

November 7, 2021 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector Rev. David A. Dufresne, Parochial Vicar Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, 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 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 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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COVER IMAGE: Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome by Giovanni Paolo Pannini, 18th century

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Oremus pro invicem "Let us pray for each other"

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 7-13 is National Vocation Awareness Week, an annual celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. This week, may we renew our prayers and support for those God may be calling to His service, especially young men and women of our own Basilica of Saint Mary family. May they respond generously to God's call. If you (or someone you know) believe you may be called to the priesthood or the consecrated religious life, please contact Father Michael Isenberg at michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

CIAO FROM BELLA ITALIA!

As you read this column, I'm with Father Peter McShurley of Saint Agnes parish in Arlington and Father Bjorn Lundberg of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in Winchester as we lead 30 pilgrims in Italy. I'll return to the parish on November 13. Be assured of my prayers during this time away as we visit and celebrate Mass in some of the most spiritually enriching sites in Rome, Assisi and environs. I hope to share photos of our journey, as it unfolds. Check our parish website (www.stmaryoldtown.org) for updates!

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Tuesday, November 9, is the anniversary the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, one of the sites we are visiting during our pilgrimage to Italy. I will celebrate Mass there on Saturday, November 6 at 9 a.m. (Rome time) and will be thinking of you then!

This magnificent church is sometimes referred to as the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. There is no Saint John Lateran, of course. The building is dedicated to Saint John the Baptist and Saint John, youngest of Christ's Apostles, and was built on the Lateran Hill, home to the palace of the wealthy Laterani family. Constantine, the first Christian emperor, gave the site to the Church in about 311. The building of the Lateran Basilica, the oldest public church in Rome and the oldest basilica in the Western world, marked an era of religious freedom where Christians could openly worship without fear and in a church of their own. In 1726, Pope Benedict XIII proclaimed a worldwide commemoration of the basilica to encourage Catholics to maintain strong ties with our past and the universal Catholic Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

During their recent Winter Coat Drive in October, our Knights of Columbus Fitzgerald Council #459 collected 600 coats between the Basilica and School, plus numerous hats, gloves and scarves. During their end-of-October Saint Lucy Food Drive, the Knights collected 5,557 pounds (almost THREE tons) of food and \$2,831 in monetary donations!

My sincere gratitude to the wonderful, extremely generous parishioners who donated to these projects aimed at serving others in our community and to the Knights who did the collecting. May God bless and reward each of you!



SAINT LUCY FOOD DRIVE!

Left to right, K of C Grand Knight Chuck Zakrzwski, David Gefell, Zach Waters with John Paul, Aria and Rose Waters, Brady Mull, Keith Matthews and Dan Ermer.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 7

7 a.m. — All Souls' Novena 8:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary 10 a.m. — Special Intention: Mollie Naegele 11:30 a.m. — Marianne L. Keany 廿 1 p.m. — Special Intention: Eliette 5 p.m. — Anne Kathleen Becker Myers 廿

Monday, November 8

6:30 a.m. — Kelly 8 a.m. — All Souls' Novena 12:10 p.m. — Ed Stephan 🕆

Tuesday, November 9

6:30 a.m. — Donald Crocker ♥ 8 a.m. — Special Intention: Jonas Liutkus 12:10 p.m. — All Souls' Novena

Wednesday, November 10

6:30 a.m. — All Souls' Novena 8 a.m. — Art and Angela Levins ⊕ 12:10 p.m. — Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh ⊕

Thursday, November 11

9 a.m. — All Veterans, Living and Deceased

Friday, November 12

6:30 a.m. — Susan Neithamer ∜ 8 a.m. — Special Intention: Mary McCullough 12:10 p.m. — Kathy Ann Klesius White and Jim Molloy ∜

Saturday, November 13

8:30 a.m. — Mary Martin ♥ 5 p.m. — Special Intention: Sharon Cernansky

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 7

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Monday, November 8

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 9

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday, November 10

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 11

Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 12

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5b; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 13

Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Casey Joseph-Henry Adrian, Charlotte Bombard, Emmett Hazlett Brabant, Antoni Roger Litecky, Theodore Wells Peevey and Lynx Priestley

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Gilliam Allen, Suzanne Aragona, Dan Bartlett, Maria Campo, Marianne Coates, Quinn Copps, Michael Coursey, Mary Davis, Maybeth Davis, Jean Edwards, Margie Feney, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Noel Tohill and Jerry Wallmeyer

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING

Margaret Carroll and Michael Kennedy

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

Alex Deerr, Tim Galginaitis, Kaylyn E. Krzemien, Sara McAlpin, Mitchell Mehaffey, Vincent P. Pensyl, Ryan Rickley, David Alejandro Sandoval, Patrick Tuccillo, Josh Villeneuve and all those serving in law enforcement, as firefighters and as emergency first responders.

