

A Message from Father Hathaway



Dear Sons and Daughters in Christ,

Today, I invite you to join me in reflecting on how each of us are called to continue to grow as disciples of Jesus and live that discipleship as active members of our parish family.

We have all been tested in these past several months and our sharing of time, talent and treasure may feel like a struggle. However, please be assured that the sacrifices and gifts that you have shared with St. Mary's **have enabled us to thrive during this historic time and I am so grateful to each of you.**

One of the blessings of being your pastor over these past five years is the great gift and joy I have of interacting with you in so many different ways. As individuals, as families and as a parish community. The collective gifts of time, talent and treasure you so graciously share are powerful and transforming acts of evangelization for others.

As we move forward into the months ahead, I encourage you to take every opportunity to imitate St. Paul, the great evangelizer, to imitate St. Peter, the fisher of men, to imitate Our Lady, the mother of all mothers. Take care of your interior life, health and mental well-being so that you are fortified for the work God has entrusted to you in the vineyard of the Church and the world.

Today, I also ask you to take this opportunity to prayerfully discern the financial gifts and blessings you have received from God and evaluate how you can further share those gifts for the betterment and mission of our church and school. My hope is that you will consider participating in our parish's **225th Anniversary United in Faith, Family and Service program by reviewing and discerning your weekly Sunday Offertory giving.** This brochure contains our parish financial statement as well as tithing chart to assist you in prayerfully considering your offertory contribution, whether you give by envelope or electronically through Faith Direct. ***If you are giving through Faith Direct and will be increasing your contribution, please remember you will need to log into your account yourself if you wish to change your offertory gift level.***

A special commitment weekend will be held at Mass **September 26th and 27th.** Please consider bringing the enclosed commitment card to Mass when you are invited to affirm your weekly Offertory giving in support of the mission and apostolates of the Basilica of Saint Mary. Or, use the enclosed reply envelope to mail your commitment card today.

Thank you again for being a vital member of our parish family and for considering my request for your discernment. May God continue to bless you with His Love and Grace.

Sincerely yours in the Heart of Jesus,

Father Hathaway

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Sign Up for Online Giving Today *Out of Sight, But Not Out of Mind*

We extend our sincere gratitude to all our parish families who make annual contributions to the Sunday Offertory program. Whether via envelope or through e-giving your generosity allows our parish to thrive.

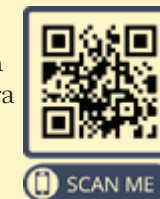
- Close to 1,030 of our parish household individuals/families use Faith Direct to make their weekly/monthly Sunday Offertory donations.
- 77% of gifts for the Sunday Offertory are given through Faith Direct – a total of \$1,182,425 for April 2019 through March 2020.
- Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support our church using electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or credit/debit card just as you may do now with your mortgage payment, cable bill or other expenses. It's simple, safe and convenient.

Enroll Online Today:

membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/VA713

Or, visit **stmaryoldtown.org** and click on the "donate" button which will direct you to our Faith Direct giving portal.

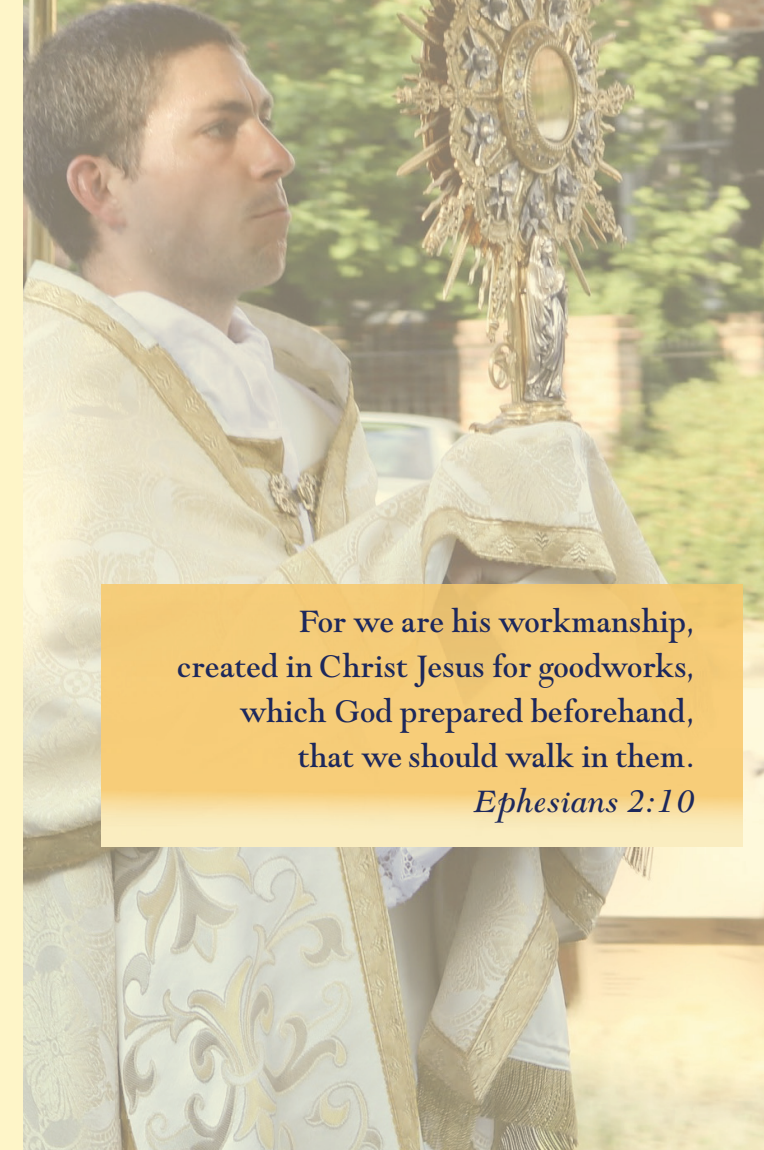
Or, simply scan this QR code with your mobile device using the camera function which will take you to the parish's Faith Direct enrollment/giving site:



Questions about the Faith Direct program?
Please call 1-866-507-8757 (toll free)
or email info@faithdirect.net.

