



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, Parochial Vicar
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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

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.

See page 9 for Weekly Lenten Calendar



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.

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(Pre-K to 8th grade)

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COVER IMAGE: Saint Joseph, from the Holy Family window in the Basilica of Saint Mary, Alexandria, VA

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

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***Oremus pro invicem* “Let us pray for each other”**

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

SAINT PATRICK, THE NEW EVAGELIZATION & LENT

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right,
Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.*
— “Lorca” or Breastplate of Saint Patrick

We hear much of the “new evangelization” today, especially from Pope Francis. In *Evangelii Gaudium*, he reminds us that a missionary spirit is essential for every Catholic and we are inspired by the evangelizing saints that have gone before us.

During March, our thoughts rightfully turn to the great 4th and 5th century evangelizer, Saint Patrick, who not only converted Ireland but through Ireland, saved much of western civilization. Rooted in a rich interior life of prayer and sacrifice, Saint Patrick was strengthened by his love for God to live a holy boldness for Jesus Christ.



“... I ... come to the Irish people to preach the Gospel and endure insults from unbelievers; that I might hear scandal of my travels, and endure many persecutions to the extent of prison; and so that I might give up my free birthright for the advantage of others, and if I should be worthy, I am ready to give even my life without hesitation; and most willingly for His name. And I choose to devote it to Him even unto death, if God grant it to me.”

Our Lenten observance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving is meant to open our hearts to a deeper love for God and His Holy Church. Daily Mass, the Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, frequent confession and adoration unite us more closely to Our Lord and enable us to hear His voice as did Saint Patrick. Our fasting and almsgiving help us to be less dependent on material comforts and awaken our soul to a missionary boldness for souls.

Saint Patrick, pray for us!

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH, March 19

March 19 is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The foster father of Jesus has been honored on March 19 since the end of the 10th century. He was declared the Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX and Guardian of the Redeemer by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1989. See page 9 for information on our Feast of Saint Joseph events, including the Saint Joseph Altar we’ll set up in the parish Lyceum.

REMINDER: SYNODAL LISTENING SESSION, March 15

In preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome, Pope Francis has asked dioceses and parish churches throughout the world to undertake their own synodal phase of prayerful listening, dialogue and discernment. The focus will be on how the Catholic Church is journeying together and fulfilling our mission in the world.

Here at the Basilica of Saint Mary, our Listening Session will be held on **Tuesday, March 15**, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the parish Lyceum auditorium located at 313 Duke Street. All are invited to attend and participate.

For more information on the synodal process, please see
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/synod>.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 13

- 7 a.m. — Gary Dean Pruess †
8:30 a.m. — Lynne Cornwell Kennedy †
10 a.m. — Special Intention: Javier Carranza
11:30 a.m. — Barbara Belsito †
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Rev. Gregory Coyne
5 p.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary

Monday, March 14

- 6:30 a.m. — Lynne Cornwell Kennedy †
8 a.m. — Milton “Pete” Posey †
12:10 p.m. — James Royal †

Tuesday, March 15

- 6:30 a.m. — Lynne Cornwell Kennedy †
8 a.m. — Donald Crocker †
12:10 p.m. — George M. Mulligan †

Wednesday, March 16

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Elizabeth Vail
8 a.m. — Jennie Mae Basila †
12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Petrino Family †

Thursday, March 17

- 6:30 a.m. — Lynne Cornwell Kennedy †
8 a.m. — Terrence Carney †
12:10 p.m. — Donald Crocker †

Friday, March 18

- 6:30 a.m. — Lynne Cornwell Kennedy †
8 a.m. — Kenneth M. Anderson †
12:10 p.m. — Bob Gardenier †

Saturday, March 19

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Joseph Bahret
5 p.m. Vigil — Special Intention: Brady Anderson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 13

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17—4:1;
Lk 9:28b-36

Monday, March 14

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 15

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 16

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 17

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 18

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21 or Lk 2:41-51a

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Charlotte Kathleen Kaufman, Turner Alexander Kuoni
and Alexander Staron

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Luis de Andino, Suzanne Aragona, Theresa Aranda, Crystal Barr, Jon Bunting, Mary Bourke, Maria Campo, J. Collins, Quinn Copps, Cathy Craft, Mary Davis, Jean Edwards, Cynthia Ellis, Gary Farabough, Gina Gonzalez, Zia H-Bahaduri, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Robert Juszczak, Tom Mack Jr., Bill McCarthy, Lois Miller, Dean Montayne, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, Cathy Quinn, James Rooney, Alexander Staron and Noel Tohill

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Bud Miles and Lt. Col Stephen Louis “Muddy” Watters,
USMC (Ret)

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

March 13 — Rev. Kevin J. Dansereau
March 14 — Rev. John C. De Celles
March 15 — Very Rev. Francis De Rosa, VF
March 16 — Rev. Matthew J. Deforest
March 17 — Rev. Paul F. deLadurantaye
March 18 — Rev. Robert J. Demartino
March 19 — Rev. Alexander Diaz

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

This is my beloved Son, hear Him.

