





May 29, 2022 The Ascension of the Lord

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

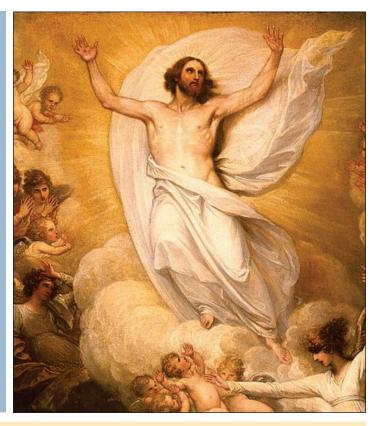
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SUNDAY 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. MONDAY through FRIDAY 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. SATURDAY 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil for Sunday) TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS 7:30 p.m., Third Friday of the month

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. <u>Rosary</u> Monday through Friday before 8 a.m. Mass and on Saturday before 8:30 a.m. Mass
<u>Miraculous Medal Novena</u> Monday 12 noon <u>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u> Wednesday 12:45 to 8:30 p.m. <u>Adoration with Holy Hour & Benediction</u> Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. <u>First Friday Nocturnal Adoration</u> Friday 9 p.m. until Saturday 8:20 a.m. <u>Communal First Saturday Devotion</u> 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 703.549.1646 www.smsva.org stmaryoffice@smsva.org

COVER IMAGE: The Ascension by Benjamin West, 1801.

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

PRAYER & WORSHIP			
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30 -7:30 p.m. Wed.	Maureen Breiner	tb5va@aol.com	
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Nocturnal Adoration Society 9 p.m.1st Friday to 6 a.m.1st Saturday	Helen Lynch	helenlynch21 @gmail.com	
Rosary Prayer Group Rosary before 8 a.m. weekday Mass, and 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass	Call Parish Office	703.836.4100	
Rosary Society	William Beach	wbeachkoc459 @gmail.com	
Sacristans	Steve Young	asyoung001 @gmail.com	
Saint Katharine Drexel Society	Monica Favela	skdsociety @stmaryoldtown.org	
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Seven Sisters Apostolate Holy Hour for Priests	Mary Beth Riordan	MaryBethRiordan @gmail.com	
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SERVICE			
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Carpenter's Shelter	Ed Velarde	evelarde @eaglebankcorp.com	
Christ House	Julie Howard	juliehowardmom @aol.com	
Gabriel Project Pro-life pregnancy help	Becky Lilly and Elizabeth Snodgrass	gabrielprojectstmary @gmail.com	
Jail Ministry Alexandria City Jail	Philippe Bruno	pmvjbruno55 @gmail.com	
Pro-Life Activities	Bob Whearty	prolife @stmaryoldtown.org	
Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA)	Annie Hall (Saint Mary Ambassador)	ahall @stmaryoldtown.org	
Shut-In Visitation	Call Parish Office	703.836.4100	
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	Marietta Bernot	svdp @stmaryoldtown.org	
Sunrise Retirement Home	Father Joseph	frjoseph @stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100	
Woodbine Rehabilitation Center	Judy Klesius	703.836.1777	

EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION

Adult Faith Formation, CCD, RCIA	Hilary Munger	hmunger @stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100 x 3033
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Trail Life Troop VA-2311	Brandon Eubank	traillifeva2311@gmail.com
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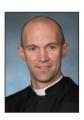
Trish Weiler, Director of Finance x 3011 / tweiler@stmaryoldtown.org

Aaron Zanca, Assistant Director, Youth & Young Adult Apostolates x 3024 / azanca@stmaryoldtown.org

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 a number of priests in the 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. (See https://www.arlingtondiocese.org for the full list of assignments.) Two of those changes impact our Basilica family:



After four years of faithful service as parochial vicar at Saint Mary, Father David Dufresne has been reassigned as parochial vicar at Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Arlington. We will miss him dearly, especially his forthright homilies! But we know God has great plans for him and he won't really be going too far away. A farewell reception for Father David will be held in the Basilica's Lyceum Auditorium (313 Duke Street) after the 1 p.m. Mass on **Sunday, June 26**, which he will celebrate. Please join us to thank Father and wish him well.

Deacon Peter J. Clem, to be ordained to the priesthood on June 4, will be our new parochial vicar. His first Mass here will be the weekend of July 2 and 3. In 2013, he graduated from George Mason University with a B.A. in Communications. He then did a Year of Volunteer Service at All Saints in Manassas as a Youth Ministry intern. He made a consecrated commitment in Youth Apostles in 2014 and spent two years living in community while continuing ministry at All Saints before applying for seminary.



