



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

May 16, 2021  
The Ascension of the Lord

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## HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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### 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 7:30 a.m.

### Communal First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

## BAPTISMS

Sunday, 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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# CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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| <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b><br>12:30 -7:30 p.m. Wed.                          | <b>Maureen Breiner</b>                     | tb5va@aol.com                             |
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| <b>Rosary Prayer Group</b><br>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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## *Oremus pro invicem* “Let us pray for each other”

*Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector*

### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today, **Sunday, May 16**, the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. This is one of the great solemnities of the liturgical calendar, commemorating Christ's triumphant “going up” bodily into heaven, by His own power, in the presence of the Apostles, the Blessed Mother and His disciples, 40 days after His Resurrection at Easter (Acts 1:6-12). Where Christ went, body and soul, into heaven, the faithful hope one day to follow. May we always rejoice and be comforted in that hope.

### POPE FRANCIS MAKES ADDITIONS TO THE LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH



During this Year of Saint Joseph, many of us have been reciting the beautiful Litany of Saint Joseph (<https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers/>). On **May 1**, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, Pope Francis added seven new invocations to that litany. Taken from the writings of recent popes, the new invocations were issued in Latin. It will be up to the bishops' conferences of various countries to officially translate the words into the local language.

The new Saint Joseph Litany invocations, with unofficial English translations from the Vatican, are:

- **Custos Redemptoris** (Guardian of the Redeemer), the title of Pope Saint John Paul II's 1989 apostolic exhortation on Saint Joseph
- **Serve Christi** (Servant of Christ), taken from the homily of Pope Saint Paul VI for Saint Joseph's feast day in 1966
- **Minister Salutis** (Minister of Salvation), a title used by Saint John Chrysostom, quoted by John Paul II in 1989
- **Fulcimen in Difficultatibus** (Guide/Supporter in Difficulties), from the 2020 apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, issued by Pope Francis for the 150th anniversary of the 1870 declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church
- **Patrone Exsulum** (Patron/Protector of Exiles), from *Patris Corde*
- **Patrone Afflictorum** (Patron/Protector of the Afflicted), from *Patris Corde*
- **Patrone Pauperum** (Patron/Protector of the Poor), also from *Patris Corde*

### The POWER AND ROLE OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

As Catholics, we often turn to litanies and other forms of “intercessory prayer” to seek the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and other saints in times of need. For example, Pope Francis has asked us to pray the rosary each day in this month of May, seeking Our Lady's intercession for an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

Of course, we know Christ is our best mediator with God. Intercessory prayer – asking the saints for help – is not the same thing as mediation. Intercession is subordinate and optional. We, as mere humans, certainly need Christ as our divine mediator with the Father. The intercession of the saints is not a necessity – but it can help! It's like asking a family member or good friend to pray for us.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, May 16 — The Ascension of the Lord

- 7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary  
8:30 a.m. — Diane Brickley Parsons  
10 a.m. — Robert Goldschmidt  
11:30 a.m. — DeMack Justin Westervelt  
1 p.m. — Special Intention: James and Pringle Patrick  
5 p.m. — Mother's Day Novena

#### Monday, May 17

- 6:30 a.m. — Henry Huck Mahier  
8 a.m. — Mother's Day Novena  
12:10 p.m. — Theresa Boos

#### Tuesday, May 18

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Caroline Ricardo  
8 a.m. — Tom Hasbrouck  
12:10 p.m. — Inger Pahle

#### Wednesday, May 19

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Monica Davin  
8 a.m. — Sylvia DuVal Adams  
12:10 p.m. — James Lynch Jr.

