



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

September 12, 2021  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector  
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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.

## THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

(Pre-K to 8th grade)

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# CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 12:30 -7:30 p.m. Wed.	<b>Maureen Breiner</b>	tb5va@aol.com
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<b>Nocturnal Adoration Society</b> 9 p.m. 1st Friday to 6 a.m. 1st Saturday	<b>Helen Lynch</b>	helenlynch21@gmail.com
<b>Rosary Prayer Group</b> Rosary before 8 a.m. weekday Mass, 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass	<b>Call Parish Office</b>	703.836.4100
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## *Oremus pro invicem* “Let us pray for each other” *Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector*

### **September 14: THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS, MASS & HEALING SERVICE**



**Tuesday, September 14**, is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, recalling the discovery of the True Cross of Christ by Saint Helena in 320. It also marks the building of a church in Jerusalem above the empty grave of Jesus. The present Church of the Holy Sepulchre was erected there by the Crusaders in 1149. Among the holiest places on earth, this church encompasses the crucifixion site of Our Lord on Calvary as well as the tomb – the place of His Resurrection.

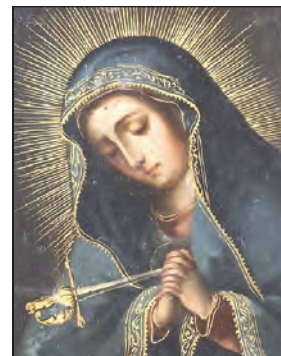
Each Christian participates in the Cross of Our Lord by uniting our own suffering to His. In this way, we, too, triumph over our crosses and allow them to sanctify us. Contradiction and trials offered to the Lord with acceptance become a pathway of reparation for sin (our own and that of the world) and holiness.

With this in mind, the Basilica is hosting a Mass with a Healing Service, in conjunction with the Diocese of Arlington Healing Ministry, at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 14**. The celebrant for the Mass will be Father John Melmer, former Parochial Vicar here at Saint Mary. In receiving the Eucharist at this – and every – Mass, we are touched by Christ, healed, reconciled and nourished spiritually. Following the Mass, there will be a Healing Service with additional time for prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation also will be available. You can find more information on page 5.

### **September 15 — FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**Wednesday, September 15**, is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, a poignant title given to our Blessed Mother in recognition of her suffering and grief during the Passion and death of her Son.

According to Padre Pio, Our Lady of Sorrows is Mary's favorite title. It was through her heart-wrenching sorrow that she became our mother. At the foot of the cross, Saint John was told, on our behalf: “Behold your mother.” (John 19:27) Those are precious words for meditation. *Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!*



### **CALLED TO BECOME CATHOLIC?**

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Or were you baptized Roman Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation? If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!

Our RCIA classes begin with an open house and introductory meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow, **Monday, September 13**. There's still time to sign up! See page 5 for more information.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, September 12

- 7 a.m. — Marie Williams †  
8:30 a.m. — Chester Borowski †  
10 a.m. — Sydney Therriault †  
11:30 a.m. — Mary Thompson †  
1 p.m. — Corky Rainey †  
5 p.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary

#### Monday, September 13

- 6:30 a.m. — Living and Deceased Members  
of the William Kelleher Family  
8 a.m. — Michael Jordin †  
12:10 p.m. — Margaret Welz †

#### Tuesday, September 14

- 6:30 a.m. — Mary Jane Rossetti †  
8 a.m. — Michael Jordin †  
12:10 p.m. — Margaret Welz †

#### Wednesday, September 15

- 6:30 a.m. — Charles Penner †  
8 a.m. — Florence Trapasso †  
12:10 p.m. — Mary Elizabeth Kelley Burke †

#### Thursday, September 16

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Monica Herman  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Charlotte Naegele  
12:10 p.m. — Margaret Welz †

#### Friday, September 17

- 6:30 a.m. — Robert Gonnella †  
8 a.m. — Lucia Bremer †  
12:10 p.m. — James Lynch Jr. †

