



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

October 17, 2021
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
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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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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

OKTOBERFEST IS TODAY!

I hope to see you at our annual Oktoberfest celebration this afternoon, **Sunday, October 17**, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Basilica School of Saint Mary, 400 Green Street. Join us for music with the Mount Vernon Community Band and delicious German-themed food (traditional roasted pig, strudel, etc.) in one of the most fun-filled, family-oriented of all our parish events. Parish apostolate groups are sponsoring outdoor information booths so you can get to know, and perhaps join, their work. Children can enjoy face painting and other activities. Admission is free although free-will donations will be gladly accepted to support the school's *Mater Dei* program, which is designed to help differently abled students learn and develop.



Danke schön to all of our wonderful Oktoberfest 2021 sponsors: The Monument Group, Valor Homes, Sunrise Senior Living/Old town, HESS Construction, Demaine Funeral Home, CCS Fundraising, Joan Shannon/The Shannon Real Estate Group, Cruise Planners, Lindsay Automotive Group, BarnesVanze Architect, Inc., Balducci's, McLaughlin Ryder Investments, Inc., Burke & Herbert Bank, Patricia Palermino Studio, Weichert Realtors, Public Properties, Notting Hill Gardens, Ameris Bank/Toni Slye Miller and the Thielman Family.

REMINDERS!

Tuesday, October 19 – As part of our 2021 Faith & Culture Series, Fr. James Waalkes will present an American folk music-styled concert at 7 p.m. in our Lyceum Auditorium (313 Duke Street) to honor the North American martyrs. Learn more in Episode #257 of our Basilica podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.

Wednesday, October 20 – The University of Notre Dame Glee Club, joined by The Heights Men's Chorus from Potomac, MD, will perform in the Basilica at 7 p.m.

Friday, October 22 – Bishop Athanasius Schneider, O.R.C., auxiliary bishop of Astana, Kazakhstan, will be here at the Basilica for a Holy Hour with Solemn Vespers beginning at 7 p.m.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 24

Next **Sunday, October 24**, is World Mission Sunday, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926. United with Catholics worldwide, we offer our prayers and personal sacrifice (through next weekend's second collection) to support the mission priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who assist the Church in spreading the Gospel to others.

The theme Pope Francis has chosen for this year is: “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:20) In his message for World Mission Sunday, he notes that each of us is called “to mission,” sharing our faith by what we say and do and how we live. You can read the Holy Father's full statement at —

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/papa-francesco_20210106_giornata-missionaria2021.html

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 17

- 7 a.m. — Frank Joseph Gordon II †
8:30 a.m. — Donald Reddick †
10 a.m. — Christian Briggs †
11:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Emily Liutkus
1 p.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
5 p.m. — Special Intention: Staff at Saint Louis Catholic School

Monday, October 18

- 6:30 a.m. — Dick Strub †
8 a.m. — Oscar Balloveras †
12:10 p.m. — William Stark Hickey †

Tuesday, October 19

- 6:30 a.m. — Dick Strub †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Betty McAndrews
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: John Harchick

Wednesday, October 20

- 6:30 a.m. — Sylvia Randolph †
8 a.m. — Bob McCullough †
12:10 p.m. — Michael and Margaret Rusnak †

Thursday, October 21

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Leo Naegele
8 a.m. — Nancy Blackburn †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Maria Miranda

Friday, October 22

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spencer
8 a.m. — Dimitrios Lynch †
12:10 p.m. — Mary Stier †

Saturday, October 23

- 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Mary Claire Modica
5 p.m. — Mark Dannemiller †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 17

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16

Monday, October 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday, October 19

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 20

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 21

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 22

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 23

Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Tate Mahaffey and Lydia Bernadette Sansaver

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Gilliam Allen, Suzanne Aragona, Dan Bartlett, Dave Baughan, Ramiro Bellido, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, **Michael Coursey**, Baby Clare Cummings, Mary Davis, Jean Edwards, Margie Feney, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Diane Kapanowski, Shannon Key, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Dan Sullivan, Noel Tohill and Jerry Wallmeyer

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING:

SantaAnn Matone

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 17 — Rev. James C. Hinkle
October 18 — Rev. Stephen Holmes
October 19 — Rev. Patrick Holroyd
October 20 — Rev. Edward R. Horkan
October 21 — Rev. Jose Eugenio Hoyos
October 22 — Rev. James C. Hudgins
October 23 — Rev. Michael C. Isenberg

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?

If you ask the Lord this question in prayer, trust in His grace to respond with a joyful "yes," and consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in 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 OCTOBER

Missionary Disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Year of Saint Joseph

This greatest male saint who ever lived was not a deacon, not a priest, not a bishop, not a pope, not a hermit, not a monk...he was a husband, father and a worker.

— Saint Josemaria Escriva



Heads Up!

Workers will be in the Basilica replacing pew cushions **October 20-22** and **October 25-29**.

On those days, the 12:10 p.m. Mass (and confessions afterward) will take place in the Lyceum Auditorium at 313 Duke Street.