Is our Lord asking you to follow Him in tending
His flock as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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. Reinstatement or add a name at bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR MARCH



A Christian response to bioethical challenges.

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

On **Thursday, March 24**, at 7 p.m., the Basilica of Saint Mary and the Serra Club of Arlington will host a Holy Hour and Solemn Vespers for Vocations. Join us in the Basilica to pray on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. For additional information, please visit the events page on the Basilica website <https://stmaryoldtown.org/> or contact Mary A. D. Petrino, Serra Club of Arlington VP for Communications, at mary.petrino@gmail.com or 703.785.5588.



Saint Junípero Serra, Ora Pro Nobis

THE MASS EXPLAINED

with Father Noah Morey

Father Morey offers an in-depth explanation of the Mass.

His presentation provides insight into the significance of each part of the Mass and how we are invited to enter into relationship with our Lord through this holy sacrifice.

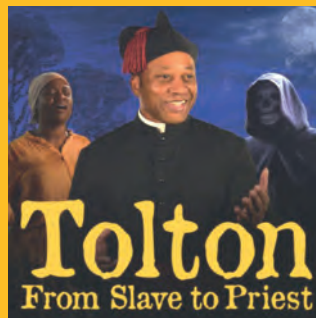
Watch it at <https://vimeo.com/676415059>.

Liturgical Calendar This Week

March 17. Saint Patrick, Bishop. Born about 389 of Romano-British origin, perhaps in Wales. Founded metropolitan See of Armagh. Credited as author of the famous *Lorica* (Latin for “breastplate”), a work praising Christ.

March 18. Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Great pastor and teacher. He was ordained bishop of Jerusalem in 348. Wrote numerous catecheses devoted to the liturgy and the sacraments. Exiled three times by the Arians.

March 19. Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. According to the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Joseph “called His name Jesus” (1:15), the one word attributed to Joseph in Scripture. Patron of workers, carpenters and fathers.



A live, multi-media production, *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*, will be performed by Actor Jim Coleman in Saint Mary's Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street, on **Monday, March 28**, at 7 p.m.

Venerable Augustus Tolton is a remarkable example of a man who overcame great odds and institutional racism to become a priest. This powerful multi-media production, based on his life, is filled with music, drama and inspiring performances. The play carries a message of hope and healing for the wounds plaguing our culture.

Ticket: \$10 at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/tolton>. Seating is limited, so please pay by **March 25**.

The event is co-sponsored by the Basilica of Saint Mary, the Diocesan Black Catholic Ministries Office and Saint Joseph Parish. Following the play, there will be a reception in the parish Lyceum with refreshments served by the Saint Katharine Drexel Society.

LENTEN JOURNEY WITH

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S "CONFESSIONS"

Dr. Chad Pecknold, Resident Theologian for the Institute for Faith & Public Culture at the Basilica, will lead "A Lenten Journey Through Saint Augustine's Confessions," a five-week, guided book club series and penitential discipline during Lent. It will take place in the Basilica Lyceum Auditorium, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., on **Wednesdays through April 6**. Registration is \$25 at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/2022-lenten-book-club>.

Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: What does the Church teach about human cloning?

A: The Catholic Church holds that human cloning is a violation of the dignity of the human embryo, which is a person from the point of fertilization. Human cloning attempts to play God by replicating rather than procreating human life. Using genetic material taken from the mother and/or father, a healthy egg is wiped clean of its DNA, only to have someone else's DNA placed inside.

Donum Vitae, the "Instruction on Respect for Human Life in its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation," from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, states that human cloning is categorically "considered contrary to the moral law, since [it is in] opposition to the dignity both of human procreation and of the conjugal union."



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

Children under the age of 18 who have received their First Communion, and parents seeking an extra-curricular 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, 313 Duke Street
- **QUESTIONS:** Please email Adria Tayrani at lomstmaryoldtown@gmail.com or text 571.310.4016.