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

November 7 — Rev. Philip S. Majka (Retired) November 8 — Rev. David L. Martin (Retired) November 9 — Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee (Retired) November 10 — Rev. Brian B. McAllister November 11 — Rev. Stephen F. McGraw November 12 — Rev. Martin McGuill (Retired) November 13 — Rev. Peter M. McShurley

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Are you being called to a life of service as a priest or consecrated religious?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703. 841.2514.

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 NOVEMBER

People Who Suffer from Depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Year of Saint Joseph

He is Holy Joseph, because no other saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures.

– Saint John Henry Newman





You can find a <u>FREE</u>, comprehensive, online library of Catholic resources for the entire family at https:stmaryoldtown.formed.org



Liturgical Calendar This Week

- **November 9. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** in 324. Cathedral church of Rome and "mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world." Built on land owned by Laterani family. Pope Innocent X commissioned current structure in 1646.
- **November 10. Saint Leo the Great, Pope.** Doctor of the Church. Defender of Roman primacy, his *Tome* on Christ's two natures was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon in 451. Many of his prayers are found in the Roman Missal.
- **November 11. Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop.** Hungarian soldier who became Christian at age 18; founded first monastery in the West. First non-martyr with an annual feast in the Western Church. Died in 397.
- November 12. Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr. Monk of the Ruthenian Rite. His fidelity to the Roman See and desire to unite the Ukrainian Church and Rome led to his murder in 1623. First formally canonized saint of the Eastern Rite (1867).
- November 12. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin. From Lombardy, Italy. Founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. For 28 years labored in the United States and South America, establishing schools, hospitals and orphanages. First U.S. citizen to be canonized (1946). Died in 1917.

Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: How did Saint Joseph die?

A: We know very little about the life – or death – of Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus. He is mentioned only a few times in the Gospels and he never says a word.

Most biblical scholars believe Joseph died prior to Jesus' crucifixion. This is mainly due to the fact that Joseph was not present at the crucifixion and, in the Gospel of John, Jesus entrusts his mother to someone outside the family (John 19:27). Many traditions hold that Joseph died in the arms or presence of Jesus and Mary. This beautiful image has led the Church to proclaim Joseph the patron saint of a "happy death."

Following is a prayer to Saint Joseph, asking him to intercede for us so our death may be "happy" as well:

O BLESSED JOSEPH, who yielded up thy last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary obtain for me this grace, O holy Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul." Amen



FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

AFTER THE 5's NOVEMBER PARISH SOCIAL Join us for Fall Fellowship THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Sponsored this month by our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Commmunion 6-7 p.m., following the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass Fr. Rankin House Courtyard, 314 Duke Street



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 from Episode #226 of our Basilica podcasts at https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND November 13/14

Retirement Fund for Religious

In 1988, Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious collection to address the profound deficit in retirement savings among U.S. religious congregations. Since the first appeal, the fund has distributed more than \$888 million to religious congregations across the nation. This includes over \$786 million to help underwrite the direct care of elderly religious and \$102 million to help congregations bolster savings and develop comprehensive retirement strategies.

For more information, please visit https://retiredreligious.org/.



From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Special People. Alexandria is host to several group residences for men and women who are recovering from substance abuse or are transitioning back into society after incarceration. These homes provide a safe environment and the opportunity to learn new skills



and gain self-sufficiency. Still, there are so many hurdles to overcome. A priority is finding a good job. This is often a struggle, especially when employers are reluctant to give them a chance because of their past. Saint Vincent de Paul often receives calls to help with a resident's rent because they lost their job or are unable to find work. And we are there for them without hesitation. Who among us has not made a bad decision in life and begged God for forgiveness? Their courage in facing these challenges inspires us. Meeting them is one of those occasions where we receive more than we give. Donations from the parishioners of the Basilica of Saint Mary make it possible for us to help them and show them they are not alone in their struggle to regain their lives.



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES For Young Adults 18-39!

Upcoming Leagues

Registration for BASKETBALL League is now OPEN! Early Registration closes December 12 Sundays, January 9 – March 6 at the Basilica School of Saint Mary Register at www.catholicsports.net!

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs if you'd like to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study!

Socials

Stay tuned for our first social events coming up! Sign up for our email list at www.catholicsports.net/emailsignup.

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

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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

UNION SOLDIERS IN SAINT MARY CEMETERY

During the U.S. Civil War, Alexandria was a Southern city in a Southern state. Many Saint Mary parishioners served in the Confederate army and were buried in our Saint Mary Cemetery at 1000 South Royal Street. Two Union troops also rest there.

