



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



May 15, 2022  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector  
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Noah C. Morey, In Residence  
Msgr. Michael Morgan, 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

### 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. Daniel Cinalli, Principal

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**COVER IMAGE:** *Madonna col Bambino*  
by Fra Filippo Lippi, c. 1466-69, Palazzo Medici, Florence

# CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 12:30 -7:30 p.m. Wed.	<b>Maureen Breiner</b>	tb5va@aol.com
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<b>Mary Martha Guild</b>	<b>Christine Kleiber</b>	MMG@stmaryoldtown.org
<b>Nocturnal Adoration Society</b> 9 p.m. 1st Friday to 6 a.m. 1st Saturday	<b>Helen Lynch</b>	helenlynch21@gmail.com
<b>Rosary Prayer Group</b> Rosary before 8 a.m. weekday Mass, and 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass	<b>Call Parish Office</b>	703.836.4100
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<b>Saint Katharine Drexel Society</b>	<b>Monica Favela</b>	skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org
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<b>Schola Cantorum</b> 10 a.m. Sunday Mass	<b>David Elliott</b>	delliott@stmaryoldtown.org
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<b>Sunrise Retirement Home</b>	<b>Father Joseph</b>	frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100
<b>Woodbine Rehabilitation Center</b>	<b>Judy Klesius</b>	703.836.1777

## EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION

<b>Adult Faith Formation, CCD, RCIA</b>	<b>Hilary Munger</b>	hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100 x 3033
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***Oremus pro invicem* “Let us pray for each other”**

***Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector***

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

When you come to worship at Mass, please consider the contributions of all the many volunteers who help make our liturgies so beautiful and reverent – our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, ushers, altar servers and Mary Martha Guild, who expertly tend to the flowers and church environment. The Mass may look seamless, but there’s a lot of work – and many dedicated individuals – involved in making it happen, all for the greater glory of God.

My thanks to each of our volunteers and to the countless individuals participating in our 60+ parish apostolates. A good way to feel at home in the parish, and get to know one another, is to join in their activities. A list, with contacts, can be found on page 2 of this bulletin. Be sure to check them out and get involved!

**GRADUATING ALTAR SERVERS**

Speaking of volunteers, many of our altar servers begin serving at Mass when they are in the 5th grade. They often continue to assist at Mass through high school, when they officially “graduate” from serving. At our **10 a.m. Mass today, Sunday, May 15**, we offer our congratulations and thanks to Nick Carosi, who has served at the Basilica for seven years and will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall. We also happily acknowledge the service of Declan Lewis, who also has served at the altar for many years and will be continuing his education and career preparation with Project SEARCH. We wish both of them well and pray for them in whatever the future brings their way. God bless!

**DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS’ SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests at all Masses next weekend, **May 21 and 22**. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests, men who have given the greater part of their lives serving you and our diocesan churches.

Currently, there are 31 retired priests and an additional 15 priests who will retire in the Arlington Diocese in the next 10 years. Please see the flyer enclosed in this issue of the bulletin (and at the back of the Basilica) for more information on how your donation to this collection will support our retired priests. As a priest who will some day retire, God willing, I encourage you to be generous!

**FIRST MASS FOR NEW DOMINICAN PRIEST**

As you may know, for the past several years we have been blessed to have seminarians from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC, help with our religious education and other programs. Brother Paul Dominic Marich, O.P., was one of those men, assisting us by making visits to our homebound parishioners, bringing them the Holy Eucharist and spiritual consolation, and helping them maintain their connection to our parish family. Next **Saturday, May 21**, he will be ordained to the priesthood at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.



Father Paul will then celebrate a First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving here at the Basilica at our **1 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 22**. A light reception will follow in the Lyceum. Everyone is welcome to attend both the Mass and reception. Congratulations to Father Paul!