#### Thursday, May 20

- 6:30 a.m. — Maria Correa  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Stephen and Karen O'Brien  
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Thomas Farrell

#### Friday, May 21

- 6:30 a.m. — Maria Correa  
8 a.m. — Ellen Hickey Grayson  
12:10 p.m. — Clara Andrade

#### Saturday, May 22

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Tim and Andrea McCrum  
5 p.m. — Garth A. Wallace

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, May 16

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

#### Monday, May 17

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-5d, 6-7b; Jn 16:29-33

#### Tuesday, May 18

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

#### Wednesday, May 19

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19

#### Thursday, May 20

Acts 22:30 and 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

#### Friday, May 21

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19

#### Saturday, May 22

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

### WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Dominic Edward Ruhling, Jackson Anthony Teschner,  
Cooper Joseph Urban and Valerie Adelaide Watson

### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Walt Adelmann, Dutch Anderson, Suzanne Aragona,  
Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, Jean Edwards,  
Adonis Santana Flores, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson,  
Sean P. Kocourek, Carolyn Mason, **Geraldine (Gerry)**  
**McGowan**, Bud Miles, Michael Mills, Richard Nunan,  
Terry Nunan, Jeffrey Petrino, Pam Rubin, Karen Russell,  
**Baby Shiller**, Sarah Stove, Noel Tohill, **Juan Torres**,  
Irma Valentine and Jerry Wallmeyer

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

Tom Bergeron, Michael Joseph Kelley, Edmea McCarty,  
Blaise Pugh and Jean Bahret Lail

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

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

### PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

May 16 — Rev. Joseph F. Moschetto  
May 17 — Rev. John P. Mosimann  
May 18 — Rev. Christopher J. Mould  
May 19 — Rev. Mark Mullaney  
May 20 — Rev. Richard A. Mullins  
May 21 — Rev. Christopher D. Murphy  
May 22 — Rev. Peter W. Nassetta, YA

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**And they went out and proclaimed the good  
news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.**  
If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel  
as a priest or consecrated religious,  
contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at  
michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

To keep our prayer lists current, names of the ill are listed for  
4 weeks. Names of those actively serving in harm's way  
(generally means deployed overseas) are listed for 4 months.  
You may reinstate or add a name at  
bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

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



*The World of Finance* Let us pray that those in  
charge of finance will work with governments  
to regulate the financial sphere and protect  
citizens from its dangers.

## WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

### *Year of Saint Joseph*

**Saint Joseph shines among all mankind and approaches nearer than any other saint to the holiness of the Mother of God.**

*– Pope Leo XIII*



### FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY

May 30

Join the Rosary Society of the Basilica of Saint Mary for our Fifth Sunday Rosary, in the Basilica following the 5 p.m. Mass on **Sunday, May 30**.

More information at

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



### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass) is celebrated here at the Basilica of Saint Mary on the **third Friday** of each month. The regular celebrant for this Mass is our Parochial Vicar, Father David Dufresne. Our next Extraordinary Form Mass at the Basilica will be celebrated on **Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.**



### PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners of the Basilica of Saint Mary to experience the many graces and blessings of Our Lady of Fatima by hosting our Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Adria Teyrani at 571.310.4016 or via email at [avillar@hotmail.com](mailto:avillar@hotmail.com).



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

### **Q: Why does the pope change his name? Who chooses the new name?**

**A:** It's tradition. Once a man is elected pope, he can choose whatever name he wants. Almost all popes have chosen a name honoring a saint or a previous pope whom they admired or whose work they hoped to continue or emulate. The tradition also reflects the fact that important figures in the Bible were given new names when chosen for new and weighty jobs: Abram became Abraham, Jacob became Israel, Simon became Peter and Saul became Paul.

For popes, it apparently began with John II, elected in 533. He was born with the name Mercurius, after the god Mercury. He changed his name to John, likely concerned that a pope named after a pagan god was not appropriate.

It was not until Sergius IV (1009) that subsequent popes continued the tradition of popes changing their name. (The last to retain his baptismal name was Pope Marcellus II in 1555. His birth name was Marcello Cervini degli Spannochii, so Marcellus was a variation of his birth name.)

Thus, following tradition, recent popes have chosen new names: Karol Josef Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II when he was elected in 1978, Joseph Ratzinger became Pope Benedict XVI in 2005 and Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Pope Francis in 2013.



## FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

### HELP OUR HIGH SCHOOLERS SERVE THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AT WORKCAMP There are many ways you can help!



**June 20-24**, Basilica of Saint Mary teens will join other students from Northern Virginia for the annual Arlington Diocese WorkCamp, based this year at Good Shepherd Catholic

Church. The teens will attend Mass daily then split into "crews" comprised of teens from four parishes. Their goal is to complete a home construction project for someone in need. The WorkCamp experience also includes faith formation and fellowship.

