



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

November 21, 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

All Masses are live streamed at 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 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 6 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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CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Today, **November 21**, is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. With this feast, we acclaim the authority of Christ as the King and Lord of all things, on earth and in heaven. This annual celebration also points us to the end of time when His Kingdom will be established in all its fullness. Appropriately, the feast comes at the conclusion of one liturgical year and the beginning of a new one. Alpha and Omega.



Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* (“In the first”), a response to growing nationalism and secularism. Nearly a century later, we again do well to turn to Our Lord, who reigns over all people and nations, for strength and solace. While governments and political philosophies come and go, Christ is King forever. *O Lord, help us to see You, to serve You and to give our lives to You, the only King worthy of them.*

As noted in this column last week, **November 21** also marks the beginning of the Diocese of Arlington’s three-year celebration of its Golden Jubilee – its 50th anniversary. Founded in 1974 by Bishop Thomas J. Welsh, our diocese, now one of the 50 largest in the United States, has a rich history. Our own Basilica of Saint Mary has been central to that story, reaching back to the founding of our parish, as the first Catholic parish in Virginia, in 1795. You can read more about the Jubilee at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileehome/>.

REMINDER: SIGN UP FOR 40 HOURS DEVOTION

Our traditional 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration, **December 6 through 8**, will coincide with the beginning of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee celebration. If you haven’t already done so, I encourage you to sign up for an hour of peaceful prayer and meditation in the Presence of Our Eucharistic Lord. Please see page 5 for the 40 Hours schedule and sign-up details.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

On **Thursday, November 25**, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. May we pause to give thanks to God for the many blessings we often take for granted — family, friends and faith. If you will be in the area, please begin your family’s Thanksgiving gathering with us here as a parish family for Mass at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. You can find our Thanksgiving week schedule on page 8.

BASILICA WOMEN’S SILENT RETREAT

Finding Peace with Jesus and Mary in Advent is the theme of a silent weekend retreat for women of the Basilica, **December 3 through 5**, at the Arlington Diocesan Retreat Center in White Post, VA. You can find more information on the retreat on page 6 and on our parish website (www.stmaryoldtown.org). The deadline to register is **November 26**. As this issue of the bulletin goes to press, there are still a few open spots. If you are interested in attending, so be sure to register now!

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 21

- 7 a.m. — Thomas Paul and Marie Nancy White †
8:30 a.m. — Ruey C. Dempsey †
10 a.m. — Don Wayne Foster Jr. †
11:30 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Titi
5 p.m. — Don Foster †

Monday, November 22

- 6:30 a.m. — Mary Chow Woon Leung †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Mary Naegele
12:10 p.m. — Eduardo Nunez †

Tuesday, November 23

- 6:30 a.m. — Anita Dec †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Helen Lynch
12:10 p.m. — Janina Januszowska Thiessen †

Wednesday, November 24

- 6:30 a.m. — Edward W. Sudder Jr. †
8 a.m. — Margo Salinger †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Mary Naegele

Thursday, November 25

- 10 a.m. — Maxwell Piers †

Friday, November 26

- 8 a.m. — Special Intention: Sr. Constance Weber
12:10 p.m. — George W. Carey †

Saturday, November 27

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Steve & Kellie Trepkowski
5 p.m. — Rosemary Agnes Coda †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 21

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday, November 22

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 23

Dn 2:31-45; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 24

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 25

Dn 6:12-28; (Ps) Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 26

Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 27

Dn 7:15-27; (Ps) Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Elias Melhem Abou-Haidar, John William Beelaert,
Charles Douglas Fife, Lily Sophia Granado,
Elise Maria Mayo and Ruth Felicity Yep

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, Crystal Barr, Maria Campo, Marianne Coates, Quinn Copps, Michael Coursey, Mary Davis, Maybeth Davis, Judy Decker, Jean Edwards, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Tom Mack, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Jared Steen, Noel Tohill and Jerry Wallmeyer

PRAY FOR ALL THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Jean Claude Manganel

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 21 — Rev. Noah C. Morey
November 22 — Rev. Joseph F. Moschetto
November 23 — Rev. John P. Mosimann
November 24 — Rev. Christopher J. Mould (Retired)
November 25 — Rev. Mark Mullaney
November 26 — Rev. Richard A. Mullins
November 27 — Rev. Christopher D. Murphy

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

My kingdom is not from this world.

Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

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

40 HOURS DEVOTION: DECEMBER 6 — 8

Come spend prayerful time in the presence of Our Lord during this grace-filled devotion.



Monday, December 6: Feast of Saint Nicholas and our Basilica naming anniversary

The 40 Hours Devotion opens with Mass at 7 p.m. Adoration continues all night and during the next day, interrupted only by regular weekday Mass schedule.

Tuesday, December 7: Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Hour with Sung Vespers at 7 p.m. All-night and morning adoration will proceed as the day before.

December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) The 40 Hours Devotion closes with Benediction at 11:45 a.m. and Reposition before the 12:10 p.m. Holy Day Mass. In addition to our regular weekday Masses (6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.), there will be two additional Holy Day Masses at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

To participate in the 40 Hours, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4da4a929a7f94-40hours1>. Or use the sign-up book located at the back of Basilica. If you are unable to commit to adoration for a specific time slot, feel free to stop by any time during the 40 Hours.

Year of Saint Joseph

He was both the true and chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the foster-father of the Word Incarnate. For these two reasons, Saint Joseph shines among all mankind and approaches nearer than any other saint to the holiness of the Mother of God.

— Pope Leo XIII



GOLDEN JUBILEE VESPERS!

Sunday, November 28 — 7 p.m.
(First Sunday in Advent)

we will mark the beginning of the Arlington Diocese Golden Jubilee preparation period with Vespers here at the Basilica of Saint Mary.

Celebrant will be Father Andrew Fisher, pastor of Saint Ambrose Church in Annandale.

All are welcome!

Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: What is a prayer of supplication?

A: A prayer of supplication is a prayer asking God for a particular spiritual or material benefit. It recognizes God's supreme power over all creation and His ability to grant us what we need.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 2629) tells us: "... by prayer of petition we express awareness of our relationship with God. We are creatures who are not our own beginning, not the masters of adversity, not our own last end. We are sinners who as Christians know that we have turned away from our Father. Our petition is already a turning back to Him."



FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

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 silent retreat for women
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:
November 26



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY GYMNASIUM 400 Green Street, Alexandria

**December 13
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Questions or want to volunteer?
Contact American Red Cross Blood
Program Leader Heather McCafferty
hmccaffe0615@gmail.com**

Thanks for your support!

POOR BOX

Please remember our neighbors in need
by making a contribution to the Poor Box.
Proceeds support the Saint Vincent de Paul Society
and other charitable work of our parish.



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/emailsSignup.

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

Help Educate Our Future Priests

The Arlington Diocese Seminarian Education
Endowment Fund (SEEF) helps fund
the education of our future priests.

An exciting \$100,000 matching gift campaign
is currently underway. The goal is to raise
\$400,000 and push the balance of the fund
to \$3 million. For each \$1 million invested,
enough income is generated to pay
for the priestly education
of one seminarian per year forever!
With 49 men currently in formation for our
diocese, SEEF needs your help
now more than ever.

Learn more and make your pledge at
www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Donate_SEEF
or contact Gretchen Koch
at Gretchen.koch@arlingtondiocese.org
or 703.841.3819.

FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



ANNUAL GIVING TREE PROJECT

Our Basilica Youth and Young Adult Apostolates – which minister to the parish’s middle school and high school-aged teens, as well as its young adults – is again sponsoring their annual Giving Tree project. The Giving Tree will be set up in the back of the Basilica starting on the first **Sunday of Advent, November 28**.

Please take a tree tag to make a donation to the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel or the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation.

Questions? Please contact Mariane Staron at mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org.

You are invited to a Birthday Party for Baby Jesus!

On **Saturday, December 11**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Daughters of Saint Paul will host their annual Baby Jesus Birthday Party at Pauline Books & Media, 1025 King Street, Old Town Alexandria.

Kids of all ages and families are invited for picture-taking with Baby Jesus.

Bring your own camera. Costumes not provided this year but you are welcome to bring your own.

Story-telling and Christmas carols at 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., plus gift/craft bags to take home.

For more information, call 703.549.3806 or email alexandria@paulinemediamedia.com.



<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!

*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

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

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 Schoolers are invited to join us at

Friday Night Hangout

with a service opportunity
and discussion



December 3rd | 7:30PM
307 S Royal St

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND



Wishing You a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Thursday, November 25 — One Mass at 10 a.m.