May God bless these two men during this time of transition. We are so very thankful they responded "Yes!" when Our Lord called them to the priesthood.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — May 29 Today, **Sunday, May 29**, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, one of the great solemnities of the liturgical year. It commemorates Christ's "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 encouraged in that hope.

MEMORIAL DAY — May 30

Memorial Day, **Monday, May 30**, is a time to remember and pay solemn tribute to all who have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Our Parish Offices will be closed for the day. We will have **one Mass at 9 a.m. in the Basilica.** (Due to construction at the school and its parking area, we will not have a Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery this year.)

SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Friday, June 3, is graduation day for 79 eighth-grade students at The Basilica School of Saint Mary. Congratulations — you made it! Congratulations also to our parish CCD students and the many other young parishioners graduating from junior high, high school and college. *May Your hand of protection be about them, O Lord, and may Your Word continue to be a light unto their path. Help them to make wise decisions and to always keep You first in everything they do. Amen.*

FATHER JOHN O'FARRELL'S FIRST MASS

As you know, Basilica of Saint Mary parishioner John O'Farrell will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Burbidge at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, June 4** (watch it at www.arlingtondiocese.org). Father O'Farrell will celebrate his first Mass as a priest here in his home parish at 1 p.m. on **Sunday, June 5**. A reception will follow in the Lyceum auditorium. Everyone is invited to the Mass and reception to celebrate the occasion with Father O'Farrell!

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 29

7 a.m. — John Manning ⊕ 8:30 a.m. — Rosemary Anderson ⊕ 10 a.m. — Paul Clemente Jr. ⊕ 11:30 a.m. — Margaret Carroll ⊕ 1 p.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary 5 p.m. — Patrick Kline ⊕

Monday, May 30

9 a.m. — Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III 🕆

Tuesday, May 31

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Richard and Clair Favela 8 a.m. — Deceased Members of the Petrino Family 12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Visitation Sisters at Monte Maria

Wednesday, June 1

6:30 a.m. — Souls in Purgatory 8 a.m. — Ines Sozio ⊕ 12:10 p.m. — Margaret Carroll ⊕

Thursday, June 2

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: President Biden and All Elected Officials 8 a.m. — Betty Uston 中 12:10 p.m. — Margaret Carroll 中

Friday, June 3

6:30 a.m. — Persecuted Christians Worldwide 8 a.m. — Joseph ⊕ and Special Intention: Geraldine Gordon 12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John J. Sheehan

> <u>Saturday, June 4</u> 8:30 a.m. — Mirian Karasikis ‡

5 p.m. (Vigil) — Mirian Karasikis 🕆

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 29 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28 and 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 Monday, May 30 Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b; Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday, May 31 Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56 Wednesday, June 1 Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19 Thursday, June 2 Acts 22:30 and 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26 Friday, June 3 Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19 Saturday, June 4 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5,7; Jn 21:20-25

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Noelle Diane Brichacek, Anne Paige Hatton, Zofia Yong Kim, Matthew Bennett Tilghman and Sydney Turrisi

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Luis de Andino, Suzanne Aragona, Theresa Aranda, Andrew Barnette, Crystal Barr, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke, Jon Bunting, Michael Casey, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, Henry Dagenhart, Rosario DeJesus DuVal, 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 Juszczyk, Robert Marshall, Jaclyn Maxwell, Bill McCarthy, Lois Miller, Dean Montayne, Jack Neumayr, Terry Nunan, Kathryn Phillips, James Primm, Cathy Quinn, James Rooney, Don Ross, Monsignor Michael Sexton, Alexander Staron, Bruce Thompson, Noel Tohill and Sarah Walker

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 29 — Rev. Daniel L. Mode May 30 — Rev. Mark E. Moretti May 31 — Rev. Noah C. Morey June 1 — Rev. Joseph F. Moschetto June 2 — Rev. John P. Mosimann June 3 — Rev. Christopher J. Mould (Retired) June 4 — Rev. Mark Mullaney

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord. Do you feel a calling to be a teacher of the Word as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS



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. **JUNE: Families.** We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Liturgical Calendar This Week

May 29. The Ascension of the Lord. Commemorates the ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after His Resurrection at Easter.

May 31. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Recalls Elizabeth's encounter with her cousin, Mary, the bearer of the Son of God, who told her: "The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name." June 1. Saint Justin, Martyr. Martyred in 165 under the reign of Marcus Aurelius. Layman and apologist who provided one of the earliest descriptions of the Mass. He is the patron of philosophers and apologists.

