

# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector  
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar  
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## HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

All Masses are live streamed at [www.stmaryoldtown.org](http://www.stmaryoldtown.org)

### 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, 2:30 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>Nocturnal Adoration</b> Society 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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## Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

*Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector*

### PRAY THE ROSARY FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a good time to renew and strengthen our relationship with her through prayer and reflection. This year, May takes on a new Marian dimension as Pope Francis has asked Catholics everywhere to pray the rosary each day to seek Our Lady's intercession to end the global coronavirus epidemic. The theme of the initiative is: “Prayer to God went up incessantly from the whole Church,” based on Acts 12:5: “While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.”

Pope Francis led the rosary on **May 1** and will close the month with the rosary on **May 31**. Throughout May, 30 shrines around the world are taking turns publicly leading the rosary. Vatican News is livestreaming the event daily at 12 noon Eastern time at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>.

I encourage each of you, and your families, to participate by praying the rosary (or at least one decade) every day, for the intention of ending the coronavirus pandemic. There are several opportunities here at the Basilica to recite the rosary in community:

- **Daily Rosary** – Prayed just before our 8 a.m. Mass, Monday through Friday, and before our 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday.
- **Communal First Saturday** – Saturday, May 8, includes the rosary at 8 a.m. and a meditation on one decade of the rosary by one of our priests. Confessions are available and Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m.
- **Fifth Sunday Rosary** – Following the 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 30. Includes Evening Prayer and the rosary, hosted by our Basilica of Saint Mary Rosary Society.

You also can pray the recorded rosary any time along with Father David via our website at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/rosary-podcast-fr-david> or on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

### OTHER WAYS TO HONOR MARY

Other ways to honor Our Blessed Mother during her month include recitation of the Hail Mary, praying the *Memorare* or the *Angelus* (replaced by the *Regina Coeli* during the Easter Season until Pentecost **Sunday, May 23**), wearing her brown scapular or Miraculous Medal, and honoring her through small, frequent acts of love and sacrifice. Or you could make a pilgrimage (a good family activity) to a Marian shrine, such as the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Or maybe make a little pilgrimage to visit an image of Mary.



The nearby parishes of Saint Rita and Saint Joseph have lovely outdoor statues of Our Lady. You might pray part of a rosary on the way there, part of it while there and finish the rosary on your way home.

Another beautiful way to include Our Lady in your life is to begin your day with a prayer, traditionally called a “Morning Offering,” seeking her support and guidance. Below is a classic example:

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, May 2 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7 a.m. — Bonnie Zuro  
8:30 a.m. — Ralph Puccinelli  
10 a.m. — Janina Januszowska Thiessen  
11:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary  
1 p.m. — Corine Farnham  
5 p.m. — George Mulligan

#### Monday, May 3

- 6:30 a.m. — Jose Mari Trinidad  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Sheena Byrne  
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Fr. Dort Bigg

#### Tuesday, May 4

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Daniel & Jacqueline Riordan  
8 a.m. — Cecilia Rooney  
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Quinn Copps

#### Wednesday, May 5

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Joshua Lynch  
8 a.m. — The Rooney Family  
12:10 p.m. — Eileen Kelly

#### Thursday, May 6

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: The President  
& All Elected Officials  
8 a.m. — Irena & Kazimiere Blaszkiewicz  
12:10 p.m. — William Roberts

#### Friday, May 7

- 6:30 a.m. — Julia Bellido  
8 a.m. — Wesley Burks  
12:10 p.m. — Eileen Kelly

#### Saturday, May 8

- 8:30 a.m. — Margaret Travers  
5 p.m. — Martha Lou Finney

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, May 2

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

#### Monday, May 3

1Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

#### Tuesday, May 4

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

#### Wednesday, May 5

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

#### Thursday, May 6

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

#### Friday, May 7

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

#### Saturday, May 8

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

### WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Jackson Quinn Collins, Joseph Michael Miller  
and Audrey Rose Moran

### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Walt Adelman, Dutch Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, Rebecca Demuth, Jean Edwards, Adonis Santana Flores, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Sean P. Kocourek, Bud Miles, Michael Mills, Richard Nunan, Terry Nunan, Jeffrey Petrino, Pam Rubin, Sarah Stove, Noel Tohill, Irma Valentine and Jerry Wallmeyer

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Michael Kaczynski and Antonio Ponce

### 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 2 — Rev. David L. Martin (Retired)  
May 3 — Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee (Retired)  
May 4 — Rev. Brian B. McAllister  
May 5 — Rev. Stephen F. McGraw  
May 6 — Rev. Martin McGuill (Retired)  
May 7 — Rev. Peter M. McShurley  
May 8 — Rev. John H. Melmer

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**

Are you being called to love the Lord and His people  
as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Love demands truth and action.