HOLY HOUR WITH SOLEMN VESPERS

Friday, October 22



Bishop Athanasius Schneider, O.R.C., auxiliary bishop of Astana, Kazakhstan, and member of the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross of Coimbra, will be in attendance for a Holy Hour with Solemn Vespers on **Friday, October 22**, at the Basilica of Saint Mary. The evening will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 p.m. The Basilica Schola will chant Solemn Vespers in Latin. Bishop Schneider also will offer a reflection. The Holy Hour will conclude with Solemn Benediction and Reposition. For additional information, please go to www.stmaryoldtown.org.

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Liturgical Calendar This Week

- **October 18. Saint Luke, Evangelist.** 1st century. Syrian physician from Antioch and companion of Paul; authored (c. 70-85) Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Saint Luke.
- **October 19. Saints John deBrebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs.** French Jesuit missionaries to the Hurons and Iroquois of North America. Martyred in 1642-49.
- **October 20. Saint Paul of the Cross.** Born in Liguria. Renowned preacher and founder (1720) of the Passionists.
- **October 22. Saint John Paul II, Pope.** Karol Jozef Wojtyła (1920-2005). Born in Wadowice, Poland. As archbishop of Krakow, he took part in 2nd Vatican Council. Elected pope October 16, 1978. Made 104 apostolic visits outside Italy, promulgated a new Catechism of the Catholic Church and inaugurated World Youth Day. Canonized April 27, 2014.
- **October 23. Saint John of Capistrano OFM, Priest.** Proficient in civil, ecclesiastical law. Imprisoned while brokering peace in a regional war. Saint Francis of Assisi came to him in a dream and, upon his release, he became a Franciscan. Promoted devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Died in 1456, leading soldiers defending Belgrade against the Turks.

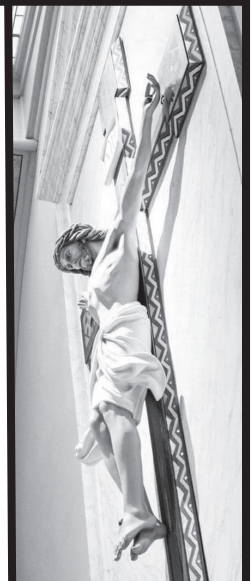
Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: Can I go to confession online or over the phone?

A: No. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through the ministry of a priest. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 1484), “Personal confession is thus the form most expressive of reconciliation with God and with the Church.”

Emails and phone conversations remove the physical aspect of this personal encounter, which must be present to validly receive the sacrament. As the Pontifical Council on Social Communications on the Church and Internet says: “There are no sacraments on the Internet.”

Another reason is confidentiality. A priest is bound the Seal of the Confessional to keep everything a penitent says in the confessional absolutely secret. If the priest violates the Seal, he risks automatic excommunication (*latae sententiae*). Phone calls, emails, etc., are not necessarily secure and may reveal information about a penitent’s confession to third parties.



FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

K of C Fall Food Drive



The Saint Lucy Project is a food pantry and delivery network of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (CCDA) that is striving to achieve a diocese without hunger —

one county, one neighborhood, one parish, one family at a time. The many Arlington Knights of Columbus Councils and parish volunteers are a main reason this is now a major program.

Knight of Columbus Council 459 will be supporting the Fall Food Drive by handing out Saint Lucy food bags after Mass the weekend of **October 17** and collecting the filled bags with the goods listed below, at Masses the weekend of **October 24**. Thank you for your generosity!!!



The Saint Lucy Project is specifically in need of the following items:

Canned meat/fish, canned green beans/corn, peanut butter and jelly, cereals (hot and cold), canned fruit, rice and grains, canned sauce and pasta, children's snacks, soups and baking items, dried and canned beans, juice and boxed shelf-stable milk.

Checks made out to CCDA are welcomed.
Gift cards from Walmart, Giant and Aldi are also welcomed.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MEETING

Are you Irish or part Irish? Do you enjoy helping the Basilica and the community? JOIN US! The Herbert-Cady Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is looking for practicing, Catholic men of Irish heritage to join our great organization. We meet **every third Monday** of the month, upstairs at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub (713 King Street). Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Contact Joe Castillo at aohrecruiter@outlook.com or 219.880.6889 if you are interested. The next meeting is on **October 18**. Please see www.aohalexandria.org for more information.



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

Join us for Fall Fellowship
on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

(Sponsored 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



SECOND COLLECTION WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 23/24 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

CHRIST HOUSE THRIFT SHOP

Catholic Charities Christ House Thrift Shop volunteers needed three hours per week on **Thursdays and Fridays**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Interested? Please contact aniliza.juan@ccda.net.



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 our first social events coming up!
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



NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHOOL

The Saint Gregory Children's Choir School at the Basilica of

Saint Mary is a new, four-year program of comprehensive musical training and immersion into the Catholic choral tradition. Enrollment is open through the **end of October** for any Catholic boy or girl, ages 8-12. Students will learn to read music fluently and sing with confidence everything from Gregorian chant to modern compositions. They also will learn music theory according to the curriculum of the Royal College of Music in Toronto. Each year, students will increasingly participate in the liturgical life of the Basilica, singing for concerts and other parish events. Plans for a choral trip are underway.