To make WorkCamp 2021 a success, we need your help in a variety of roles: Adult Crew Leader, Contractors and Assistant Contractors (no experience needed), preparing PB&J sandwiches for lunches, serving dinner to teens and helping with various tasks at home base (Good Shepherd) during the day and evening. Please consider supporting this program through your prayers, time or financial resources. Find more at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/support-workcamp/>.

#### Questions?

Contact Youth Apostolate Assistant  
Director & WorkCamp Stakeholder Mariane Staron  
at [mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org)

### From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Our Lady guides us in our mission, our pilgrimage to creating and sustaining a community that truly cares for each other. Just as important, this service convinces those in need that they are important to us, their Catholic neighbors. No one, no child, left behind is a slogan, but can have real meaning to those in need when they are not left behind. When Lisa started a new job but was faced with her savings wiped out during the many months when she was unemployed, we partnered with others to erase her debt and give her a fresh start. She commented that the relief she felt was as powerful as the relief she felt when she received her first dose of the vaccine. Hope is now real for her and her two young children. Help us provide a vaccine of hope via your generous donations to our mission. You can contribute via Faith Direct at the Saint Mary website or via a check made to SVdP and dropped at the Parish Office (313 Duke Street) or in the Poor Box in the Basilica.



## F3

### (FRATERNITY/FITNESS/FAITH)

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

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

All men of the parish are invited to attend.

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

### ASSIST PREGNANT MOTHERS IN NEED THIS WEEKEND & NEXT WEEKEND

Our Girl Scout Troop 1508 will be conducting a collections drive to help pregnant mothers in crisis this weekend and next (May 15 and 16, and May 22 and 23). The Troop will be delivering donated items and grocery store gift cards to the Alexandria-based MaRiH Center, a volunteer-led nonprofit partner of Catholic Charities. Please consider donating such items as diapers, baby wipes, new infant clothing, convertible car seats, high chairs, strollers and grocery store gift cards. A Girl Scout Troop 1508 donation box will be located in the vestibule of the Basilica during the two weekends and members of the Troop will be available in-person to collect goods following the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on **Saturday, May 22** and the 10 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, May 23**.



### SECOND COLLECTION May 22/23

The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Diocesan Retired Priests Collection, which supports the care of current and future retired priests of the Arlington Diocese.

**CHRIST HOUSE THRIFT SHOP**  
Catholic Charities Christ House Thrift Shop needs volunteers. If you are interested, please contact [aniliza.juan@ccda.net](mailto:aniliza.juan@ccda.net).

## FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

### JOHN PAUL THE GREAT SUMMER CAMPS

**JP Summer Camps are back for 2021!** Sign up your elementary and middle-school age children for a variety of athletic and enrichment camps during the month of July. Camps include Robotics, Photography, Leadership, Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Soccer and more! Visit [jpthegreat.org](http://jpthegreat.org) for details and registration information.

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Associates of Saint John Bosco offers scholarships to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. They offer three scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 each and one scholarship, the Vincent T. Vacca-ro Education Scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000 to a student who will be engaged in education or work with young adults after college. **The scholarship application is due May 18.** For more information, visit: <https://www.asjb.org/scholarship-program>.

### FORMED

A **FREE**, comprehensive, online library of Catholic resources for the entire family is available to Saint Mary parishioners at <https://stmaryoldtown.formed.org>

### T.E.A.M. RETREAT

#### INFLAMING THE FAITH AMONG TEENS

**Saturday, June 12 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The Teenage Enrichment for the Apostles of Mary (T.E.A.M.) Retreat, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, at Holy Trinity Jubilee Park Inc., 4407 Aldie Road in Catharpin, VA.

Join other teens for an exciting day with Mass, Benediction, Confession, Eucharistic Procession, uplifting talks, skits and other activities.

Speakers will be Father John Melmer and Father Peter McShurley.

Cost, including lunch and refreshments, is \$30/person, \$50/family of two or more children; \$35 for **late registration after May 30.**

Bring a mask, water, rosary and bug spray.

Meet new friends, have fun, learn strong Catholic values and more, particularly be drawn closer to God.

Mark your calendar and **register early.**

For registration forms or to inquire about the retreat, call Dr. Seggy Acosta at 703.392.6420 or Dr. Christine Wilson at 571.274.6923.