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, May 15

- 7 a.m. — Diane Brickley Parsons †  
8:30 a.m. — The healing of those experiencing mental illness  
10 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary †  
11:30 a.m. — Ann Yosue †  
1 p.m. — Margaret Cronin †  
5 p.m. — Arty Whelan †

#### Monday, May 16

- 6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †  
8 a.m. — Barry Jerome Frasier Sr. †  
12:10 p.m. — David M. Federle †

#### Tuesday, May 17

- 6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †  
8 a.m. — Anita Dec †  
12:10 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Petrino Family

#### Wednesday, May 18

- 6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †  
8 a.m. — Thomas DeLucia †  
12:10 p.m. — Michael and Margaret Rusnak †

#### Thursday, May 19

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. David Dufresne  
8 a.m. — Cindy Kuhnen †  
12:10 p.m. — Mary Jo Lavin †

#### Friday, May 20

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Holly Hatlo  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Stephen and Karen O'Brien  
12:10 p.m. — Ross McCoy †

#### Saturday, May 21

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Monica Favela  
5 p.m. (Vigil) — Dorothy Skelly †

### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, May 15

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

#### Monday, May 16

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

#### Tuesday, May 17

Acts 14: 19-28; Ps 145:10-13b, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

#### Wednesday, May 18

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

#### Thursday, May 19

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

#### Friday, May 20

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

#### Saturday, May 21

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

### WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Eason Bell, Eva Bell, Eadie James Blaine, Genevieve Braden, Charles Brittingham, John Sullivan Carson, Portofino Joseph Carzo, Jack Jay Pandol III, Finley Rhys Petroff, Bea Whitford and Robert Whitford

### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Luis de Andino, Suzanne Aragona, Theresa Aranda, Andrew Barnette, Crystal Barr, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke, Jon Bunting, Michael Casey, Maria Campo, J. Collins, Quinn Copps, Cathy Craft, Jean Edwards, Cynthia Ellis, Gary Farabough, Mary Gallagher, Patrick Gallagher, Gina Gonzalez, **Elisabeth Graham**, Michael Hahn, Neil Hayes, Michael Henderson, **Roslyn Holloway**, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Robert Juszczak, Robert Marshall, Bill McCarthy, Lois Miller, Dean Montayne, Gerald Moore, **Jack Neumayr**, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, **James Primm**, Cathy Quinn, James Rooney, Monsignor Michael Sexton, Alexander Staron, Noel Tohill, Sarah Walker and Jody Wireman

### PRAY FOR ALL THE RECENTLY DECEASED

### 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

May 15 — Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg  
May 16 — Rev. Geronimo A. (Jerome) Magat  
May 17 — Rev. Philip S. Majka (Retired)  
May 18 — Rev. David L. Martin (Retired)  
May 19 — Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee (Retired)  
May 20 — Rev. Brian B. McAllister  
May 21 — Rev. Stephen F. McGraw

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

#### **Love one another.**

“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples.”  
How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love 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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org) or call 703.836.4100.

### **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR MAY**



**Faith-Filled Young People.** We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

## WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION



### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass) is celebrated at the Basilica of Saint Mary on the **third Friday** each month. The next will be at 7:30 p.m., **Friday, May 20**. Missals are provided with Mass parts in Latin and English.

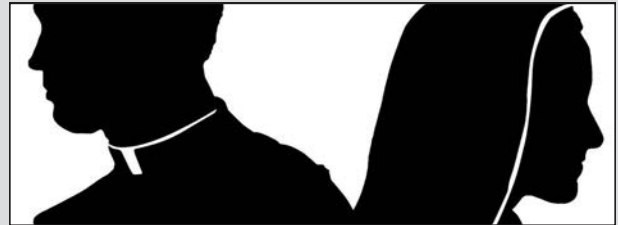
### *Liturgical Calendar This Week*

**May 18. Saint John I, Pope and Martyr.** From Siena, Italy. Sent to Constantinople by the Ostrogoth king to negotiate better treatment for the Arians. While he was relatively successful, on his return to Ravenna, the king had the Pope imprisoned for allegedly conspiring with Constantinople. Ill and worn out from his travels, he died in Ravenna.

**May 20. Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest.** Franciscan reformer, eloquent preacher; traveled and preached throughout Italy; encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. He died in 1444.

