



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

October 31, 2021
Thirty-first 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

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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Mr. Daniel Cinalli, Principal

703.549.1646

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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

CELEBRATING SAINTS AND SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Three dates on current secular and Church calendars share a common theme: Remembering those who have gone before us.

Today, October 31, the secular world celebrates Halloween, which originated with the Christian celebration of All Hallows Eve or the eve of All Saints Day. While the secular celebrations are devoid of any reference to the saints, perhaps we can help re-Christianize it by encouraging costumes depicting saints. Young children at our Basilica School of Saint Mary will do just that by dressing as their favorite saints for an All Saints Day parade tomorrow. Happily, the parade always features quite a few little Marys and Josephs!

Monday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints or All Saints' Day. Reflecting on all of the saints in heaven, those known and those unknown, reminds us of our belief as Catholics in the Communion of Saints, professed as we recite the Creed at Mass. The Communion of Saints is a fellowship encompassing all members of the Church: The Church Triumphant (the deceased, or saints, who are in heaven), the Church Militant (the living who are still pilgrims on their earthly journey) and the Church Suffering (the souls of the deceased who are being purified in purgatory and awaiting entrance into heaven). The Communion of Saints is a way of uniting us all in one, holy, Catholic family.

All Saints' Day Masses will include our regular weekday Masses (6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.) with an additional Mass at 7:30 p.m. (While this is a Holy Day, the obligation is lifted this year because it falls on a Monday.)

Tuesday, November 2, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day. This is a time for us to remember and pray for the souls of those individuals in purgatory. In celebrating Mass on All Souls' Day, priests may wear vestments that are violet (symbolizing penance), black (symbolizing mourning) or white (symbolizing the hope of resurrection).

New for us this year will be a traditional catafalque (bier and empty coffin covered with the pall) displayed in the Basilica. The All Souls' Day catafalque is part of an old practice known as *memento mori*, or “remember your death.” It provides us with an important perspective on our own lives in view of Christ's call to repentance, conversion and the hope of resurrection. For more on this tradition, listen to a new podcast interview with Saint Mary parishioner Mary Petrino at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.



The Day of the Dead
by William-Adolphe
Bouguereau

Our **All Souls' Novena** also begins on November 2. Remember your loved ones by entering their names on that day's contribution envelopes; extra envelopes are at the back of the Basilica. Or, donate online via Faith Direct at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA713/20232>. We also have a Book of Remembrance in the Sacred Heart transept to enroll the names of deceased loved ones.

All Souls' Day Masses will follow our regular weekday times (6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.) with the addition of a Requiem Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass) at 7:30 p.m.

24 HOURS FOR VIRGINIA

Please see page 5 for information about a NEW “24 Hours for Virginia” time of prayer and adoration in preparation for **Election Day, November 2**.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 31

- 7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
8:30 a.m. — Bonnie Yuro †
10 a.m. — Remedio Lucina and Alberto Reyes †
11:30 a.m. — Mary Leitner †
1 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Sudder Family †
5 p.m. — Edward R. Boos †

Monday, November 1 — All Saints' Day

- 6:30 a.m. — Holy Souls in Purgatory †
8 a.m. — Mrs. Patricia Kelly †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Joan Bridges
7:30 p.m. — All Saints

Tuesday, November 2 — All Souls' Day

- 6:30 a.m. — All Souls' Novena
8 a.m. — Joan Manning †
12:10 p.m. — Helen P. Sudder †
7:30 p.m. — Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 3

- 6:30 a.m. — The President and All Elected Officials
8 a.m. — All Souls' Novena
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Lynne and Harry Dolton

Thursday, November 4

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Henry Canton
8 a.m. — Kevin McCarthy and Charlotte Borders †
12:10 p.m. — All Souls' Novena

Friday, November 5

- 6:30 a.m. — All Souls' Novena
8 a.m. — Charles Uhlenkott †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John J. Sheehan

Saturday, November 6

- 8:30 a.m. — All Souls' Novena
5 p.m. — Holy Souls in Purgatory

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 31

Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Monday, November 1

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday, November 2

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6 37:40

Wednesday, November 3

Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 4

Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 5

Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 6

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

John Paul Ambrose Renner

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, Dan Sullivan, Noel Tohill and Jerry Wallmeyer

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING:

Thomas Reginald Dyson Jr. and Arty Whelan

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

October 31 — Rev. Wilson I. Korpi (Retired)
November 1 — Rev. Msgr. Stanley J. Krempa (Retired)
November 2 — Rev. Kevin J. Larsen
November 3 — Rev. Thomas J. Lehning (Retired)
November 4 — Rev. Richard J. Ley (Retired)
November 5 — Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg
November 6 — Rev. Geronimo A. (Jerome) Magat, SS

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

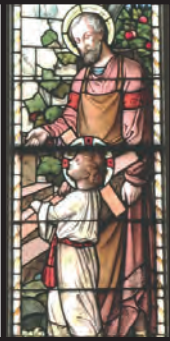
People Who Suffer from Depression
We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Year of Saint Joseph

When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, He unites it to Saint Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint.

