





#### July 3, 2022 Fourteenth 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.

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 <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 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 703.549.1646 www.smsva.org stmaryoffice@smsva.org

**COVER IMAGE:** *The Virgin at Prayer* by Sassoferrato (Giovanni Battista Salvi), 1608-1685.

# **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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Rosary Prayer Group Rosary before 8 a.m. weekday Mass, and 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass	Call Parish Office	703.836.4100	
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Shut-In Visitation	Call Parish Office	703.836.4100	
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	Marietta Bernot	svdp @stmaryoldtown.org	
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## **EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION**

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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

#### WELCOME TO FATHER PETER!

Father Peter Clem, our new Parochial Vicar, arrived on June 30. Ordained by Bishop Michael Burbidge on June 4, 2022, Father Peter begins his life of priestly service with us this week. I'll let him introduce himself here:

Hello everyone, my name is Father Peter. I am so excited to be here at the Basilica of Saint Mary and honored to be assigned here to be your priest for my first assignment!



I am the second oldest of six children. I was born in the Northern Virginia area, but my Dad was in the Navy so we moved down to Norfolk, out to Seattle,

and then back to Newport News, VA. I went to George Mason University and graduated with a degree in Communications in 2013. Afterward, I made a consecrated commitment within the community of Youth Apostles and did three years of youth ministry at All Saints in Manassas. I entered Mount Saint Mary Seminary in 2016, where I spent the last six years preparing myself to obey Mary's encouraging words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).

I look forward to meeting you, serving you and celebrating the sacraments. Please pray for me as I begin this journey (and thank you in advance for your patience with me as the new guy in Old Town). Be assured of my daily prayers for you!

Peace, Father Peter J. Clem, YA

#### **INDEPENDENCE DAY & TRUE FREEDOM**

As we celebrate our nation's independence on July 4 with fireworks and cookouts, let's also reflect on the religious freedom promised to us as our forebearers sought to establish a new nation where they – and generations of Americans to come – could worship freely. The true source of our freedom, of course, is not the Constitution but God, in whose image we are created. God respects and invites each of us to use our freedom to make good choices....to become saints in heaven!

Freedom should never be confused with licentiousness or simply "doing whatever we feel like doing." Otherwise, we can too easily lose our freedom and, instead, become a slave to sloth, drink, gluttony, drugs, gambling and sex. The truly free person is one who freely embraces God's plan, His Divine Will, as revealed through His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. With this in mind, we can see that the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church don't restrict our personal freedom but rather liberate us from the often disordered passions of our fallen human nature. By becoming more like Christ, we become more deeply the persons God created us to be.

On behalf of the priests and staff of the Basilica of Saint Mary, I wish you and your family a very happy, safe Fourth of July! God bless America!

SUPREME COURT OVERTURNS ROE v. WADE On Friday, July 24 (as this bulletin goes to press), the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the federal law that for nearly 50 years legalized the killing of innocent babies. Individual states will now be free to enact their own abortion restrictions. Please see the insert in this bulletin (and https://bit.ly/3xVLRtw) for a statement on the ruling from Bishop Michael F. Burbidge.

# **IN OUR PRAYERS**

# DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 3

7 a.m. — Jack Haneklau ♥ 8:30 a.m. — Clara Andrade ♥ 10 a.m. — Thomas R. Steadman ♥ 11:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary 1 p.m. — Special Intention: Rebecca and Eric Schmaltz 5 p.m. — Special Intention: Doug and Marina Ellena

Monday, July 4

9 a.m. — Deceased Members of the Weimar Family

#### Tuesday, July 5

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Anthony Crisafi 8 a.m. — Special Intention: The Corio Family 12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Leanid Patsuk and Family

#### Wednesday, July 6

6:30 a.m. — Mary Parente ⊕ 8 a.m. — A Special Intention 12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Petrino Family

#### Thursday, July 7

6:30 a.m. — Victoria Moroz Coates 8 a.m. — A Special Intention 12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Sudzarski Family