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

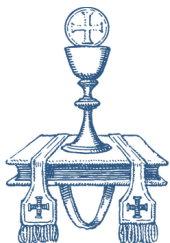
If...the King of Kings was pleased to raise Joseph to so high a dignity, it is right and obligatory on our part to endeavor to honor him as much as we can.

— Saint Alphonsus Liguori



### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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



### 2Minutes2Virtue

Get closer to Jesus through Sunday reflections by the priests of our Arlington Diocese. Sign up by texting **2m2v** to **84576** or visit

### Liturgical Calendar This Week

**May 3 — Saints Philip and James, Apostles.** Both of these saints are mentioned in the Roman Canon. **Philip**, died in the 1st century. From Bethsaida; among the first disciples called by Jesus; tradition holds that Philip preached in Phrygia, dying on a cross at Hierapolis; two apocryphal works are attributed to him. **James**, died in 62 BC. Surnamed “the Less” or “the Just” for his piety; he was leader of the Jerusalem Church; an epistle is ascribed to him; he is believed to have been beaten or stoned to death.

### MONTHLY NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during the Basilica of Saint Mary’s monthly Nocturnal Adoration on the **first Friday of each month**, beginning at 9 p.m. and ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday. **May 7** will be the next First Friday. Vocal prayers during Adoration follow the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament*, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. To sign up or to learn more about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at [helenlynch21@gmail.com](mailto:helenlynch21@gmail.com).



## Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

### Q: When non-Catholic friends attend Mass with me, how do I explain that they are not supposed to receive Communion?

A: When we say “Amen” before receiving Most Holy Communion, we are assenting not only the fact we acknowledge that is really Jesus and we are in Communion with Him (free of sin) but also in Communion with His Church and believe and profess everything the Catholic Church believes and professes. If your friend is ready to do then, well, then Praise God, let us have them make their profession of faith public and be received into full Communion of the Church at Easter.

Denying the Holy Communion to a non-Catholic is not a judgment on the state of a person’s soul, but a recognition of what Catholics believe about the Eucharist. Receiving Holy Communion is a public declaration of fellowship with Christ’s Body, the Church — the fellowship, expressed by our common faith, worship and life. When we say “Amen” at the communion rail, we are saying, “Yes, I agree!” To receive Holy Communion without sharing in that fellowship would be, in effect, to tell a lie.

As others are receiving the Eucharist, encourage your non-Catholic friends to remain in their pew and join us spiritually with their prayers.



## FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS – Urgent Spring Food Drive



Almost 200,000 people in our diocese are food insecure and do not know where their next meal will come from. Demand for foodstuffs from St Lucy has increased 70% due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a second St. Lucy Food Drive to help meet this increased demand. The **St. Lucy Project** is a food pantry and delivery network of the **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (CCDA)**. Please support the Spring Food Drive by **picking up your St Lucy food bag after Mass the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, fill the bag with the goods listed below, and **return the bag for collection at Mass the weekend of May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your generosity!!! And thank you to help eliminate food need and insecurity ----- **The St. Lucy Project requests the following items:**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ✓ Canned Meat/Fish      | ✓ Cereals, Hot & Cold | ✓ Pasta Sauce and Pasta | ✓ Dried & Canned Beans        |
| ✓ Canned Vegetables     | ✓ Canned fruit        | ✓ Children's snacks     | ✓ Juice                       |
| ✓ Peanut Butter & Jelly | ✓ Rice & Grains       | ✓ Soups & Baking Items  | ✓ Quarts of Shelf Stable Milk |

**Checks made out to CCDA welcomed. Gift cards from WalMart, Giant and Aldi are also welcomed Contributions also accepted through Faith Direct. Please NO GLASS packaging**

### *The MARIH center* *An Alternative to Abortion*

The MARIH (Ma-Rye-Ah) Center is a pro-life crisis pregnancy center, offering an alternative to abortion and operating in Alexandria since 1974. We are seeking volunteers! Spanish language skills are especially desirable but not required. The MARIH Center is open **Monday through Thursday**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and **Saturdays**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. MARIH is entirely volunteer-run and donation-based. Please call 703.370.4774 or e-mail [marihcenter@gmail.com](mailto:marihcenter@gmail.com) for additional information and a tour. We look forward to volunteering with you!