– Saint Peter Julian Eymard



NEW! 24 HOURS FOR VIRGINIA

In preparation for Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, join us here at the Basilica for “24 Hours for Virginia” — a time to pray and adore the Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament as we ask for wisdom for our elected officials and for voters to make choices on November 2 in light of Catholic teaching.

This time of Adoration in the Basilica starts on All Saints’ Day, November 1, at 8:30 p.m., following the 7:30 p.m. Mass that night, and continues until 8:30 p.m. on All Souls’ Day, November 2.

Sign up to participate at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4da4a929a7f94-24hours>. Sign-up sheets also can be found at the back of the Basilica.

ALL SAINTS’/ALL SOULS’ MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 1,

is the Solemnity of All Saints.

Regular weekday schedule with Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m., with an additional Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2,

is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day).

Regular weekday schedule with Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m., with an additional Requiem Mass

in the Extraordinary Form

(Traditional Latin Mass) at 7:30 p.m.

MONTHLY NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Please join us for Nocturnal Adoration on the **First Friday of each month**, beginning with Exposition at 9 p.m. Holy Hours continue throughout the night with vocal prayers following the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament*, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. Silent adoration begins at 6 a.m. on Saturday, ending with Benediction at 8:20 a.m. Security is provided during the night by Alexandria police officers. **Additional adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday will be on **November 5**. To sign up or to learn more about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at helenlynch21@gmail.com.



Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: How should I dispose of an old Bible?

A: Bibles are always to be treated with great respect and reverence because the words of scripture contain the very presence of God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 103) explains: “...the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord’s Body.”

To properly dispose of a Bible that is damaged or too weak for use, it should be buried or burned reverently. This is especially true if the Bible has been blessed by a priest or deacon, making it a sacramental.

If you are unable to properly dispose of a Bible or other sacramentals (blessed items such as broken or damaged rosaries) on your own, you may drop them off at the Basilica of Saint Mary parish office (313 Duke Street) for proper handling.

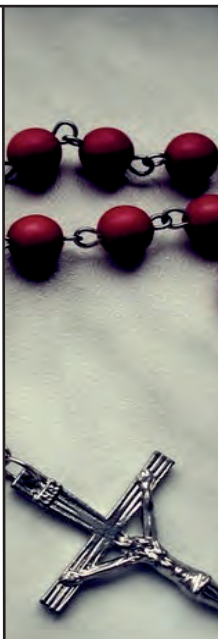


FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

TODAY!!!! 5th Sunday Rosary

The Basilica Rosary Society will lead a 5th Sunday Rosary on **October 31** following the 5 p.m. Mass, or about 6:05 p.m. We will pray the rosary for an increase in vocations, for the purification of the church, and for the sanctity and protection of life.

In addition to praying the Glorious Mysteries, the rosary will be preceded by Sunday Second Vespers. Vesper readings will be distributed at the event. The 5th Sunday Rosary is sponsored by the Basilica Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus and Legion of Mary. **All are welcome.**



F3: FRATERNITY/FITNESS/FAITH

Father David has started a 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.

Parishioner Joel Doolin discusses F3 in Episode #226 of our Basilica podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.

AFTER THE 5's **NOVEMBER PARISH SOCIAL**

Join us for Fall Fellowship
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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



From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society

God sends the right person to help when you ask Him.

Mohammed works at a popular restaurant in Old Town but missed weeks of work last month due to illness. He does not get sick leave. The loss of income left him unable to pay his rent. When he called us, he was distraught because he has two children still at home and the thought of eviction was terrifying. His response at being told that Saint Vincent de Paul would pay what he owed the landlord was, "God sends the right person to help when you ask Him."



Saint Vincent de Paul is unique among the charities in Alexandria in that we go to the homes of people who call us for help. We sit with them as friends and talk about their needs and concerns. It is a gesture born of love and compassion and often has as much of an impact as any financial assistance. We feel blessed to be the instrument of God's love for the poor. Donations from the parishioners of the Basilica of Saint Mary make our work possible and you walk with us during every home visit we make.



In partnership with Giant Foods and Safeway, screened volunteers deliver groceries year-round to seniors, every OTHER Thursday. Groceries are

ordered via phone based on the grocery recipient's personal shopping list. No minimum order is required and there is no delivery fee. Volunteers deliver groceries between 10 a.m. and noon to the client's home, and, if requested, put the groceries away. For more information or to sign up, call 703.836.4414, extension 119, or email groceries@seniorservicesalex.org.



CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES For Young Adults 18-39!