Saints, Stewards, Scholars NEWS from The Basilica School of Saint Mary

Eighth grade students, parents and teachers gathered after school on February 23 to kick off the last 100 days until graduation. Sunny skies, warm temperatures and music greeted families for the tailgate as they ate, played games and socialized. The kick-off inspires hope as families gradually return to in-person schoolwide community events.



<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.

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT

APRIL 1ST-3RD, 2022

FIND OUT MORE AT [STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/
YOUNG-ADULT-LENTEN-RETREAT](https://stmaryoldtown.org/young-adult-lenten-retreat)

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FAITH. FUN. & FRIENDS
for all middle schoolers

March 18th | 7:00P-8:30M
Basilica School of Saint
Mary's Gym
Chaperones Needed!!

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS – *Spring Food Drive*



The **Saint Lucy Project** is a food pantry and delivery network of the **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (CCDA)** that is striving to achieve a Diocese without hunger -- one county, one neighborhood, one parish, one family at a time. The many Arlington Knights of Columbus Councils and parish volunteers are a main reason this is now a major program. As such, **Council 459** will be supporting the Spring Food Drive by **handing out Saint Lucy food bags** after Mass the weekend of **March 6th** and **collecting the filled bag** with the goods listed below, at Mass the weekend of **March 13th**. Thank you for your generosity!!!

The Saint Lucy Project is specifically in need of the following items -----(please, no glass!)

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| ✓ Canned Meat/Fish | ✓ Cereals, Hot & Cold | ✓ Canned Sauce & Pasta | ✓ Dried & Canned Beans |
| ✓ Canned Green Beans/Corn | ✓ Canned Fruit | ✓ Children's Snacks | ✓ Juice |
| ✓ Peanut Butter & Jelly | ✓ Rice & Grains | ✓ Soups & Baking Items | ✓ Boxed Shelf Stable Milk |

Checks made out to CCDA welcomed. Gift cards from WalMart, Giant and Aldi are also welcomed.

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.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!

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REGISTER TODAY at www.catholicsports.net!

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

Sign up for our email list at
www.catholicsports.net/emailsingup

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

DATE NIGHT AT THE BASILICA

All engaged and married couples are invited to Date Night at the Basilica on **Friday, March 25**, at the Basilica of Saint Mary Lyceum. The program will feature a family Lenten dinner, followed by Stations of the Cross and a Date Night offering of Wine & Chocolate Pairing and Tasting. Please join us for fellowship, prayer and a little wine & chocolate to meet other married couples within the parish. RSVP at stmaryoldtown.org/datenight.

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Laura called us frantic about her car, which had been repossessed by the bank. The car was set to go to auction in just a few days. With four children (the youngest at six months), a pandemic-related job loss and the financial strain of a newborn, she was unable to keep up with the loan payments. She had been making payments on the car for over five years and had nearly paid it off when the bank repossessed the vehicle. Laura needed the vehicle to take her kids to school, to shop for groceries, run errands and to obtain a job. But no one was willing to help her and she was on the brink of despair. We calmed her down, assured her we would help. With help from our sister parishes and your generosity, we paid the outstanding balance and recovered her car just days before it would have been sold. Laura broke down in tears of relief and gratitude. It was a touching moment. We followed up with her and she was in good spirits, so thankful to all who provided the comfort and hope she thought would never come to her. Help us help the far too many Lauras that are our often hidden neighbors.



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



TWO WHITE CASKETS

Although Saint Mary's Irish families enjoyed financial security and social acceptance, their lives were not always happy. A newspaper article in the *Alexandria Gazette*, July 1, 1914, describes a tragic event in the Downey and Kelly families, third-generation parishioners.



On Sunday afternoon, June 28, 1914, 14-year-old Helen Leona Downey, daughter of Mary Ella Sullivan Downey and the late John T. Downey, and her cousin, Mary Loretta Kelly, also 14, daughter of Thomas F. and Mary Elizabeth Kelly, went to the Dyke Marsh with friends for a pleasant summer outing. The dyke on the Potomac, just south of Belle View, was popular for picnicking and swimming. Something went very wrong, and both girls drowned. Despite heroic efforts, nobody was able to rescue them.

The young girls had been baptized, made their First Communions and were confirmed in Saint Mary Church. Three days after the drownings, they attended Mass here for the last time. On July 1, Father Francis Lucke offered a Requiem Mass for the cousins. They were buried in Saint Mary Cemetery. According to eyewitnesses, it was one of the largest funerals in Alexandria's history. The *Gazette* reported "the church was packed and the sidewalks and street were crowded with people unable to gain entrance to the church."