#### Friday, July 8

6:30 a.m. — John Paul Cowardin ↔ 8 a.m. — Special Intention: Marie O'Brien 12:10 p.m. — Margaret Carroll ↔

#### Saturday, July 9

8:30 a.m. — Geraldine Pitsinger ⊕ 5 p.m. (Vigil) — Tim Tremble ⊕

#### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 3 Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 Monday, July 4 Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26 Tuesday, July 5 Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38 Wednesday, July 6 Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7 Thursday, July 7 Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15 Friday, July 8 Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23 Saturday, July 9 Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM John Raylan Brooks

#### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Luis de Andino, Suzanne Aragona, Theresa Aranda, Crystal Barr, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke, Donna Maria Butler, Maria Campo, **J. Collins,** Quinn Copps, Cathy Craft, Henry Dagenhart, Jean Edwards, Cynthia Ellis, Gary Farabough, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Neil Hayes, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Ed Jones, **Maryna Kapovska**, Laura Masche, Bill McCarthy, Dean Montayne, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, Anne-Marie Pierce, Laura Pinner, Jo Roinos, Alexander Staron, Bruce Thompson, Noel Tohill and Patricia Whelan

#### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

Tyler John Gray, Alfred Paul Pavot, Arthur Donnelly Ross and Stephanie Van Nortwick

#### 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 3 — Rev. Daniel Reuwer July 4 — Rev. Daniel Rice July 5 — Rev. M. Paul Richardson (Retired) July 6 — Rev. Lino Rico Rostro July 7 — Rev. John J. Riley July 8 — Very Rev. Robert J. Rippy, JV July 9 — Rev. Donald J. Rooney

#### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few. Are you called to be a laborer for Christ as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Father 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 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

July 5. Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest. Doctor turned priest. Founded (1530) in Milan the Clerics Regular of Saint Paul (Barnabites) for the reform of society. Sought collaboration between the clergy and the laity; promoted frequent communion. Died in 1539 at age 36. Saint Elizabeth of Portugal. Named for her great-aunt, Elizabeth of Hungary. Queen and mother; lover of the poor; peacemaker in the royal family; later a Franciscan tertiary. Patroness of Catholic charities. Died in 1336.

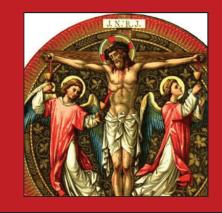
July 6. Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr. Died in 1906 at age 11. Stabbed to death by a neighbor named Alessandro, choosing to die rather than be raped. During his imprisonment, Maria appeared to Alessandro and forgave him. With her mother present, Maria was canonized in 1950. Patroness of teenage girls.

July 9. Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs. Includes 120 martyrs who died between 1648 and 1930. Most were born in China, ranging in age from 9 to 72; included four Chinese priests and 33 foreignborn martyrs who were mostly priests or women religious. Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied a bishop to his martyrdom in 1815. Moved by the bishop's courage, Augustine sought baptism and was later ordained a priest.

HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE are available at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese During July, the Church encourages us to meditate on the mystery of the Precious Blood of Jesus, shed that we might be washed clean and set free from the slavery of sin.

#### A Prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Almighty and eternal God, You have appointed Your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by His Blood. Grant, we beg of You, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life, so we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

# Q: Why do we make the Sign of the Cross at the Gospel?

A: At the proclamation of the Gospel during Mass, the priest or deacon says: "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...." He and the faithful make the Sign of the Cross with the thumb on their forehead, lips and breast over the heart. The priest or deacon also marks the Sign of the Cross on the Lectionary, or Book of the Gospels.

The first recorded use of this gesture at the proclamation of the Gospel is found in the ninth century. Regimus of Auxerre (died c. 908) writes in his *Expositio* that members of the congregation would sign their foreheads, and the deacon would make the Sign of the Cross on the Lectionary or Book of the Gospels. Then both he and the congregation would sign their foreheads, lips and breasts.

The significance of the threefold signing is that we want to hear the Gospel with an open mind, proclaim the Gospel with our lips, and cherish and safeguard the Gospel in our hearts.



# FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



# JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

Children under the age of 18 who have received their First Communion, and parents seeking an extracurricular activity that enriches a young person's spiritual life and engages them in age-appropriate spiritual works of mercy under the spiritual direction of Father Joseph, please consider joining the Junior Legion of Mary.

- WHEN? Every Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend/participate.
- WHERE? Saint Joseph Room in the Lower Level of Saint Mary's Lyceum, located at 313 Duke Street.
- QUESTIONS? Please email Adria Tayrani at lomstmaryoldtown@gmail.com or text her at 571.310.4016.

### FAMILY SUMMER PROGRAM!

The Basilica's Office of Religious Education and Office of Youth and Young Adult Apostolates are hosting an ongoing summer program to engage the whole family. A wide range of events and activities offer all parishioners an opportunity to serve the parish and community, learn about the faith, experience fellowship with one another and, above all, grow closer to Christ. Find more information at https://stmaryoldtown.org/family-summer-program/.

The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2207)

FORMED\* Study | Watch | Listen | Read A <u>FREE</u>, comprehensive, online library of Catholic faith formation resources for the entire family is available at https:stmaryoldtown.formed.org.



## **FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS**

#### **HELPING THOSE WHO DEFEND LIFE**

Proponents of abortion have become increasingly hostile and violent toward those defending the rights of the unborn. The Marih Center (www.Marih.org) is a local crisis



pregnancy center serving Alexandria women and children for almost 50 years. They are asking for men to volunteer time to be at the center during the next few weeks, providing a reassuring presence to volunteers and clients. The center is open Monday through Thursday. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and

Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Located at 3230B Duke Street. Please use this link to sign up for any slots you are available to help:

> https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/60B094BAAAF2CA0F58-marih.



Recently, phishing/scam e-mails have been sent to some parishioners. The phony messages appear to be from Father Hathaway or other parish clergy/staff, but are actually from scammers, using a fake gmail account that looks connected to the Basilica. Please be on alert for such messages; disregard and delete them. Check the sender's e-mail address. All legitimate correspondence from the Basilica will originate from an e-mail address that ends in @stmaryoldtown.org.



## **CATHOLIC SPORTS** FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Upcoming Leagues NEW! VOLLEYBALL Season 2 **Registration is OPEN!** Sundays, July 17—August 28 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.

#### From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

As we celebrate our independence and freedom, let us also think about how we can help our neighbors make the American dream come true for them. Leonora and her teenage daughter share an apartment with another family, lower-



ing their rent burden to only \$800. It is a very tight fit, but this is the age-old tale of immigrants to our great country, an experience many of our ancestors endured, sacrificing for their children and their grandchildren. We noticed that she had freshly baked bread on the table, an old sewing machine in a corner. She said this is how she earned a living, taking orders from neighbors who loved her bread and needing their clothes mended. She said her sewing machine was broken. We said no problem; we will buy you a new one. And we did. When we followed up with her, she said her business is growing as so few sew anymore. She beamed with delight. Help us help families like Leonora's reach the American dream. It can be as easy as new sewing machine. Write a check to SVDP and place it in the Poor Box or drop it off at the Parish Office.



SECULAR FRANCISCAN **GATHERING** Saturday, July 9, 9:15 a.m. at Saint Mary Lyceum, Saint Joseph Room. Join us to pray and study. Tom White, 703.307.2378, or Rita Evans, 540.2700667. http://stjohntbasfo.org/.

#### Meals on Wheels



A life-sustaining program that allows seniors who are unable to leave their homes to shop, or OF ALEXANDRIA who have difficulty preparing a meal, to have two healthy meals

a day delivered to their homes. Meals are delivered 365 days a year, including holidays. To find out if you are eligible to receive subsidized meals through the City of Alexandria's Division of Aging and Adult Services, call 703-746-Don't qualify? SSA offers a direct-pay Meals on 5999. Wheels program at only \$12 a day. Both programs serve the same food. A minimum of three days a week is required. For information or to refer a senior, call 703.836.4414, extension 112. or email mealsonwheels@seniorservicesalex.org.