Friday, November 26 — Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Our Parish Offices will close early

at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24, and will remain closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26

UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS

4th Saturday of Each Month

Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Basilica, please join fellow parishioners to **pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic** at 5999 Stephenson Avenue in Alexandria. The next parish rosary at the clinic will be on **Saturday, November 27**. For more information, email prolife@stmaryoldtown.org.

Pro-Life Rally

The Office of Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch, who is defending his state's pro-life law, together with many other national groups, is organizing a pro-life rally outside the Supreme Court the day of oral arguments,

Wednesday, December 1, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please join us in defending life.

Liturgical Calendar This Week

— **November 22. Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.** A day to rededicate ourselves to the truth by listening to the voice of Christ and to recognizing His reign by reflecting on and obeying His word.

— **November 23. Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr.** The fourth bishop of Rome who died in the year 100 under Trajan. **Saint Columban, Abbot.** Irish monk and missionary to France. Wrote a strict monastic rule; exiled to Italy for denouncing court immorality and lax bishops. **Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest and Martyr.** Jesuit from Guadalupe, Mexico. During the Mexican religious persecution, he was accused of plotting against the government; executed on November 23, 1927, at age 36 while exclaiming, "Long live Christ the King!"

— **November 24. St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs.** Among some 130,000 Christians cruelly martyred in Vietnam during the 17th and 19th centuries.

— **November 25. Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr.** Following her conversion at age 18 in the early 4th century, she preached the Gospel throughout Alexandria in Egypt. While imprisoned by the emperor, she converted the empress and the leader of the armed forces; for this she was martyred. Legend has it that upon her death, her body was carried to Mount Sinai by angels.



B E N - D A V I D W A R N E R
& F R I E N D S

Celtic Christmas Tour

Friday, December 10

Happy Hour, 7 pm - Concert, 7:30pm

*The Basilica of Saint Mary's Lyceum
313 Duke St. Alexandria, VA*

FREE SHOW!

www.bendavidwarner.com

CYO BASKETBALL BAKE SALE

A CYO Basketball-sponsored bake sale will be held after all Masses at the Basilica of Saint Mary on **Saturday and Sunday, December 4/5**.

Proceeds will help pay for basketball uniforms.

Please support our parish youth programs with your donations. Thank you!



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*



LAMB OF GOD TRIUMPHANT SKYLIGHT



Located directly above the crucifix, altar of repose and tabernacle in our sanctuary is a magnificent stained glass skylight depicting the Lamb of God Triumphant. It was given to the church by the Feulner family. An 1881 article in the Alexandria Gazette reported on extensive church renovations under the guidance of Philip N. Dwyer, a local Alexandria architect. The article described installation of “a handsome stained glass skylight” when the church ceiling was raised by six feet.

The skylight consists of an intricately designed large rectangular skylight, measuring approximately the same size as the altar in the sanctuary below. Shown with the Lamb are a banner and Cross Bottony, a symbol of heraldry. The Cross Bottony has a trefoil at the end of each arm, and can be taken to symbolize both Jesus and the doctrine of the Trinity. The Cross Bottony is featured prominently in the state flag of Maryland, which was the first American colony where the practice of Catholicism was permitted. The link to our Basilica: The first priests to serve here at Saint Mary were Jesuits from Maryland. The Seven Seals, a series of end-times judgments described in Revelation 6:1–17 and 8:1–5, appear beneath the Lamb.

– Adapted from official documents submitted to the Vatican to support designation of Saint Mary as a Minor Basilica

EDITOR’S NOTE: The skylight was damaged during a 5.8 magnitude earthquake that hit our area on August 23, 2011, requiring replacement of some of the glass and leading.

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 8:20 a.m. on Saturday. **Adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday Nocturnal Adoration will be **December 3**. Vocal prayers during Adoration follow recitation of the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament*, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. To sign up or for more information about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.



PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners of the Basilica of Saint Mary to experience the many graces and blessings of Our Lady of Fatima by hosting our beautiful Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home. To arrange a visit or for additional information about the program, please contact Adria Tayrani at 571.310.4016 or avillar@hotmail.com.



NOVENA FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY, MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS



You are invited to join Bishop Michael Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant loss. The novena begins on **December 4** and concludes on **December 12**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bishop Burbidge also will be offering a Mass for this intention in his private chapel. To submit your intentions and find the novena prayers, please visit OurFruitfulLove.com.

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