#### Saturday, September 18

- 8:30 a.m. — Holy Souls in Purgatory †  
5 p.m. — Jim Malone †

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, September 12

Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

#### Monday, September 13

1Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2,7-9; Lk 7:1-10

#### Tuesday, September 14

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

#### Wednesday, September 15

1Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

#### Thursday, September 16

1Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

#### Friday, September 17

1Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

#### Saturday, September 18

1Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

### WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Sullivan Samuel Fernandez, Jack Edward Gallant, Madeline Louise Gregory and Thayer Arthur Nicholson

### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Diana Allen, Suzanne Aragona, Lynn Blycher, Katherine Boeskin, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, Mary Davis, Jean Edwards, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, **Margie Feeney**, Foltzy Huttman, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Tammy Orthman, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, **Dan Sullivan**, Noel Tohill, Irma Valentine and Jerry Wallmeyer

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Jane Fairbanks Jessey and Harriet Keene

### 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 of those serving in law enforcement, as firefighters and as emergency first responders.

### PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

September 12 — Rev. Alexander Diaz  
September 13 — Rev. Denis M. Donahue  
September 14 — Rev. Jeb S. Donelan  
September 15 — Rev. Alexander R. Drummond  
September 16 — Rev. Paul L. Dudzinski  
September 17 — Rev. Michael R. Duesterhaus  
September 18 — Rev. David A. Dufresne

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

#### **Who do you say that I am?**

The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Are you called to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org) or call 703.836.4100.

### **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

*An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle.* We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



## WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

### RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic  
or learning more about Catholicism?  
Are you missing Sacraments?

**Open House/First Meeting**  
**Monday, September 13 — 7 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Saint Mary Lyceum (313 Duke Street)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) offers an opportunity to meet in a small group setting to learn about the Catholic faith. RCIA sessions focus on the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, preparing individuals for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist in the Easter season.

For more information or to register, contact Hilary Munger at [hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org) or Susan Gray at [sgray@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:sgray@stmaryoldtown.org) or call them at 703.836.4100.

### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass) is celebrated at the Basilica of Saint Mary on the **third Friday** of each month. The regular celebrant for this Mass is our Parochial Vicar, Father David Dufresne. Our next Extraordinary Form Mass will be celebrated on **Friday, September 17** at 7:30 p.m.

### 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 a.m. on Saturday. **Adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday will be **October 1**. 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 to learn more about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at [helenlynch21@gmail.com](mailto:helenlynch21@gmail.com).

### Year of Saint Joseph

A servant of Mary will have  
a tender devotion  
to Saint Joseph.

— *Blessed William Joseph Chaminade*



### MASS WITH HEALING SERVICE

The Basilica of Saint Mary will host a Mass with Healing Service at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 14**. Our celebrant will be Fr. John Melmer, former parochial vicar at the Basilica and a member of the Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington (<http://www.healingministry.net>).

The evening begins with Mass. In receiving the Eucharist, we are touched by Christ, healed, reconciled and spiritually nourished. After Mass, if they wish, those attending are invited to pray individually with the priest or a member of the lay healing ministry team. (*This is not the anointing of the sick.*) The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.



Listen to Father Melmer talk about the power of healing and the upcoming Mass and Healing Service in Episode #224 (August 9, 2021) of our Basilica podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.

### 2Minutes2Virtue

Get closer to Jesus through Sunday reflections  
by the priests of our Arlington Diocese.

Sign up by texting **2m2v** to 84576 or visit  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue).

## Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

### Q: Is Mary considered “divine”? Do Catholics worship Mary?

A: No. While Mary is considered holy and the Mother of God and worthy of our devotion, it is by the grace of God. She is not divine but still fully human. Only God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are “divine” and therefore deserve worship and adoration. Worshipping anyone or anything else is idolatry and forbidden.

“This very special devotion [to Mary]...differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 971)



## FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS



**DATE NIGHT AT THE BASILICA**

St. Mary's Date Night at the Basilica will host its first event of the year with a chili cook-off and a stump-the-pastor challenge!

