**, at Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Father Paul Scalia will lead the group in prayer along with musician, Kenny Kohlhaas. Special intention for the evening is for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a friend.

FORMED°

Study | Watch | Listen | Read

A <u>FREE</u>, comprehensive, online library of Catholic faith formation resources... the best Catholic content, all in one place... is available at https:stmaryoldtown.formed.org.

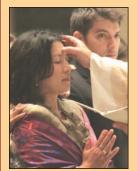
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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

RCIA.....the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you (or someone you know) thinking of becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but in need of First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Then RCIA is for you!



The Basilica's RCIA program offers an opportunity to meet in a small-group setting to learn the teachings and tradition of the Church, preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist during the 2023 Easter season, and preparing them to live their Catholic faith.

Classes meet Monday nights, August 29, 2022, through May 1, 2023. Resource books are provided.

Open House/First Meeting will be Monday, August 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Basilica's Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street, second floor.

For more information or to register, contact Hilary Munger at hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org or Susan Gray at sgray@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

You may complete the registration form at https://stmaryoldtown.org/rcia-registration.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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



A NEW CHURCH IS CONSECRATED

On July 19, 1826, the cornerstone was laid for what eventually became the current Basilica of Saint Mary. An engraved stone commemorating the occasion is located at the left of the doorway from the sanctuary to the sacristy.

The new brick building incorporated Saint Mary's Chapel Alley (the area off Duke Street between Fairfax and Royal Streets) and measured 45 feet by 60 feet, with a large front yard facing Royal Street. The structure is part of the present building, with every succeeding pastor making additions and improvements. The building had an organ loft, unpainted pews covering half the floor space, an altar railing and three large entrance doors of donated mahogany.



On March 1, 1827, *The Phoenix Alexandria Gazette* reported:

The consecration of St. Mary's Church will take place on Sunday. The ceremony will doubtless be solen and interesting to all; but more particularly to persons who have never witnessed a similar one. The Ceremony ... will take place on the 4th of March at 10 o'clock AM by the Rev. Francis Neale, Solemn High Mass will be sung by the Rev. J.W. Fairclough on the occasion and a Collection will be made to aid the funds for ... the building. At early candle light, Vespers will commence and a discourse will be delivered by the Rev. Jeremiah Kiesley of Washington, when a similar collection will be made for the same purpose.

— Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



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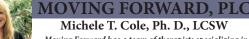
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