



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

May 23, 2021  
Pentecost Sunday

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector  
Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Nicholas F. Blank, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Noah C. Morey, In Residence

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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, 2:30 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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## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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

*Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector*

### NEW PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS

This time of year inevitably brings the reassignment of some priests in our Arlington Diocese. While bittersweet, these changes are part of the life of a parish priest as he assists the Bishop in the smooth functioning of the diocese. New assignments also help prepare parochial vicars (priests who assist the pastor) as future pastors by giving them experience with different models of parish life and organization.

Two changes, effective **June 24**, impact our Basilica family.

After two years of faithful service as parochial vicar here at Saint Mary (since his ordination to the priesthood in 2019), Father Nicholas Blank has been reassigned as parochial vicar at Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Warrenton. We will miss him, of course, but know God has great plans for him in Warrenton! All are invited to expressed your gratitude for Father's priestly service at a farewell reception for him following the 1 p.m. Mass on **Sunday, June 20**.



Deacon Joseph Townsend, who will be ordained to the priesthood on **June 5**, will be our new parochial vicar. Last year, he was at the Basilica of Saint Mary for his summer assignment. He is a graduate of Christendom College (like Father Nicholas) and is currently studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Also like Father Nicholas, Deacon Townsend was home-schooled and is the oldest in a family of nine children! Learn more about Deacon Townsend by listening to a Basilica of Saint Mary Podcast, recorded last summer, at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/Joe-townsend-podcast>.

A full list of the new clergy appointments is available at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/press-releases/2021/clergy-appointments-2021/>

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today, **May 23**, we celebrate Pentecost. This solemnity marks the culmination of the 40 days Our Lord spent on earth after He rose from the dead on Easter, plus the nine days of prayer (the first novena) of Mary and the Apostles as they waited in the Upper Room for the Spirit Jesus had promised He would send to them. Let us pray — today and every day — for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the world, on the Church, on our nation and on our families.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful  
and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.  
Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.  
And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.  
O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of Thy faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement  
in all things and ever to rejoice in His consolation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*



## IN OUR PRAYERS

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, May 23 — Pentecost Sunday

- 7 a.m. — Genevieve Scott Bell  
8:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary  
10 a.m. — Special Intention: Mary Lou Leitner  
11:30 a.m. — Mary Hilgeman  
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway  
5 p.m. — Joseph Cruse

#### Monday, May 24

- 6:30 a.m. — Joseph Ho Yuen  
8 a.m. — Barry Judd  
12:10 p.m. — Mary Jean McJury

#### Tuesday, May 25

- 6:30 a.m. — Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Sudder Jr.  
8 a.m. — Charles Boarders  
12:10 p.m. — Mary Jean McJury

#### Wednesday, May 26

- 6:30 a.m. — Mary Chow Woon Leung  
8 a.m. — Ellen Hickey Grayson  
12:10 p.m. — Orlan Cowan

#### Thursday, May 27

- 6:30 a.m. — Linda Parazinski  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Joe Gerardi  
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: The Naegele Family

#### Friday, May 28

- 6:30 a.m. — Sr. Mary Bryan SHCG  
8 a.m. — Myrtis (Merle) Guidry  
12:10 p.m. — Janet Singer Cochran

#### Saturday, May 29

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: The Spain Family  
5 p.m. — Special Intention: Quinn Copps

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### **Sunday, May 23**

Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27 and 16:12-15

#### **Monday, May 24**

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

#### **Tuesday, May 25**

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

#### **Wednesday, May 26**

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45

#### **Thursday, May 27**

Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

#### **Friday, May 28**

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26

#### **Saturday, May 29**

Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

### WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Aaron Eloy Behr, Wynn James Brady, Henry David Jochum,  
Amalia Jane Mauler and John Harrison Mitchell

### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

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

### PRAY FOR ALL THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Beckett Weinert

### 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  
Rickleby, 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 23 — Rev. William Nyce  
May 24 — Rev. John M. O'Donohue  
May 25 — Rev. John T. O'Hara (Retired)  
May 26 — Rev. Keith M. O'Hare  
May 27 — Rev. J. Kevin O'Keefe  
May 28 — Rev. Steven G. Oetjen  
May 29 — Rev. Michael T. Orlowsky

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**When the Spirit of truth comes,  
He will guide you into all the truth.**

Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in  
the Risen Lord...perhaps 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*

He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of His greatest treasures, namely, His divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: "Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

– *Saint Bernardine of Siena*



### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

In 2018, Pope Francis designated the Monday following Pentecost (May 24 this year) as the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. He noted: "The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on His nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church."



*Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!*

### HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE

are available at [youtube.com/arlingtondiocese](https://youtube.com/arlingtondiocese)

### WELCOME TO OUR

### NEW ADULT CONFIRMANDI

Appropriately on this Pentecost Sunday, four adults from the Basilica of Saint Mary are being confirmed today at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More by Bishop Michael Burbidge. They are David Herbst, Jose Sanchez, Tammy Smoker and Katherine Thomas. Congratulations and welcome! This special Mass is for adults who were previously baptized Catholic and have received First Holy Communion but have not yet been confirmed. In extending his hands over them, the bishop calls on the Holy Spirit to serve as their guide and helper so they may steadfastly profess the faith and faithfully live up to that profession.



### 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).



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

### Q: What is Canon Law?

A: Canon Law (from Ancient Greek: κανών, *kanon*, a "straight measuring rod, ruler") is a set of ordinances and regulations made by the Church leadership for the internal governance of the Church and its members. It was the first modern Western legal system and is the oldest continuously functioning legal system in the West. The book containing these laws is known as the Code of Canon Law. The Code currently includes 1,752 canons.

Canon Law affects the everyday Catholic by regulating how our faith should be lived. For example, Canon Law includes criteria for baptism and funerals, how and when marriages take place, rules for fasting and the process by which Church leaders are chosen.

For more complete details, please see

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuris-canonici/cic\\_index\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuris-canonici/cic_index_en.html)





## FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

### HELP OUR HIGH SCHOOLERS SERVE THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AT WORKCAMP 2021

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 as 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)

<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\***

Blessed Sacrament, St. Rita's and the Basilica of Saint Mary presents...

# HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB

Tuesday at 7PM  
at the Lyceum Auditorium

# HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

WEDNESDAY AT 7PM  
MAY 26TH AT THE LYCEUM  
JUNE 2ND & 9TH AT BASILICA  
SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY'S GYM

Young Adults in their 20s & 30s throughout Alexandria are invited to our weekly gatherings and activities.

# Theology on Tap

MONDAY JUNE 7TH  
AT MURPHY'S IRISH PUB  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

FIND OUT MORE DETAILS AT  
[HTTPS://STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/THEOLOGY-ON-TAP-JUN-2021](https://stmaryoldtown.org/theology-on-tap-jun-2021)

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## AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



### CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES

#### Upcoming Leagues

Registration for Outdoor Volleyball Season 2 is now OPEN! Early Registration closes on **June 13!** League will be held on Thursday evenings from **July 11 to August 29**  
Register at [www.catholicports.net!](http://www.catholicports.net)

#### Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs  
([catholicports@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:catholicports@stmaryoldtown.org))  
if you'd like to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study!

#### Socials

Stay tuned for our first social events coming up!

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

### DIOCESAN WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is **Friday to Sunday, June 18 to 20**. The Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia will lead the retreat this year, which will aim to help you know yourself and discover the amazing woman God has created you to be. It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction and Q&A with the sisters. Cost: \$60 (financial assistance is available). Space is limited; deadline to register is **June 4**. For more information or to register, please contact Father Michael Isenberg at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

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

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Why do we become Vincentians, followers of Saint Vincent de Paul? For many of us, it's believing that now is our time to follow Christ's call for all who believe in Him to serve the poor. Of course, there are many ways to do this. What makes being a Vincentian a special path is that it takes us beyond the part of us that wants to be safe and secure with the comfortable and the familiar. It requires that we go to the poor, wherever they are, in their homes, in a shelter or even on a park bench. We find Our Lord and Our Lady in the faces of the poor, in their suffering and anguish, and we learn that Our Lord and Our Lady are walking with us. They are our guides, our anchors, even our friends. They draw us closer to God personally and spiritually. Our service may seem to be about those whom we serve, but in the end, it's about us, our personal spiritual growth and our knowing that God loves us. This is what we Vincentians believe and is what we experience. Is it your time to serve, your time to find spiritual growth through that service? If so, please contact Jim Larocco at [rocca-rocco@usa.net](mailto:rocca-rocco@usa.net) or talk to any of our Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers.



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<https://stmaryoldtown.org/email-sign-up/>

## 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.



## 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.*



### ANTI-CATHOLIC SENTIMENT

In the late 19th century, a wave of anti-Catholicism swept through the United States as immigrants from Ireland, Italy, and Central and Eastern Europe flooded into the country. Nearly all of these new arrivals were Roman Catholic.