Please join us for chili, refreshments, and fellowship to meet other married couples within the parish and get to know our priests on a more personal level.

**Friday, Oct. 1, from 7-9:30 p.m.**  
**Saint Mary's Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke St., Alexandria**  
**For more information: [stmaryoldtown.org/datenight](http://stmaryoldtown.org/datenight)**

**Save the Date**

Please mark a future Date Night at the Basilica event on your calendar:

- January 14, 2022
- March 25, 2022
- June 3, 2022

Date Night at the Basilica is a quarterly fellowship and speaker series focused on living the Sacrament of Marriage. Appetizers and refreshments will be served.


Date Night at the Basilica is a donation-funded event. Donations for the chili cook-off will be collected at the door and through Faith Direct to help cover the cost of hosting the event.

This is an adults-only event to help foster an intimate environment for married couples. Child care will not be provided at this time.

**To RSVP & donate: [stmaryoldtown.org/datenight](http://stmaryoldtown.org/datenight)**

**From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

As another volunteer talked with her mom, I sat on the floor with Tina as she was practicing her writing. I asked her to write down what her dream is. She did, and handed it to me, smiling. It read: "I want to be a star in the Olympics." I smiled and told her that dreams do come true. I handed the note later to her mom, asking that she keep this, showing it to her daughter every year on her birthday. Keep her dreams and hopes alive, I added. She smiled. Our mission is not only to help needy families with advice and assistance, but also to bring comfort and hope. Is it your time to join the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in helping our neighbors in need? If so, contact Jim Larocco at [rocca-rocco@usa.net](mailto:rocca-rocco@usa.net).



**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/>.




**CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES**  
**For Young Adults 18-39!**

**Upcoming Leagues**  
 Registration for ULTIMATE FRISBEE League is now OPEN! League will be held on Sunday afternoons from **September 12 to October 31.** Register at [www.catholicsports.net](http://www.catholicsports.net).


**Bible Studies**  
 Contact Helena Briggs ([catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org)) if you'd like to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study!

**Socials**  
 Stay tuned for our first social events coming up! If you have any questions or would like to connect, email [catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org) or text Helena at 540.551.2271

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING**  
 THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAS, Court Kavanaugh #54, a group dedicated to unity and charity, will hold its next monthly membership meeting on **Monday, September 13,** at 7 p.m. in the Lyceum. All women interested in learning about or joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) are invited to attend. Contact CDA Regent Marguerite McAuliffe, at [mmca8474@gmail.com](mailto:mmca8474@gmail.com), with any questions.



Are you Irish or part Irish? **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, Alexandria. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested, contact Joe Castillo at [aohrecruiter@outlook.com](mailto:aohrecruiter@outlook.com) or 219.880.6889.





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walking with purpose

Join Walking with Purpose this fall for a Bible study focusing on the women of the Bible! Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be today, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Learn from their experiences in Discovering Our Dignity, a 22-lesson Bible study. Walking with Purpose will host an open house for the women of the parish on the morning of **Wednesday, October 6**, and the evening of **Thursday, October 7**. Our study will meet weekly after that with breaks for the holidays and wrap up Holy Week. Wednesday morning sessions will meet 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the parish Lyceum. Thursday evening sessions will meet 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lyceum. Daycare is available for the morning session only. To register, please visit [stmaryoldtown.org/wwp](http://stmaryoldtown.org/wwp) or email Mindee Arritt for more information at [wwp@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:wwp@stmaryoldtown.org).

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### SAINT MARY AND THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 ATTACKS

September 11, 2001, began as a beautiful, late summer day. But by mid-morning, unthinkable acts changed this nation forever as terrorist-hijacked planes struck the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Northern Virginia and crashed into a field near Shanksville, PA.

Many Saint Mary parishioners who worked in downtown Washington struggled to get home to Northern Virginia. Traffic was at a standstill on roads around the Pentagon and Metro service was disrupted. So many people were trying to call their loved ones that the phone system was overwhelmed, making it nearly impossible to complete a call.