### CHRIST HOUSE THRIFT SHOP

Catholic Charities Christ House Thrift Shop volunteers are needed (3 hours per week) **Thursdays and Fridays**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. If you are interested or have questions, please contact [aniliza.juan@ccda.net](mailto:aniliza.juan@ccda.net).

### VIRTUAL INTERPRETERS NEEDED

Mother of Mercy's (MoM) mission is to provide free, quality health care to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured in the Arlington Diocese. The majority of MoM's clients speak Spanish. The MoM Clinics need Virtual Interpreters to help improve communication between the clients and their medical providers. All interpreting services will be done remotely via Zoom. Training is provided. If you are interested in helping with one four-hour shift a month, please register at <http://bit.ly/VolunteerMotherofMercy>.

### From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Zal's hours were cut back working at an Amazon warehouse because of a leg injury. We went to see him and were immediately welcomed with the aroma of a pot of Afghan stew bubbling in the pressure cooker. Mom was hard at work in the kitchen while the dad and kids were nearby. Mom, dad and four kids in a one bedroom apartment. It's the immigrant story many of our ancestors knew, and like them, one could feel happiness...no complaints. One could feel a family closeness, a love that endures all hardships. While the other volunteer worked with the dad on a plan going forward, I had a wonderful time playing with the kids whose English was flawless. They will succeed. But they desperately need our help now. We placed them in our Sustainment Fund program and will stay with them until they reach self-sufficiency. Please contribute to that fund via Faith Direct or a check to SVdP dropped at the Parish Office or Poor Box. And please consider joining us as a volunteer. For more information, please contact Jim Larocco at [rocca-rocco@usa.net](mailto:rocca-rocco@usa.net).



## AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



### *The Basilica of Saint Mary* **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2021**

Congratulations to the children of our parish receiving their First Holy Communion on April 30, May 1, May 7, May 8 and May 15.  
We rejoice and thank God they will now join us at His Eucharistic table!

Klaara Anderson  
Nadia Balog  
Grace Beach  
Sophia Bechamp  
Ava Bernhard  
Chapman Berry  
Oliver Biastre  
Caroline Biegel  
Alyssa Blackwell  
Hadley Brouillette  
James Brown  
Stefano Bruen  
Billy Brunk  
Nicholas Caroc  
Holden Cassady  
Samuel Cellini  
Emily Coffman  
Jack Conway  
James Costello  
Annabel Croson  
Nathan Cruz  
Markus Cruz Lipman  
Samuel Culbert  
Alexandra Cutler  
Michael D'Angelo  
Stella D'Angelo  
Jude Dauer  
Finnbar Dempsey

Arie DiGrado  
Isabella Doss  
Cailin Duffy  
Charlotte Dunstan  
Delainey Earle  
Ryan Elliot  
Victoria Farrell  
Leopold Fleming  
Athena Fuller  
Katherine Grace Geffroy  
Emma Geldres  
Emi Gilloon  
Gabriel Glaccum  
Colson Gracey  
Thomas Granfield  
Amelia Gray  
Ethan Griffith  
Louisa Gundersen  
Connor Haas  
Robert Haralson  
James Hay  
Victoria Henderson  
Emma Hood  
Edward Hyde  
Jackson Jensen  
Kayden Jobe  
Patrick Kilroy  
Vivienne Langone

Charlotte Lavin  
David Lee  
Alexa Lenehan  
Isabella Lestorti  
Penelope Lindh  
Nicholas James Loving  
Joseph Lyle  
Mason Manzo  
Isla Marvel  
John Mauceri  
Clare McDermott  
Hunter McNamara  
Skyler McNamara  
Mary Minkiewicz  
Mary Moreno  
Ambrose Neuman  
Thaddeus Neuman  
Niamh Nigra  
John O'Kane  
Charlotte Olsen  
Annabel Paik  
Stuart Peck  
Mathilde Perez  
Victoria Perez-Bonneau  
Finley Philbin  
Seraphina Pinto  
Sydney Pitta  
James Plati