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

The First Catholic Church in Virginia



For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for goodworks,
which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10



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We Can Do All Things Through Christ

Philippians 4:13

More than 7,000 men, women and children are active members of our parish family. Here are many of the sacred and sacrificial manifestations of their personal and communal devotion to the Holy Trinity and fellowship with one another:

✝ Celebrating the Sacraments

- Sacrament of the Eucharist offered 7-days a week during the 22 Masses celebrated.
- Monthly Latin Mass
- Reconciliation offered 9 times throughout the 7-day week
- Adoration and Nocturnal Adoration
- Devotions – *Rosary, Miraculous Medal Novena, Mother of Perpetual Help Novena and Communal First Saturdays* offered.
- Veneration of Sacred Relics
- Sacred liturgical music and Schola Cantorum



✠ Forming Disciples of Christ

- Exemplary Parish Pre-K-8th Grade Elementary School – operating for now 151 years
- Children's Religious Education (CCD) and Youth Ministry Programs
- Young Adult Ministry
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- Renowned Catholic Luminary Presenters
- Saints Peter and Paul Conference
- That Man is You!
- Walking with Purpose
- Date Night at the Basilica
- Legion of Mary and Luminaries of Mary
- St. Ann and St. Joachim Scripture Study
- St. Katherine Drexel Society
- St. Mary's Playgroup

✠ Serving In and For Our Community

- Bereavement Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
- Catholic Daughters of America
- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- March for Life and Pro-Life Activities
- Annual Workcamp Program
- Catholic Charities
- Oktoberfest
- The Irish Hooley



✠ Building Up the Kingdom of God

- Parish Finance Council
- Home and School Association (HSA)
- Apostolate and Pastoral Council
- Mary Lead Us Campaign for our parish school
- Annual sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure by parishioners and school families
- Our parish's historic facilities and properties are maintained and cared for thanks to the great generosity of our parishioners' sacrificial giving to the Sunday Offertory.



How and When Will We Make Our Commitment?

Commitment weekend will be held September 26th and 27th. Enclosed is a Commitment Card to complete. We will have a special collection during Mass to collect your Commitment Card. The act of making a commitment is a covenant between you and God to support our parish mission to the best of your ability. Your new commitment should begin with the next Sunday's Offertory. If you are out of town or unable to attend Mass on Commitment Weekend, please complete the enclosed Commitment Card and return it to the parish office or in the collection when you return. Your Commitment, no matter the increase, will be kept completely confidential and will not be disclosed in any way. Thank you for your generous support of our parish family!

Our Parish Family

7,677

Registered Parishioners

2,921

Parish Households

- The greatest expense for both the Church and the School is lay staffing and associated benefits for close to 130 full-time and part-time personnel - 51% of the Church's operating expenses of \$3M.
- Sunday Offertory makes up 73% of the Church's income budget with tuition related fees for the School accounting for 77% of its income.

Reflecting on Your Gifts

The question of what God has given us is not easy to answer. The human mind has a difficult time grasping the enormity of what our God gives to us. From birth to death, God gives us everything. As the hymn says, "all that we are and all that we have..." These are the questions you are asked to consider. What has God given me? How grateful am I for these gifts? How often do I take the time to say a silent prayer of gratitude? Since offertory giving is one way to show that gratitude, how much should my weekly gift be?

Sunday Weekly Offertory Discernment Chart

Household Income	4% Sacrifice			5% Sacrifice		
	Yearly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
\$350,000	\$14,000	\$1,167	\$269	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$337
\$250,000	\$10,000	\$833	\$192	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$240
\$200,000	\$8,000	\$667	\$154	\$10,000	\$833	\$192
\$150,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$115	\$7,500	\$625	\$144
\$100,000	\$4,000	\$333	\$77	\$5,000	\$417	\$96
\$75,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$58	\$3,750	\$313	\$72
\$65,000	\$2,600	\$217	\$50	\$3,250	\$271	\$63
\$50,000	\$2,000	\$167	\$38	\$2,500	\$208	\$48
\$40,000	\$1,600	\$133	\$31	\$2,000	\$167	\$38
\$25,000	\$1,000	\$83	\$19	\$1,250	\$104	\$24



Statement of Income and Expenses from July 2019 through June 2020

	Church	School	Parish Total
OPERATING INCOME			
Offertory/Tuition Related Income	2,367,913	5,314,866	7,682,779
Ministries Income	289,079	-	289,079
Parish Investment in School	-	205,293	-
School Services	-	900,372	-
Other Sources	575,234	456,771	1,032,005
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$3,232,226	\$6,877,302	\$9,003,863
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Clergy	206,930	-	206,930
Staffing	1,345,684	5,648,998	6,994,682
Ministry	502,404	-	502,404
Parish Investment in School	205,293	553,996	-
Buildings	364,575	511,204	875,779
Admin	429,411	377,251	806,662
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$3,054,297	\$7,091,449	10,145,746
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 177,929	\$(214,147)	\$ (36,218)

