



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Check our website for information on which Masses are currently being live streamed

SUNDAY

7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

MONDAY through FRIDAY

6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil for Sunday)

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

7:30 p.m., Third Friday of the month

FEDERAL HOLIDAYS and HOLY DAYS

Check the website and bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

MONDAY through FRIDAY After 12:10 p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 9 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.



BASILICA HOURS

MONDAY through FRIDAY 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS (313 Duke Street)

MONDAY through FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rosary Monday through Friday before 8 a.m. Mass and on Saturday before 8:30 a.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena Monday 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Adoration with Holy Hour & Benediction

Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration

Friday 9 p.m. until Saturday 8:20 a.m.

Communal First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Please call the Parish Office to register in advance and obtain requirements for godparents, etc.

MARRIAGES

Contact Parish Priest a minimum of six months before possible wedding date for marriage preparation. Couples living together will be asked to live separately during marriage preparation.

THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

(Pre-K to 8th grade)

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Mr. Daniel Cinalli, Principal

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COVER IMAGE: *Kissing the Face of God*
by Morgan Weistling, 2001

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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Sunrise Retirement Home	Father Joseph	frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100
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EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION

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To learn more about our parish apostolates, visit www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate.



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

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY & MOTHER’S DAY

Today, **May 8**, is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Speaking of shepherds, today also is Mother’s Day, when we honor all those women who guide and protect God’s flock – our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and godmothers, living or deceased. No greater example of God’s unconditional love for His children can be found than that expressed through the vocation of motherhood.

To remember your loved ones in our Mother’s Day Novena, please pick up a novena envelope at the back of the Basilica. Place your novena donation in our regular collection basket at any Mass or drop it off at our Parish Office at 313 Duke Street. Or go to <https://membership.faihdirect.net/givenow/VA713/20220> to include a name in the novena.

A Prayer of Blessing for Mothers

*Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor
them always with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today also is the 59th annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, a day we are encouraged to fulfill the Lord’s instruction to “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). This is a good time to ask ourselves what we, as individuals and as a parish and diocese, are doing to promote, encourage, pray for and discern vocations.

To that end, please consider participating in our Basilica of Saint Mary Vocations Crucifix Program. You will have the opportunity to host a beautiful, blessed crucifix for one week at a time, praying each day for an increase in vocations around the world, especially from within our own families, parish and diocese. If you are interested in being a part of the program, go to <https://stmaryoldtown.org/vocations-cross>. That link also provides prayers for vocations and additional vocations resources from the Arlington Diocese.

If you – or someone you know – are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

And be sure to check out a new Basilica of Saint Mary podcast featuring our own seminarian, Alex Solsma, talking about vocations and prayer. Find it at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Friday, May 13, we honor Mary with the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, reflecting on her appearances in 1917 to three humble shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Two of the children, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, were canonized by Pope Francis on May 13, 2017. The cause for canonization for the third child, Lucia, is progressing. Our Lady’s message at Fatima still strongly resonates today as she called for the conversion of hearts, repentance from sin, reparation and devotion to prayer, especially the rosary – the ultimate prayer to Jesus through Mary.



Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 8

- 7 a.m. — Anthony Franceschelli †
8:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
10 a.m. — Genevieve Calandra †
11:30 a.m. — Leonard Cuddy †
1 p.m. — Margaret Carroll †
5 p.m. — Wincenty Jankowski †

Monday, May 9

- 6:30 a.m. — Viera Bahret †
8 a.m. — Daniel McJury †
12:10 p.m. — Sean Franko †

Tuesday, May 10

- 6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Megan Rolla
12:10 p.m. — Henry Depina †

Wednesday, May 11

- 6:30 a.m. — Marian M. Sanazaro †
8 a.m. — Margaret Carroll †
12:10 p.m. — Susan Stiles †

Thursday, May 12

- 6:30 a.m. — Maria Rosa Gildemeister †
8 a.m. — Cecilia Rooney †
12:10 p.m. — Margaret Carroll †

Friday, May 13

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. John Ziegler
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Renata Wiczorek
12:10 p.m. — Mary Stier †

Saturday, May 14

- 8:30 a.m. — Janet Blackburn †
5 p.m. (Vigil) — Donald Crocker †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 8

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3,5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday, May 9

Acts 11:1-18; Pss 42:2-3 and 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 10

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 11

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 12

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 13

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11b; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 14

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Arthur Joseph Dickman, Mary Josephine Galinaitis
and Hadley Elizabeth Joynes

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

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

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Clara Migdalski and David Joseph Whelan

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 8 — Rev. Dennis W. Kleinmann
May 9 — Rev. Sean T. Koehr
May 10 — Rev. Wilson I. Korpi (Retired)
May 11 — Rev. Msgr. Stanley J. Krempe (Retired)
May 12 — Rev. Kevin J. Larsen
May 13 — Rev. Thomas J. Lehning (Retired)
May 14 — Rev. Richard J. Ley (Retired)

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Sing joyfully to the LORD ...
serve the LORD with gladness.**

Are you discerning a vocation as priest, deacon,
sister or brother?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at

Names of the ill are listed for 4 weeks. **Names of those
actively serving in harm's way** (generally means deployed
overseas) are listed for 4 months. Reinstatement or add a name at
bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR MAY



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

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION



Sunday, May 8, is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

A Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice.

Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

Saint Thomas More, pray for us.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.

RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE TO VISIT BALTIMORE

May 13 to 15, relics of Saint Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes will be displayed at the Cathedral of Our Queen, 5200 North Charles Street in Baltimore. The visit is part of a tour of the United States, April to August 2022, marking the first time the grace of Lourdes is being brought in this way to Catholic parishes across this country.

For information, including times to visit and venerate the relics, go to: <http://bernadetteusa.org/ip.php?pg=Baltimore-MD>. The tour is organized in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, The North American Volunteers, the Hospitalité of Miami; and the Order of Malta.

Liturgical Calendar This Week

May 10. Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest. Belgian, joined the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Arrived in Honolulu in March 1864. In 1873, began his work on Moloka'i, known as Devil's Island, a leper colony. Diagnosed with leprosy in 1885. Canonized October 11, 2009.

May 12. Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs. Praetorian soldiers who converted to Christianity and were beheaded during the reign of Trajan (98-117). **Saint Pancras, Martyr.** Syrian or Phrygian orphan who came to Rome and converted to Christianity. Beheaded c. 304, when he was 14.

May 13. Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady is venerated under this title following apparitions to three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. The Fatima message includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin, and prayer, especially recitation of the rosary.

May 14. Saint Matthias, Apostle. Chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. Matthias witnessed the ministry and resurrection of Jesus. Said to have been martyred.

Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: What does the Apostles' Creed mean when it says Christ descended into hell? How could that be?

A: After He died on the Cross, the soul of Christ descended into a place or state of rest where the souls of the just who had died before Him were waiting for Him.

Christ did not go to the hell of the damned, but to the "hell" of the just.

In Holy Scripture it was called "Abraham's bosom"; Saint Peter called it "a prison." Christ went there to announce to the waiting souls the joyful news that He had reopened heaven to mankind, which had been closed with Adam's fall.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

Children under the age of 18 who have received their First Communion, and parents seeking an extra-curricular activity that enriches a young person's spiritual life and engages them in age-appropriate spiritual works of mercy under the spiritual direction of Father Joseph, please consider joining the Junior Legion of Mary.

- **WHEN?** Every Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend/participate.
- **WHERE?** Saint Joseph Room in the Lower Level of Saint Mary's Lyceum, located at 313 Duke Street.
- **QUESTIONS?** Please email Adria Tayrani at lomstmaryoldtown@gmail.com or text 571.310.4016.



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

The halls were filled with color as the school returned from Easter Break. Dress-out day for students on Monday, April 25, highlighted the "Stewards" part of the Basilica School mission. Students in 7th-grade Spanish learned about the dangerous trek some students have each day just to receive their education in countries such as Bolivia and the Dominican Republic, travelling hours through nearly impenetrable rainforest and traversing deep gorges using homemade ziplines. Learning about these challenges, two of our students decided to take



action. Kaden Lyle and Fiona Roehl (pictured here) chose two groups that offer assistance to children in Bolivia and the Dominican Republic. They worked with Ms. Tombs on a school-wide dress-out day to raise funds with the whole school community embracing the effort. We continue to pray for these children and hope our donated funds will help make a difference.

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



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

@stmarysyaya

Serving our parish community's middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, young adults, and families!

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

Weekly for Young Adults



HOLY HAPPY HOUR
EVERY WEDNESDAY
6PM ADORATION
7PM HAPPY HOUR IN OLD TOWN



SUNDAY COFFEE
EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 10AM MASS
BACKYARD OF 307 S ROYAL STREET
ACROSS FROM THE BASILICA

Mariane Staron, Director | mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3030
Aaron Zanca, Assistant Director | azanca@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3024

All high school girls invited

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB

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

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

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

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

F3: FRATERNITY/FITNESS/FAITH

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

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

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

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE BASILICA PRAYER CHAIN

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



DONATE YOUR CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

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



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Upcoming Leagues

NEW! VOLLEYBALL Season 1

Sundays, through June 26

REGISTER at www.catholicsports.net/

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study

Sign up for our email list at

www.catholicsports.net/emailsSignup

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

In this month of Mary, let us pray every day to Our Lady for her intercession to guide our neighbors threatened with eviction, unable to pay medical bills or keep their utilities. Pray that Our Lady will lead them to us. We are instruments of the Blessed Mother, helping to spread her cloak of protection. We can provide comfort where there is distress, hope where there is despair, a path forward where there appears to be none. Maria and her two little ones were days away from eviction when we were able to bundle assistance to keep her family in their modest apartment. There are too many other Maria's, Mary's and Miriam's who are our neighbors, desperate and despairing. Pray to Our Lady for them, and help us help them find a path forward.