**May 21. Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions, Martyrs.** Magallanes, 21 priests and three laymen were shot or hanged (1915-37) for their association with the Cristero uprising that opposed the anti-Catholic Mexican government in the 1920s. The Cristero motto was "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!"

**HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE**  
are available at [youtube.com/arlingtondiocese](https://youtube.com/arlingtondiocese)



"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray, therefore, to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." *Luke 10:2*

All Basilica of Saint Mary parishioners are invited to participate in our Vocations Crucifix Program, an initiative to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

You will have the opportunity to host a beautiful blessed crucifix in your home for one week at a time, praying each day for vocations around the world, especially in our parish and diocese.

If you are interested in being a part of our Vocations Crucifix program, please sign up at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/vocations-cross>.

## Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

**Q: Are Catholic individuals who get married outside of the Church, really married?**

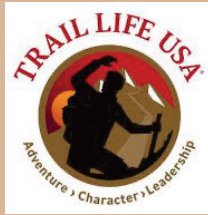
A: No, not in the eyes of God nor His Church.

For the baptized, marriage is a Sacrament. Like the other six Sacraments, it is governed by "form and matter." Simply put, for example, for the Mass the form are the words of consecration said by a priest, and the matter is the priest himself, as well as pure bread and wine.

Therefore, for Catholics who attempt marriage not according to the form and matter of the Sacrament (exchanging their vows in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses) do not receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Therefore, from that point forward of simulation of a Sacrament, they have placed themselves outside of communion with the Catholic Church. This is rectified by actually receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony in a valid ceremony, often called "convalidation."



**FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH**



**CALLING ALL PARISH BOYS!  
TRAIL LIFE TROOP VA-2311  
IS HERE!**

Trail Life, the Basilica's new scouting troop, has officially been chartered. It is open to all boys ages 5-18. We need all hands on deck to get started. Events to recruit, hike and explore will be announced soon.

The mission of Trail Life USA: To guide courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others and experience outdoor adventure. For more information, contact Brandon Eubank and John Hoffman at [trailifeva2311@gmail.com](mailto:trailifeva2311@gmail.com).



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



Third-grade students are learning the essentials of coding in their Technology and Innovations encore class. The challenge for this unit of study is to create a unique game by writing code. Utilizing MakeCode, an application for teaching the basic skills of software developers, Mr. Reynolds is able to differentiate his instruction based on the experience of his students. In the coming weeks, students will refine their games, adding layers of complexity to prepare for classmates to try out their newly designed games.

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<https://stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/yaya>



The Basilica of Saint Mary's  
**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT APOSTOLATES**  
*Encounter Jesus. Become Disciples. Change the Culture.*

@stmarysyaya

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  
Waltz Night*

Saturday | June 4th  
7PM at the Lyceum Auditorium  
[stmaryoldtown.org/young-adult-waltz](http://stmaryoldtown.org/young-adult-waltz)

Mariane Staron, Director | [mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org) | 703.836.4100 x 3030  
Aaron Zanca, Assistant Director | [azanca@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:azanca@stmaryoldtown.org) | 703.836.4100 x 3024

All high school girls and 8th grade girls invited

**HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRLS' CLUB**

talking on:  
**Squad Goals  
From Fake to Authentic  
Friendships**

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

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS'  
DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**

WEDNESDAYS | 7PM TO 9PM  
YOUTH HOUSE | 307 S ROYAL ST

## FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

### F3: FRATERNITY/FITNESS/FAITH

All men of the parish are invited to participate in **F3 — Fraternity, Fitness and Faith**, a group that meets in front of the Basilica every Saturday at 5 a.m.

The men work out for roughly 45 minutes, led by a different member of the group each week and then finish with prayer.

Learn more about F3 in Episode #226 of our Basilica Podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.

### SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE BASILICA PRAYER CHAIN

The Basilica of Saint Mary now has a prayer chain. To place your request for prayer, please go to [www.stmaryoldtown.org/prayer-chain-requests](http://www.stmaryoldtown.org/prayer-chain-requests) to submit a form so a group of Saint Mary parishioners can pray for your request. Also sign up there to be among those praying for others.