Upcoming Leagues

Registration for WIFFLEBALL League is OPEN!
Sundays, October 31 — December 19
at the Basilica School of Saint Mary.
Register at www.catholicsports.net!

Bible Studies

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

Socials

Stay tuned for upcoming social events!
Sign up for our email list at www.catholicsports.net!
If you have questions or want to connect,
email catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org
or text Helena at 540.551.2271.

FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY



OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS
NOVEMBER 17, 2021 - 8:30AM - 11:00AM

RSVP AT [SMSVA.ORG](https://smsva.org)

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



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!

2021-22 YOUTH ANNUAL REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WEBSITE
REGISTER NOW FOR SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON EVENTS!

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

Theology on Tap

MONDAY NOVEMBER 8TH
AT MURPHY'S IRISH PUB

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

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Aaron Zanca, Assistant Director | azanca@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3024

All High Schoolers Invited!

WORKCAMP 2022



Applications due December 31st
<https://stmaryoldtown.org/join-us-for-workcamp-2022/>

All High Schoolers Invited!

THEATER PROGRAM

in honor of the Immaculate Conception



Learn more and register at
<https://stmaryoldtown.org/high-school-theater>

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



REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS RESTING IN SAINT MARY CEMETERY



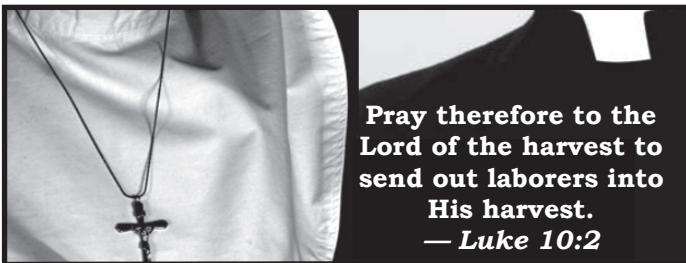
Five veterans of the Revolutionary War are buried in Saint Mary Cemetery, which is located at 1000 South Royal Street. In December 1915, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) visited the cemetery to formally recognize these patriots who fought courageously to secure our nation's independence. Students from Saint Mary School participated in the ceremony along with local civil officials and other dignitaries.

A plaque bearing the names of the five Revolutionary War veterans was placed in the cemetery and reads:

- In this Cemetery rest the earthly remains of Patriots in the Revolutionary War who fought for the cause of Liberty:
— Francis Ignatius Hagan, 3d Virginia Regiment, enlisted 1777; born about 1754; died December 15, 1830.
— Lawrence Hurdle, Private, Maryland Line, served 1776-1782; born about 1750; died December 1, 1850.
— Pierre La Croix, served in the French and Indian War and American Revolution; born about 1742; died September 22, 1830.
— Francis Murphy, Pennsylvania Militia; enlisted 1777; born about 1763; died June 30, 1837.
— John Riordan, 3rd New Jersey Regiment; enlisted 1778; born 1760; died October 10, 1803.

On December 7, 2015, more than 100 people gathered in the cemetery to again honor the five Revolutionary War patriots buried there. Participants included Saint Mary Rector Father Edward Hathaway and Parochial Vicar Father Nicholas Barnes, representatives of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution, and students of Saint Mary School.

— Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



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.

LEGION OF MARY MASS

The Legion of Mary Arlington Regia invites you to a Mass to commemorate and pray for the beatification of Servant of God Frank Duff, founder of the Legion of Mary, on Wednesday, November 3, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 830 23rd Street South, Arlington, VA. Recitation of the rosary begins at 6:30 p.m.; Mass begins at 7 p.m. The Very Rev. Paul Scalia will be the celebrant. For more information, contact Sr. Virginia Pierson at 703.915.1318, Sr. Vivian Moran at 703.888.8196 or Sr. Maureen Earner at 703.622.9293.



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AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

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 is November 26.

Liturgical Calendar This Week

—**November 1. All Saints' Day.** Honors all the saints who have attained heaven, known and unknown, particularly those with no special feast days of their own. Formally started in the 7th century by Pope Boniface IV.

—**November 2. All Souls' Day.** Also established by Boniface IV, a day to remember and pray for "All the Faithful Departed," that is, all Christians who have died. This is a traditional time to visit the graves of loved ones.

—**November 3. Saint Martin de Porres, Religious.** Dominican lay brother born in Lima, Peru, of a Spanish father and a black slave mother. Ministered to the poor and sick, especially African slaves. Patron of social justice and peoples of mixed races. Died in 1639.

—**November 4. Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop.** Cardinal and secretary of state at age 22 for his uncle, Pope Pius IV. Implemented reforms of Trent; founder of seminaries; considered a model pastor by many bishops, including Saint Francis de Sales. Patron of catechists and catechumens. Died on November 3, 1584, at age 46.



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!

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 rosary gathering will be on **Saturday, November 27**. For more information, email prolife@stmaryoldtown.org.



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