June 2. Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs. Both men were beheaded, c. 303, under Diocletian; both are mentioned in the Roman Canon.

June 3. Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs. Charles Lwanga and 21 Ugandan companions, protomartyrs of Black Africa, martyred in 1885-87.

HOMILIES BY BISHOP BURBIDGE are available at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese

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A <u>FREE</u>, comprehensive, online library of Catholic faith formation resources for the entire family is available at https:stmaryoldtown.formed.org.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar during the Basilica's Nocturnal Adoration the **first Friday of each month**, beginning at 9 p.m. Friday and ending at 8:20 a.m. on Saturday. **Additional adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday Nocturnal Adoration will be <u>June 3</u>. Vocal prayers during adoration follow the recitation of the *Little*



Office of the Blessed Sacrament, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. To sign up for an hour or more of adoration, or for more information about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.

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/prayerchain-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.

Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: Does a priest have to offer Mass every day?

A: No, a priest is not formally required to celebrate Mass every day. The Code of Canon Law (#904) simply says "priests are to celebrate frequently" and "daily celebration is recommended earnestly."

Further, the Canon (#276), in the section entitled "The Obligations and Rights of Clerics," states: "In leading their lives, clerics are especially bound to pursue holiness because they are consecrated to God by a new title in the reception of orders as dispensers of God's mysteries in the service of His people. In order for them to pursue this perfection, ...they are to nourish their spiritual life from the two-fold table of Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist; priests are therefore earnestly invited to offer the sacrifice of the Eucharist daily...."

A priest generally fulfills this invitation by celebrating the Mass individually or concelebrating with other priests with the faithful present. Even if a priest is alone, he may still offer the Mass. There are numerous stories, for example, of priests imprisoned and isolated in Nazi and Communist prison camps, and in other dire circumstances, who found strength, comfort and renewed identity in offering the Holy Mass by themselves – physically alone but united with their Savior and the Church.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



<u>Saints, Stewards, Scholars</u> NEWS from The Basilica School of Saint Mary

PreK through eighth-grade students participated in the annual Seminarian Sprint on May 19. This funfilled day of friendly competition raises funds for our Diocese of Arlington seminarians. Students collected donations and then ran a course under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, competing against other homerooms. The funds collected will help provide our future priests with education, housing and food. Each class created posters to help cheer on their seminarians and teams. The day of the



event, students were especially happy to meet their class seminarian the one they have been corresponding with and praying for all year long. *Go Saints!*



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 through 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 traillifeva2311@gmail.com.



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FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

Join The Basilica School of Saint Mary for the Annual Colin Casey Classic Basketball Game!

Our annual 8th Graders vs. Parents, Faculty and Staff Basketball Game will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>June 1</u>, at 6 p.m. in the school gym, located at 400 Green Street in Alexandria.



All proceeds directly benefit the Colin Casey Scholarship Fund, established in remembrance of Colin Casey, son of retired Saint Mary teacher Mary Casey and Michael Casey.

Tickets: \$5 kids/\$10 adults (\$30 maximum per family). Halftime Shootout for all ages is being sponsored by Baroody Camps.

DATE NIGHT AT THE BASILICA

Saint Mary's Date Night at the Basilica invites all engaged and married couples to an outdoor social on **Friday**, **June 3**, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Lost Boy Cider, 317 Hooffs Run Drive in Alexandria. Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun! Please RSVP at stmaryoldtown.org/ datenight. Date Night at the Basilica is a quarterly fellowship and speaker event focused on living the Sacrament of Marriage.



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Upcoming Leagues <u>NEW! VOLLEYBALL Season 1</u> Sundays, through June 26 REGISTER at 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/emailsignup

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

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

For the first time in his life, Justin, a disabled young man, has the opportunity to live independently in his own place. He lives on disability of \$776 a month and his rent will be subsidized. But the land-lord is requiring a full-market security



deposit of \$1,600. He has saved and borrowed \$800 but can find no more. Here is a chance to make a real difference in this young man's life; to give him a sense of pride, self-worth and belonging to a community that cares. Several Alexandria churches put together the balance of \$800 and Saint Vincent de Paul paid the first month's rent. Such stories are not unusual. Our volunteers get a glimpse into the lives of those who are struggling and, through the generosity of Basilica parishioners, can help change a life for the better. You walk beside us on every home visit we make. Please remember the poor by writing a check to SVdP, dropping it in the Poor Box as you leave the Basilica or at the parish office or via Faith Direct at the Saint Mary website.