### DONATE YOUR CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

Proceeds from the sale of working and non-working cars provide critical funds for Catholic Charities volunteer programs. It's easy — they handle all the paperwork and you receive an IRS donation receipt. To donate, email [Cars@ccda.net](mailto:Cars@ccda.net) or call 703.841.3898.



### CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

#### Upcoming Leagues

**NEW! VOLLEYBALL Season 1**

Sundays, through June 26

REGISTER at [www.catholicsports.net/](http://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/emailsSignup](http://www.catholicsports.net/emailsSignup)

If you have any questions or want to connect, email [catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org) or text Helena at 540.551.2271.

### From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Kate welcomed us to the halfway house she shares with 11 others as she puts the pieces of her life back together after successfully completing six months of rehab from drug addiction. Alexandria has several of these halfway houses, with bankers, business people, lawyers, teachers and others who have been to the depths of hell from drug or alcohol addiction, determined to grasp life once again. Kate sorely missed her husband and daughter, but was sure they would be reunited. We always leave these visits inspired, but also counting our blessings, knowing that "there but for the grace of God go I." Please pray that the deep wounds in Kate's heart will be healed, and help us help those who seek a second chance for love, happiness and redemption.



### Fatima Pilgrimage: July 17-28

Join Father Joseph Townsend and the Luminaries of Holy Mary on pilgrimage to Fatima and other holy sites in Portugal and Spain connected to the apparitions experienced in Fatima. Pilgrimage dates: **July 17 to July 28**. \$1,550 per person, double occupancy (all inclusive excluding airfare). More information available at <https://bit.ly/3L0AzcU> or call Frank Spicer at 571.334.5925.



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### Attention Class of 2022

The Associates of Saint John Bosco invite rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes:

- June 29 — Saint Mark, July 6 — Saint Michael
- July 20 — Basilica of Saint Mary**  
**(at Saint Mary Lyceum, 313 Duke Street)**
- July 27 — Saint Mary Fredericksburg  
(at Holy Cross Academy)

College Nights help rising college freshmen and transfer students network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the often-difficult transition of faith life in college. Students hear from upperclassmen who offer personal testimonies about their transition to college while maintaining a strong faith life. There are small groups divided by students' universities. Students walk away with a free bundle of Catholic books, called the "Bosco Bundle," to help deepen their faith while at school. Free pizza dinner, too! Encourage your high school senior to sign up!

Find additional information at [www.asjb.org](http://www.asjb.org). Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

### CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

FREE Catechist Certification courses will be taught on site at the Basilica of Saint Mary this summer, **June 17/18 through August 5/6**. Do you know what you don't know about the Catholic Faith? Do you know how to best share what you do know? New and experienced teachers can learn a systematic presentation of the Faith, get fresh classroom ideas, access a bounty of resources for lesson plans and learn simple answers to tough questions. Taught by super-catechist Delores Nelson! Missed classes may be made up online. See our parish website and flyers at the back of the church for more details. Register at [www.bit.ly/CAT101-105](http://www.bit.ly/CAT101-105).



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**EPISODE 340: Msgr. Michael Morgan, a Priest Who Assists at the Basilica.** Msgr. Morgan is a priest of the Diocese of Saint Augustine, Florida, and a canon lawyer for the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, DC. For the past seven years, he has occasionally assisted at the Basilica of Saint Mary for weekend and daily Masses. He shares his vocation story, what he does for the Apostolic Nunciature and why he loves celebrating Mass at the Basilica.

**EPISODE 339: Spotlight on World Day of Prayer for Vocations with Alex Solsma,** Basilica of Saint Mary parishioner and Diocese of Arlington seminarian Alex Solsma is former director of communications and evangelization at the Basilica. In this podcast, he talks about his journey discerning his future vocation as a priest and the role of prayer during that journey.

**EPISODE 337: What Are the Sisters Reading during the Month of May?** Another in a monthly series featuring Sisters from the Daughters of Saint Paul who review and reflect upon spiritual books that will help Catholics grow in relationship to God. In this episode, Sister Sean Mayer, FSP, and Sister Kathryn Hermes, FSP, discuss *The Journey of our Love: The Letters of Saint Gianna Beretta & Pietro Molla* and *Pray For Us: 75 Saints Who Sinned, Suffered and Struggled on Their Way to Holiness* by Meg Hunter-Kilmer.