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# **AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND**

To Jesus Through Mary

Learn more about the history, art, architecture and Faith-filled stewardship of the Basilica of Saint Mary

# Be Inspired and Uplifted — Watch Our Commemorative Film Today

You are invited to watch a new, inspiring and important film, *To Jesus Through Mary*, the story of the ongoing legacy of Saint Mary parish in Alexandria, the first Catholic parish and cemetery established in the Commonwealth of Virginia. *To Jesus Through Mary* beautifully shares the historic and theological importance of the Basilica of Saint Mary as revealed by its rich history, its sacred art and architecture, personal reflections and expert commentary. Please watch it at https://vimeo.com/713465166.

Inquiries about *To Jesus Through Mary* can be directed to Anne Mathis, director and producer for the film and Chief Stewardship Officer for the parish and school. She can be reached at amathis@stmaryoldtown.org or 443.994.9065.



#### SUPPORT FOR HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS Next weekend, July 9 and 10 (NEW DATES), there will be a display of beautiful, handmade wood carvings from the Holy Land outside the Basilica. Sales of the carvings provide Christians living there with a

source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours continue to endure hardships. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37 percent



of the population; they comprise less than one percent today. Support them by purchasing their unique carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact them at 202.302.5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

#### The Good, the Messy and the Beautiful

God draws spouses ever closer to the Heavenly marriage through the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, but this does not mean the journey is easy. On the contrary, marriage can present spouses with many different kinds of struggles and difficulties, alongside the joys and triumphs of family life. Join others for a one-day event with Edward and Beth Sri, who will share from their 20+ years of marriage the lessons they have learned about the realities of marriage. From discussions about miscommunication, healing, intimacy, gifts and more, you will walk away refreshed and strengthened in your vows! **Saturday, July 23**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church in Aldie, VA. Coffee and lunch provided. \$125 per couple. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/ goodmessybeautiful.

# **AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND**

# HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!!!

Our Basilica of Saint Mary Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4. There will be ONE Mass celebrated that day at 9 a.m.



# WITNESSING TO OUR FAITH

Thank you to all who participated in our Corpus Christi procession, from the Basilica of Saint Mary to our school and back, after the 5 p.m. Mass on **June 19**. Special thanks to Father Kevin Barnekow and Father Joseph for carrying the monstrance during the procession. Thanks, also, to the Order of Malta, who accompanied us, and to our Knights of Columbus, who reverently carried the canopy, acted as escorts and helped clear the way at intersections. In addition to celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this annual Basilica event was a wonderful, public witness to our faith. *Ad majorem Dei gloriam* (for the greater glory of God).

Visit www.stmaryoldtown.org for more photos from the procession and reception afterward.

# **FROM THE ARCHIVES** A periodic look at the history of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish since its founding in 1795 COUNTERING ANTI-CATHOLIC SENTIMENT



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In the early days of American independence, prominent Catholics such as Charles and John Carroll were highly respected citizens. This spirit changed in the 1820s and 1830s as poor, uneducated immigrants, mostly



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Reverend William Wilmer, rector, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Irish and Catholic, arrived in this country. Nativist (anti-immigrant) and anti-Catholic feelings were often synonymous. Newspapers and pamphlets were filled with inflammatory rhetoric describing the evils of barbarism and "Romanism." Catholic clergy publicly debated Protestants in the newspapers.

Although Alexandria's small Catholic community lived in peaceful harmony with its neighbors, some of the unsettling sentiment did reach Saint Mary. Father Roger Baxter, who was ordained in 1817 and served Saint Mary intermittently for a number of years while a member of the faculty at Georgetown College, engaged in a lengthy debate with the Reverend William Wilmer, rector of nearby Saint Paul's Episcopal Church (1812-1826). Their discourse was printed periodically in *The Alexandria Gazette*. Members of each congregation believed their clergyman had been the better debater and presented the better argument, but there was no animosity. Alexandrians tended to respect both. *– Kitty Guy, Parish Historian* 



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