Condescension toward Catholics led churches to develop their own parish culture centers – libraries, reading rooms, even athletic facilities. Organizations that sought to instill pride in Catholics and promote Catholic heritage also became popular. Active examples at Saint Mary parish were the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella, later renamed the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. They marched proudly in parades and participated in many of Alexandria’s civic and cultural events.

However, the specter of anti-Catholic bigotry was never far away. One small but frightening act of vandalism was reported by the *Alexandria Gazette* (April 11, 1898):

### Alexandria Gazette?

*Some individual, animated by fiendishness or intemperate zeal for ecclesiastical preferences, entered St. Mary’s Church recently and emptied carbolic acid into the receptacles for holy water. On entering the church subsequently,*

*a lady detected the odor of the acid for which she was unable to account. The pastor of the church was notified and on investigation it was found that a quantity of the deadly drug had been poured into the holy water and also into the baptismal font.... The incident has caused considerable comment in the community, and both Catholics and Protestants are indignant and disgusted at such an act of vandalism in old Alexandria, where no matter at what shrines we worship, all are supposed to have been taught to respect each other’s ecclesiastical preferences and to live as one in a peaceful body politic.*

*– Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*

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**Saturday, June 5**, Bishop Michael Burbidge will ordain Deacons Jonathan Fioramonti, John Paul Heisler, Jonathan Smith (Basilica of Saint Mary parishioner) and Joe Townsend (our new Basilica parochial vicar) to the priesthood for the Arlington Diocese. All are invited to participate in the beauty and transcendence of the Ordination Mass via livestream and pray for these new priests. (The Mass is closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions.) A rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. with Mass starting at 11 a.m.

See [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org) for the latest information or the Arlington Diocese You Tube Channel to watch the ceremony. Learn more about what happens at an ordination and more about the men to be ordained at [www.ArlingtonVocations.org](http://www.ArlingtonVocations.org).



## AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

### CCD CONGRATS AND THANKS!

The Basilica of Saint Mary offers religious education classes (commonly called CCD) for children who are in public or non-Catholic private schools. While we were unable to offer CCD in person this past year, we successfully offered programming via MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com, which provides a virtual presentation of the Faith and Life curriculum we have used for several years. Families chose self-directed learning in our homeschool option or learning with the assistance of a catechist. This past year we had 66 children in self-directed learning and 126 children who learned with the help of a catechist.



Congratulations to all of our CCD parents for continuing to educate their children in the faith! A special thank you to our great catechists who provided weekly emails to parents with lesson plans and extra activities, sent their students crafts to support their lessons or hosted regular zoom meetings. We are proud of everyone's creative efforts to make learning the faith a priority, even in the midst of a global pandemic!

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Mariane Staron (8th Grade Girls)  
Chuck Zakrzwski (7th Grade Boys)  
Danielle Behler (7th Grade Girls)  
Elizabeth Gontarek (7th Grade Girls)  
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Amber Berry (1st Grade)  
Louisa Greve (1st Grade)

**We're recruiting additional catechists to help with the eventual return to in-person CCD classes in the fall and an expected increase in the number of students.**

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### *Liturgical Calendar This Week*

- **May 23. Pentecost Sunday.** This solemnity commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.
- **May 24. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.** On February 11, 2018, the Vatican designated the Monday after Pentecost to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of the Church. Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God and mother of the members of His Mystical Body, which is the Church.
- **May 25. Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church.** Benedictine born in 735 in Northumbria. Known as the "Father of English History." **Saint Gregory VII, Pope.** Benedictine from Tuscany. Championed reform of the clergy against simony, clerical marriage and lay investiture, leading to the excommunication of Henry IV. Died in 1085. **Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin.** Carmelite mystic of Florence; led a hidden life of prayer and self-denial, praying for the renewal of the Church and encouraging her fellow sisters in holiness. Instrumental in reforming her Order. Died in 1607.
- **May 26. Saint Philip Neri, Priest.** Founded (1575) the Congregation of Priests of the Oratory, now numbering about 550 members, to promote holiness of priestly life and foster effective preaching.
- **May 27. Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.** Sent with 40 other monks by Pope Gregory I to England. Ordained a bishop in 597; established the Sees of Canterbury, London and Rochester. Became Primate of England in 601; died in 604.
- **May 29. Saint Paul VI, Pope.** Born Giovanni Battista Montini in 1897; ordained a priest in 1920; worked 30 years at the Vatican Secretariat of State. 1954 became archbishop of Milan; named a cardinal in 1958 by Pope John XXIII; helped prepare Vatican II. Elected pope in June 1963. Died August 6, 1978; beatified October 19, 2014; canonized October 14, 2018.



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