Bree Polk  
Ryan Potter  
Olivia Reddani  
Keegan Ripley  
Cecilia Rodriguez Falcon  
Cristina Romero-Collette  
Luke Schwartz  
Audrey Shannon  
Patrick Sheridan  
Savannah Smith  
Caelin Smyth  
Zachary Spain  
Emily Swain  
John Talay  
Astrid Test  
Erik Test  
Abigail Thielman  
John Traci  
Cavanagh Travis  
Rory Von Schaumburg  
Will Walton  
Caroline Walz  
Elizabeth Ward  
Mathew Welker  
Ava Wellington  
Cecilia Wells  
Henry Zottola



PODCAST

#### NEW BASILICA PODCAST

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## 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.*



## FIRST COMMUNION AT SAINT MARY

This spring, more than 100 children will receive their First Holy Communion here at the Basilica of Saint Mary. In 1872, an article in the *Alexandria Gazette* reported on a similar event:

*At Saint Mary's Church yesterday, 35 children were admitted to their First Communion, having been carefully instructed for that purpose, since Easter, by Rev. B.A. Toale, and the Sisters of the Holy Cross.*

*Mass was said at 7 a.m. by Rev. Peter Kroes, and before giving the Holy Communion, he delivered a discourse to the children, strongly impressing upon them the important of a great and solemn act they were about to perform. They then advanced to the altar rail and received the Blessed Sacrament.*

*At Vespers, the new communicants again assembled, occupying the front pews in the central range. After another impressive exhortation from the pastor, the renewal of their baptismal vows was read, for the boys by James Moran, and for the girls by Bridget Wilson, each standing within the chancel, supported by two companions. The boys, 18 in number, then advanced to the altar rail bearing lighted candles, and kneeling, repeated aloud the following formula: "I renounce the devil and all his works and pomps, and I promise to live and die in the Holy, Roman, Catholic Church." Then the girls, numbering 17, dressed in white and wearing white veils as in the morning, repeated the same formula.....*



First Holy Communion class in the 1940s with  
Msgr. Edward L. Stephens

We no longer include the Vesper service with First Communion here at Saint Mary. And, these children were around 12 years old. Today, in 2021, children normally receive First Holy Communion when they are 7 to 8 years old and in the second grade. The First Holy Communion Mass was celebrated so early in the morning in 1872 because Church procedure at that time required people to fast from food and drink from midnight until receiving Communion. Mass later in the day would have required additional hours of fasting.

— Kitty Guy, Parish Historian

### 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 then finish with prayer.

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### BASILICA ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary Society of the Basilica of Saint Mary provides resources that help the faithful grow in their love of our Lord, the Blessed Mother, the rosary and the Catholic Church. The Society executes this mission by connecting parish members with Basilica organizations that pray the rosary (particularly the Daily Rosary Group), planning and managing spiritual retreats for the parish and the Fifth Sunday Rosary for Vocations (the next fifth Sunday will be **May 30**), and sponsoring seminars and presentations on our faith by prominent spiritual leaders. The Society meets as a community at least once a quarter after the Fifth Sunday Rosary is prayed (usually in the Basilica). Participation in the Society is open to any Catholic, regardless of parish affiliation.



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

## Lost and Found

### PARISH LOST & FOUND TO BE EMPTIED

Please be advised that the lost-and-found bin in the Parish Office will be emptied on **May 10**.

Items that have been there for weeks and months will be donated or discarded. Current items in the bin include rosaries/chaplets, car keys, reading glasses, leather gloves and hats.

If you think you left something in the church, visit the Parish Office at 313 Duke Street to retrieve it.

You also may contact us at 703.836.4100 or [admin@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:admin@stmaryoldtown.org) with a description of a lost item so we can check the lost-and-found bin for you. Thank you!

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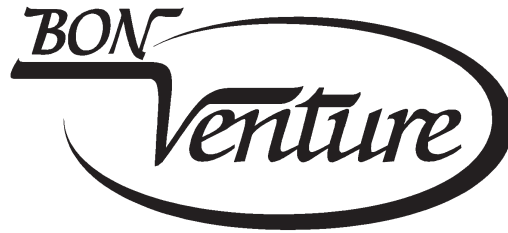
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