SECULAR FRANCISCAN GATHERING Saturday, June 11, 9:15 a.m. at Saint Mary Lyceum, Saint Joseph Room. Join us to pray and study. For more information, contact Tom White, 703.307.2378, or Rita Evans, 540.270.0667. http://stjohntbasfo.org/.

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 in Fatima. Pilgrimage dates: July 17 to July 28. \$1,550 per person, double occupancy (all inclusive <u>excluding</u> airfare). More information at https://bit.ly/3L0AzcU or call Frank Spicer at 571.334.5925.



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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS!

Bishop Burbidge invites the altar servers from all parishes in the Arlington Diocese to join in the annual Battle of the Servers tournament and picnic. Games include Gaga Ball, Relay, Climbing Wall, Soccer and more. There will be a time of prayer with the Bishop. A lunch of hot dogs and burgers will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Friday, July 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saint Leo Parish, Fairfax, VA

Servers who want to attend should sign up by calling the Basilica of Saint Mary office (703.836.4100) by June 27. There is no charge to attend.

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.



Father Hathaway Featured in the National Catholic Register Father Edward Hathaway, Rector of the Basilica of Saint Mary, is featured in a recent National Catholic Register article. He talks about his passion for cooking and food, connecting them both with the Catholic faith. The article also mentions his popular Basilica cooking videos (see them at https:// stmaryoldtown.org/fr-hathaway-cooks/) Read the full article at https://www.ncregister.com/ blog/father-edward-hathaway-cooking.

DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

You and your family are invited to join Bishop Burbidge and others from the diocese for the second annual Diocesan Family Festival on Saturday, June 11, 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Roy-al. It's FREE! Outdoor Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. Bring your own picnic or purchase dinner there. Games, rides and inflatables for kids; vendors and musical guests, including Celtic rock band Scythian, and singer-songwriter Karla Miranda. To learn more and to register, please visit arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival/.

All Are Invited To Benefit WorkCamps WHAT: Irish Concert with Ben-David Warner WHEN: June 11 at 7 p.m. WHERE: Basilica Lyceum, 313 Duke Street WHY: To benefit the WorkCamp Program! HOW: Purchase tickets (\$10 each) at https:// stmaryoldtown.org/irish-concert-june-2022 WorkCamp provides an experience of direct service for young people within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Each WorkCamp week during the summer, over 800 high schoolers come together to repair homes and change lives. Thanks for your support!

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



BALTIMORE ARCHBISHOP VISITS SAINT MARY, 1818

Archbishop Ambrose Maréchal (1764-1828) was an American Sulpician who served as the third Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in Maryland. In 1818, he visited Alexandria and Saint Mary Church to provide the Sacrament of Confirmation. (At that time, Alexandria was still a part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.)

The Archbishop's account of his visit reads:



"A visit to St. Mary's, 6 May, 1818. Got to Aa (Alexandria) on the 6th (May) in the evening. Met Rev'd Mr. T. Teuz and Van Quickenborne. Next morning at 10 o'clock Mass was sung, Conf(irmed) about 80 persons. St. Mary's Church, the large presbytery (rectory), the lot, beside the old church on one acre of ground belong legally to Rev'd Mr. F. Neale, Trustees Messrs. White, Robinson, Rochford, Simpson, Murphy, Boarman.

Rent of pews \$571.00 Sunday Collection \$100.00 The greatest part of the house if rented might yield \$150 about. R'd Mr. Neale and Trustees wish a school to be kept in it."

– Kitty Guy, Parish Historian

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

The Knights of Columbus Council #459 invites all parishioners of the Basilica of Saint Mary to participate in the 5th Sunday Rosary and Sunday Vespers for Vocations and the Defense of Life, May 29, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, at approximately 6:05 p.m. Knights will be joined by the Basilica Rosary Society in praying the Glorious Mysteries. A light reception follows at 314 Duke Street. The rosary also will be livestreamed at https://vimeo.com/710516157.

The next 5th Sunday Rosary will be July 31. Please mark your calendars!

For more details, contact Bill Beach, Basilica Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus, at 571.527.7772 or wbeachkoc459@gmail.com.



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.



Join others in prayer during times of adoration in the Basilica, including our weekly holy hour on Wednesdays, sponsored by the Saint Katharine Drexel Society (SKDS), 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a rosary, prayers of reparation, Sacred Silence, Benediction and Confession. The SKDS rosary intention includes a pro-life clause: "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." You can find more information at https://stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/saint-katharine-drexel-society/.



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