Scholarships available based on financial need. Or visit [www.holytrinityjubileepark](http://www.holytrinityjubileepark) for registration forms.

<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!

**\*MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING OBSERVED IN ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS\***



# Young Adult Camping Trip

May 28th to 30th  
Registration and more information at the website

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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

*A periodic look at the history  
of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish*



### SAINT MARY'S ONLY MISSION CHURCH IN MARYLAND

The first successful mission of Saint Mary was our only mission in Maryland, Saint Ignatius Loyola, established in 1849 on the Alexandria Ferry Road (now Brinkley Road) in Oxon Hill.

Father Joseph Finotti of Saint Mary also served as founding pastor of Saint Ignatius. Saint Mary parishioners who led the effort to build the mission church included the Daingerfield family. Maria Rozier, owner of Notley Hall (where Father Thayer stayed after visiting Alexandria's Catholics in 1795), was the wife of Dr. William Daingerfield. In addition to their estate in Oxon Hill, the Daingerfields lived in a townhouse at 917 King Street in Alexandria. Dr. Daingerfield also owned the Alexandria Ferry.



The Oxon Hill parishioners first attended Mass at the home of the Surratt family (Mary Jenkins Surratt later was among the conspirators convicted and hung in 1865 for the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln). The original church was partially funded by money collected by Mary Surratt and other women of the parish. Land for the new mission church was donated by two Episcopalians, a Doctor Folson and a Major Edelen.

The first church was completed in 1850 and dedicated by the Most Reverend Samuel Eccleston, Archbishop of Baltimore. The Reverend James Ryder, Rector of Georgetown College and an outstanding preacher of the time, delivered the sermon. The original, simple wooden structure was replaced in 1890 by a larger frame church with a tall steeple, still in use today.

Diocesan boundary lines were redrawn and Saint Ignatius parish eventually was placed under the jurisdiction of Saint Mary of the Assumption Church in Upper Marlboro, MD, and became part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The church remained a mission until 1948 when Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle of the Archdiocese of Washington declared it a parish with a resident pastor. The 1890 church was declared a national historic landmark in 1974.   
– Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



### Camino de María

#### MAKE A REGIONAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE THIS MONTH

For centuries, Catholics have recognized May as the "Month of Mary." One of the special ways we can venerate Mary during this month is to make a Marian pilgrimage. The May Marian pilgrimage was a favorite devotion of Saint Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei. In 1935, after his first visit to the Sonsoles Shrine near Avila, Spain, he established the custom of a May pilgrimage for people in Opus Dei. Each May, members continue to make a pilgrimage to a shrine or other place where Mary is venerated.

In the spirit of this tradition, the Basilica of Saint Mary is encouraging parishioners to make a May Marian pilgrimage. There are several Marian sites in the region and you could visit them all in one day. We are calling this route the *Camino de María*.

To see the sites and route we recommend, please visit our parish website at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/regional-marian-pilgrimage>.



## AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



**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

Families and individuals are invited to participate in a new Basilica of Saint Mary initiative to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

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## ***Liturgical Calendar This Week***

— **May 16. Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.** Commemorates the ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after His Resurrection at Easter.

— **May 18. Saint John I, Pope and Martyr.** From Siena, Italy. Sent on a diplomatic mission to Constantinople by the Ostrogoth king to negotiate better treatment for Arians. Although relatively successful, on his return to Ravenna, the king had the Pope imprisoned for allegedly conspiring with Constantinople. He died there, ill and worn out from his travels.

— **May 20. Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest.** Order of Friars Minor (Franciscan). Reformer, eloquent preacher; traveled throughout Italy. Encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus; known for his use of the monogram IHS, an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus. Patron of advertisers and advertising. His aid is invoked for hoarseness. Died in 1444.

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

— **May 22. Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious.** Born in 1381 in Umbria. Lived with a brutal husband and had two sons. After the violent murder of her husband, she urged forgiveness in contrast to the customary vendetta of her day. Became an Augustinian nun and spent 40 years in prayer, contemplation and service to the sick and poor. Toward the end of her life, she received a wound from a thorn from the Crown of Thorns. She died in 1457. Patron saint of desperate situations.



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