Listen to these and many other amazing podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>

### 5th Sunday Rosary for Vocations and Defense of Life May 29, after 5 p.m. Sunday Mass

The Knights of Columbus Council 459 welcomes all parishioners to join in the 5th Sunday Rosary and Sunday Vespers for Vocations and the Defense of life, on May 29, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass (approximately 6:05 p.m). The Knights will be joined by members of the Basilica Rosary Society in praying the Glorious Mysteries. A light reception follows at 316 Duke Street.

The next 5th Sunday Rosary will be **July 31**.

Please mark your calendars gather to pray for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For more details, contact Bill Beach, Basilica Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus, at 571.527.7772. or [wbeachkoc459@gmail.com](mailto:wbeachkoc459@gmail.com).





## 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*



### THE MYSTERY BELL



If you have driven past The Basilica School of Saint Mary on Green Street recently, you have seen the large scaffolding surrounding the cupola. Although the cupola is a distinctive architectural feature, it has another function — a bell tower. The bell itself has a long history. According to a 1989 newspaper article, it was cast in 1811 and purchased by Father Francis Ignatius Neale (pastor 1795-1818) in 1817 when he added a bell tower to the chapel that became Saint Mary Church. That chapel was purchased from the Methodists in 1810. A much older tradition is that the bell originally was purchased by the Methodist pastor for their chapel because a law required houses of worship to be identified by a bell, making it older than 1811.

Whatever its origin, the bell called Saint Mary parishioners to Mass and daily prayers for at least 40 years. In 1857, Father John Blox, then pastor, renovated and expanded the church. He added a 133-foot steeple, said to have been the highest in Alexandria. A large new bell was hung there.

The old bell was not discarded. Saint Mary's Hall, a large brick building used for meetings, Sunday School, special programs and cultural activities, was built on the corner of Royal and Wolfe Streets by the Young Catholic Friends Society in 1858. A small white cupola was placed on its roof. The old bell had a new home. After the Civil War, in 1869, the hall became Saint Mary's parochial school.

According to Mary P. Davis, who attended the old school in the 1940s and became principal of the new Saint Mary School in 1987, the bell rang every school day to call the children to class and for the noon *Angelus*. When a new school was built on Green Street, the bell was placed in its cupola and continued to be used for a number of years. There was a small, round hole in the upstairs library where the rope was hanging, so it could be rung from inside the school. At some point, a principal stopped the daily practice, likely when an electronic buzzer made the bell obsolete. The old bell remained hidden above the ceiling, forgotten until 1989, when Custodian Harold Crook located it. He recalled the small hole in the library, which had gone unnoticed for many years.



In March 1989, the bell was again rung for the *Angelus* during Catholic Schools Week. Now, the old bell will return to its home when the current cupola restoration is completed. We hope to hear it ring again!

*— Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*

### PRAY FOR THE U.S. SUPREME COURT TO SUPPORT THE CULTURE OF LIFE

Pro-life prayer cards are located in the back of the church. Please pick one up and pray for the U.S. Supreme Court and for the nation as the court weighs overturning *Roe v. Wade* in a decision expected in late June or early July.



Please pray during times of adoration in the Basilica, which also includes a weekly holy hour on Wednesdays, sponsored by the Saint Katharine Drexel Society (SKDS), 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., that includes a rosary, prayers of reparation, Sacred Silence, Benediction and Confession. The SKDS rosary intention includes a pro-life cause: *"Intention: In reparation for sins against the dignity of the human person — especially racism; for the sacredness of every human life to be protected and upheld, both in law and in culture; and for the unity of human society under the peaceful Lordship of Jesus Christ."*

All are welcome to attend and pray.

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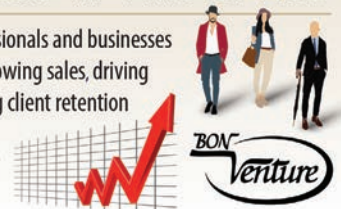


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