Captain William Hart, Company C, 4th New York Cavalry. He was killed in action at the Rapidan River, Raccoon Ford, in Culpeper, VA, on September 16, 1863. He was 29. His tombstone in Section H reads: "A native of the parish of Yonghal, County Tipperary, Ireland. Erected by his brother, M. Hart. May he rest in peace." The Alexandria Gazette, September 23, 1863, reported: "Captain Hart, U.S.A., recently killed in the battle of Rapidan, was buried in this place yesterday with the honors of war, after religious services."

The newspaper did not report why the young man's remains were brought to Alexandria for burial. One of the Catholic military chaplains knew Saint Mary Pastor Father Peter Kroes and sometimes offered Mass at Saint Mary when he and his troops were in Alexandria. That chaplain (and Father Kroes) likely wanted to give the soldier from Ireland a good Catholic burial.

The other Union veteran buried in Saint Mary Cemetery was more fortunate than Captain Hart. John M. Young was born in Boston, MA, in 1833. His father was from Glasgow, Scotland, and his mother was from Sligo, Ireland. During the Civil War, he served in the Union Navy, on a man-of-war, in the Battle of Mobile Bay. After the war, Young settled in Alexandria and owned an oyster business and retail confectionary. He and his wife, Mary, were accepted by the "southern" community. He was a member of the Friendship Fire Association and was active in church and civic organizations. Young died in 1912. John and Mary are buried in Section B of the cemetery.

- Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



John M. Young and family.



Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. - Luke 10:2

Families and individuals are invited to participate in a Basilica of Saint Mary initiative to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. You will have the opportunity to host a special crucifix for one week at a time, praying each day for vocations around the world, especially in our parish and diocese.

If you are interested in being a part of our Vocations Crucifix Program, sign up at stmaryoldtown.org/vocations-cross.

ONGOING PARISH PRO-LIFE EVENTS

4th Saturday of each month... Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Basilica, join us to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic located at 5999 Stephenson Avenue in Alexandria. The next Basilica rosary at the clinic will be on Saturday, November 27. For more information, email prolife@stmaryoldtown.org.

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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



National Vocation Awareness Week November 7-13

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life, especially within our Basilica of Saint Mary parish family.

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen. (SOURCE: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

The Basilica of Saint Mary Women's Silent Retreat FINDING PEACE WITH JESUS AND MARY IN ADVENT December 3 to 5

"Calm... Quiet... Contemplative... Peaceful...
Waiting in Joyful Anticipation"
These words describe what the Holy Season
of Advent ought to be (and rarely is).
"Come aside and rest awhile" to "treasure and ponder"
the true meaning of the Advent Season.
We will gather at San Damiano, our Diocesan Retreat
Center at the edge of the Shenandoah Mountains
in White Post, VA, Friday evening, December 3,
through Sunday, December 5.

Father John Riley will offer Mass, confessions and conferences during this <u>silent retreat for women</u> who would like to learn from the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew how to live, pray and draw nearer to Jesus.

Cost: \$275, including accommodations and meals. Financial assistance may be available. For more information and registration materials, email Bill Beach, Basilica Rosary Society, at wbeachkoc459@gmail.com.

Deadline for registration is November 26.



PATRIOTIC ROSARY & FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY Saturday, November 13, 11 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus, Potomac Assembly 2204, invite you to join in their Patriotic Rosary and Flag Retirement Ceremony. The event will begin with the Patriotic Rosary in the Basilica at 11



a.m., followed by a Flag Retirement ceremony in the back yard of 307/309 South Royal Street (across the street from the Basilica).

All parishioners are welcome to bring their old, torn or dirty flags to the ceremony where they will be properly retired — with the assistance of the Boy Scouts and the American Heritage Girls. A light reception with refreshments will be served.

For those unable to attend, a flag collection box will be set up at the back of the church during the **week of November 7** to collect your flags.

For further information regarding the Patriotic Rosary, Flag Ceremony or Assembly 2204, please contact Larry Clark at hlclark63@gmail.com — God Bless!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Enter the Northern Virginia Chapter,

Virginia Society for Human Life essay contest!
ESSAY TITLE: Promoting the Culture of Life.
1st Award \$1,000, 2nd Award \$500.
Write about how you would use social media and other means to promote a culture that values human life at every stage and preserves human dignity.
At least 400 words, double-spaced, one-inch margins. Include home address, home phone, school name.
Mail your essay by **December 13** to:
VSHL, Northern Virginia Chapter
P.O. Box 26474
Alexandria, VA 22313



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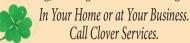
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