Find more information at

<https://stmaryoldtown.org/the-basilica-of-saint-mary-announces-a-choir-school-for-children/>.

Or contact David Elliott, Director of Music, at delliott@stmaryoldtown.org.

8th Grade Testing Required for Placement in Catholic High Schools in the Arlington Diocese

WHEN: Saturday, December 4, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

(Snow Date: December 11)

WHERE: Bishop Ireton High, Alexandria; Bishop O'Connell, Arlington; Saint Paul VI, Chantilly; Saint John Paul the Great, Dumfries

FEE: Contact the high school

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: Any 8th grader attending public school, non-Catholic private schools or those attending Catholic schools outside the Arlington Diocese

Students must register on-line on the high school's website. Registration must be Done no later than **Monday, November 22**. Testing fee should accompany registration.

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



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ACROSS FROM THE BASILICA

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

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

All High Schoolers Invited!

DIOCESAN RALLY

Sunday | October 24th
Register Online: <https://stmaryoldtown.org/diocesan-rally-2021>

All High Schoolers Invited!

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in honor of the Immaculate Conception

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<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*



CHURCH RENOVATIONS IN THE 1980s

During his 10-year tenure (1981-91) as pastor at Saint Mary, Monsignor Frank J. Hendrick initiated renovations of the church, which needed major repairs. Ground water seeping upward was causing the plastered, interior walls to crumble. Monsignor studied old pictures of the church that showed the wall behind the altar once had wooden wainscoting. Wood would not repel the water problem Monsignor was trying to resolve, so he had limestone panels installed over the walls.

Monsignor Hendricks also moved the tabernacle from the left side of the sanctuary back to the place of honor in the center of the sanctuary behind the altar.

“I never felt comfortable with the tabernacle over to the side,” he said.

He recalled that an Episcopalian gentleman who lived in the neighborhood visited Saint Mary every day to pray. That man told Monsignor that he, too, felt that the tabernacle, which had been placed on a temporary wooden platform to the side, was not properly displayed. To help remedy that issue, the man had a lovely embroidered tapestry made to cover the platform. He must have been happy when Monsignor restored the tabernacle to its central place of honor.

– Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



“BACK FROM THE DEAD” WALK AT SAINT MARY CEMETERY!

Encounter the saints who have arrived Back from the Dead for the season of All Souls and All Saints, and glimpse the realities of heaven and hell while wandering through historic Saint Mary Cemetery! You might allow this purgative experience to touch you by going to Confession at the end of your walk. No fear, our vivacious tour guides will make sure you get everywhere you need to go.

WHEN: 6:15 to 8:20 p.m. on **Saturday, October 30**, and **Tuesday, November 2**

WHERE: Saint Mary Cemetery, 1000 South Royal Street, Alexandria

PARKING: Park in the lot adjacent to Saint Mary School and walk through the South Royal Street gate leading to the cemetery.

Sign in at the ticket table when you arrive. Tours approximately every 11 minutes.
(NOTE: Confession available only on Tuesday, November 2, 6:15 to 8:20 p.m.)

If you'd like to attend, email stmarycemeterywalk@gmail.com, provide your first and last name and number of people attending. Adults and children are welcome to participate in this thrilling adventure!



AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

2021 Basilica of Saint Mary Faith & Culture Series

A Folk Concert Honoring the North American Martyrs

October 19, 7-8:30 p.m., Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street



Father James Waalkes, parochial vicar at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Falls Church and former transitional deacon here at the Basilica of Saint Mary, will present an American folk music-styled concert in honor of the North American martyred saints. The North



American Martyrs were Jesuit priests and lay brothers who were sent as missionaries to remote areas of Canada and New York State in the early-to-mid 17th century. They were tortured and killed for preaching to the Hurons. Learn more from Father James about his upcoming concert in Episode #257 of our Basilica of Saint Mary podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.

UNIVERSITY of NOTRE DAME



**Wednesday, October 20
7 p.m. in the Basilica**

The University of Notre Dame Glee Club returns to the Basilica of Saint Mary to perform as part of their Fall 2021 tour.

The Men's Chorus from The Heights high school in Potomac, MD, also will perform.

(NOTE: No Holy Hour that evening.)

No tickets needed, no admission fee, but your freewill offering is welcome to help cover expenses.

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. Next rosary gathering will be on **Saturday, October 23**. For more info, email prolife@stmaryoldtown.org.



ARLINGTON DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE — OCTOBER 30 —

All Basilica of Saint Mary parishioners are invited to join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the biennial Arlington Diocese Marian pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, **Saturday, October 30**.

The theme this year is "Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Body of Christ."

The event is free – no registration required. Bring your own bag lunch! The Shrine is wheelchair accessible and there will be sign interpreting in ASL for the deaf. **NOTE:** Currently, the Shrine requires masks for all visitors.

For more information about the pilgrimage, including the schedule for the day, visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage.



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