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 of Jesus and Mary in 1916-1929. Pilgrimage dates: **July 17 to July 28**. \$1,550 per person, double occupancy (all inclusive excluding airfare). More information, at: <https://bit.ly/3L0AzcU> or call Frank Spicer at 571.334.5925.



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-Sunday, June 17-19**. The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth will lead the retreat this year, and the theme is "Heart to Heart: Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and strength" (Deut. 6:5). It also will 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 aid available). For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is **Friday, June 6**.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

PTSC serves single Catholics 40+. Thursday lunches (May 12 and 26); visit Gunston Hall (May 14); talk by Dawn Beutner, author of *Saints: Becoming an Image of Christ Every Day of the Year* (May 19); dinner in Alexandria (May 22); annual picnic (June 19). More details at bit.ly/ptsc. If you have questions or to RSVP for an event, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



The Basilica of Saint Mary **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR** **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2022**

*We pray the gift of the Holy Eucharist
will draw them into an unending friendship with the Lord.*

Vivian Abadie
Caroline Baker
Lucy Barnett
Kellan Barry
Thomas Bernardo
William Burchette
Caden Burke
Emily Cahill
John Carlough
Nicholas Caroc
Joseph Carosi
Reeve Carroll
Logan Cesaretti
Matthew Clapton
Edith Coleman
Chase Conjura
Valentina Day
Bradley Doss
Miah Enriquez
Charles Francis Ewald
John Farrand
Quinlan Fleming
Katherine Foster
Madeline Foster
Beckett Fox

Hudson Fox
Jaclyn Gaffin
Rachel Guy
Catherine Haney
Jack Haney
Madison Hassan
Kathryn Heaton
John Hilleary
Ethan Hillson
Nolan Hinko
Padraic Hoffman
Lucia Holland
Anne Hubbard
Vivienne Huth
Gavin Joynes
Catherine Kangas
Delia Kiley
Joseph Killian
Thomas Killian
Kateri Koehler
Nicholas Kolich
Anabelle Korenyi-Both
Sean Krukowski
Locke Kunik
Finnian Lawhon

Penelope Lawhon
Reese Lilly
John MacNaughton
Eamon Marks
Ellis Marks
George Marter
Cameron McFarland
Madison McGinnis
Peter McKay
Madeline McMorris
Shannon Meehan
Parker Michael
Emmy Moore
Nora Murphy
Shean Nelvis
Luke O'Conor
Caroline Pacious
Tegan Parra
Catherine Pecknold
Charles Pettigrew
Emily Phelps
Franco Picon Faria
Isabella Picon Faria
Anastasia Pinedo
John Pinto

Lachlan Reese
Charles Rooper
Michael Rothenberg
Lauren Rudy
Austin Russi
Amelia Sams
Alec Sanchez
Brendan Sheikh
Sophie Smith
Henry Snodgrass
William Snyder
Peter Symington
Barry Szczesny
Christopher Szymanski
Emerson Thomas
Cora Tracy
Lucas Yeongho Ventura
Mila Villhauer
Stevenson Walsh
Aria Waters
Rory Webster
Jameson Westfall
Bennett Wilson
Alexandra Yi

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

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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



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In 1956, when the preliminary plans for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, crossing the Potomac River from Virginia to Maryland, were unveiled, access to the bridge was accomplished via Fairfax and Royal Streets in Alexandria. Just yards away, Saint Mary School and convent would have been completely surrounded by the heavy bridge traffic. Not only would the traffic make walking to and from the school hazardous, the noise would have made it difficult to teach and learn in the school's classrooms.

Monsignor Edward L. Stephens, then serving as Saint Mary's pastor, organized the school's Mother's Club in a campaign to change the Virginia State Highway Department's plans. He urged parishioners to call or write their city council members. Parishioners packed City Hall at the council meeting when plans for the bridge were discussed publicly.

Monsignor Stephens and his parishioners were successful! Today, Alexandria's only access to the bridge (replaced in 2013), is from Route 1, west of Old Town Alexandria and far from the school.

– Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



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