"The Children of Mary (Sodality) formed a cordon of honor...two hundred young girls dressed in white and wearing around their necks a blue ribbon from which hung a silver medal of Saint Mary, formed a double row on each side of the middle aisle," according to the newspaper. Miss Kathryn Brill sang the *Ave Maria*.

This was not the first time the widowed Mrs. Downey faced such a sad event. Her son, six-year-old Raphael, was struck and killed by a train in 1900, while delivering lunch to his father, a machinist in the railroad roundhouse. In March 1914, less than three months before the girls' death, her son John, 14, died of consumption.

The newspaper concluded its emotional tribute with the "hope for happy reunions of broken family circles in an age to come." — *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*



You may place last year's Palm Sunday palms in the basket at the back of the Basilica.

2022 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Do this in remembrance of me.

By participating in the BLA, we remember the gift Christ Himself gave us through His body and blood, and are asked to respond to His call to serve our brothers and sisters. As of March 3, the Basilica had reached 57 percent of our assigned goal (\$725,000) for 2022. Thank you!



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LENT: This Week at The Basilica of Saint Mary

Sun Mar 13	Mon Mar 14	Tues Mar 15	Wed Mar 16	Thurs Mar 17	Fri Mar 18	Sat Mar 19
<p><u>Mass</u> 7 am 8:30 am 10 am 11:30 am 1 pm 5 pm</p> <p><u>Saint Lucy Food Project</u> (bring your filled food bags to church before/after Masses)</p>	<p><u>Mass</u> 6:30 am 8 am 12:10 pm</p> <p><u>Confession</u> After 12:10 pm Mass</p> 	<p><u>Mass</u> 6:30 am 8 am 12:10 pm</p> <p><u>Confession</u> After 12:10 pm Mass</p>	<p><u>Mass</u> 6:30 a.m. 8 a.m. 12:10 p.m.</p> <p><u>Confession</u> After 12:10 p.m. Mass and 6:30-8 pm</p> <p><u>Adoration</u> 12:45 pm-8 pm</p> <p><u>Holy Hour & Benediction</u> 7-8 pm</p> <p><u>Book Club: A Lenten Journey Through Saint Augustine's Confessions</u>, 6-7:30 pm, Lyceum Auditorium</p>	<p><u>Mass</u> 6:30 am 8 am 12:10 pm</p> <p><u>Confession</u> After 12:10 pm Mass</p>	<p><u>Mass</u> 6:30 am 8 am 12:10 pm</p> <p><u>Confession</u> After 12:10 pm Mass and 7:30 pm after Stations</p> <p><u>Lenten Supper</u> 6-7 pm in the Lyceum</p> <p><u>Stations of the Cross</u> 7 pm in the Basilica</p>	<p><u>Mass</u> 8:30 am 5 pm (Vigil)</p> <p><u>Confession</u> 9-10 am & 4-5 pm</p> <p><u>Blessing of the Saint Joseph Altar</u> Lyceum Auditorium, after 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (bring items for the altar throughout the day—see below)</p>



FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR

While Lent is traditionally a somber season, **Saturday, March 19**, brings a brief respite with the Feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Saint Joseph was a man of great virtue to be studied, imitated and honored. This year we will pay tribute to the humble carpenter here at the Basilica by constructing a traditional Saint Joseph Altar in our parish Lyceum. The altar is a custom in many Catholic countries, especially Italy, and was brought to this country by immigrants. There are several ways you and your family can participate:

MASS & ALTAR SET UP. We begin the day with our regular 8:30 a.m. Mass. After Mass, your help is needed to set up the Saint Joseph Altar in the Lyceum.

FOOD. Following Mass, bring to the Lyceum any baked goods, casseroles and other special dishes you'd like to share as offerings to God by way of the good San Giuseppe. Especially welcome are breads, cakes and cookies!

ALTAR BLESSING & SOCIAL. Our Saint Joseph Altar will be blessed after the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass, followed by a social. We will want to eat! *Manga, manga!* So, please bring heartier foods (like casseroles) for that part of the celebration. For those parishioners without the magic touch in the kitchen, feel free to bring something from the grocery store or a bottle of chianti.

FOOD FOR THE POOR. It is an Old-World custom to provide food to the poor on this feast day, an act of almsgiving since the feast falls in Lent. Please bring canned and other non-perishable foods to the Lyceum to share the joy and communion of Saint Joseph with those most vulnerable among us.

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