Two Saint Mary volunteers were preparing lunch for the homeless at the Carpenter Shelter and David's Place here in Alexandria. Patrons there asked the ladies of Saint Mary to lead them in prayer. A Bible was located, and the women read Psalm 23 and several appropriate New Testament passages. They led the group in singing God Bless America. The sorrow of these homeless men was palpable. Several were veterans; tears ran down their cheeks.

As they learned what was happening, parishioners and others in the area flocked to Saint Mary Church, praying and, at times, crying. By noon the church was filled for the regular 12:10 p.m. Mass. Leaving the church afterward, worshippers could smell acrid smoke wafting from the Pentagon burning just a few miles away. People were drawn to the church throughout the day. Pastor Father Dennis Kleinmann added a special Mass and rosary in the evening. Many of those praying here were not Catholic but wanted and needed to do something. In their sorrow and fear, they turned to God and His house.



*Captain Dolan*

Sadly, one Saint Mary parishioner was killed while working in his office at the Pentagon that day — U.S. Navy Capt. Robert E. Dolan Jr. He and his wife, Lisa, were the parents of two children; one a student at Bishop Ireton High School and the other a student at Saint Mary School. Friends and family remembered Bob Dolan as a great husband and father, a family man who chaperoned his daughter's high school dances and coached his son's sports teams.

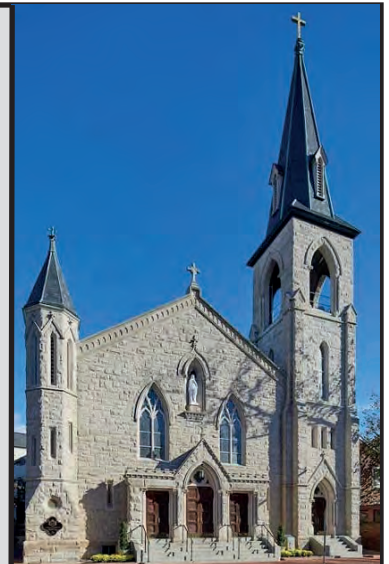
As we mark the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks this weekend, the memory of this terrible tragedy continues to touch our parish in many ways. We pray for those who were lost and injured and for those who heroically responded to help them. — *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*

## BASILICA FEATURED IN WEBINAR ON CATHOLIC SACRED ARCHITECTURE

An upcoming webinar from the Partnership for Catholic Sacred Architecture (PCSA) will include a video tour of the Basilica of Saint Mary.

Entitled "Joyfully Returning: Insights from the Pandemic on the Value of Presence in Catholic Sacred Architecture," the webinar is scheduled for **September 23**, at 10 a.m. The video tour features architect Michael Patrick, a PCSA member and Basilica parishioner, and Father Edward Hathaway, the Basilica's Rector.

Find more information and register for the webinar at <https://pcsa.squarespace.com/>.





## AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

### *Liturgical Calendar This Week*

—September 13. **Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.** Bishop of Constantinople in 397. Outstanding preacher — his surname means “golden mouthed.” Sought reform of the clergy; twice exiled due to royal opposition. One of four great doctors of the Eastern Church.

—September 14. **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** Finding of the True Cross by Empress Helena in 320 and construction of churches in Jerusalem at the traditional site of Christ’s crucifixion and burial.

—September 15. **Our Lady of Sorrows.** Reflects on Mary’s sorrows as the Mother of Christ and her example of perseverance through the many trials of her life.

—September 16. **Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs.** Cornelius died in exile in 253. Opposed apostates in the early Christian Church who renounced their faith under Roman persecution. His ally, Cyprian, was decapitated in 258. First African bishop to be martyred.

—September 17. **Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.** Tuscan Jesuit scholar and teacher. Canonized in 1930. Patron of catechists and catechumens.

### PILGRIMAGE TO PHILADELPHIA

Join the Saint Katharine Drexel Society (KDS) for a pilgrimage to Philadelphia on **Saturday, September 25**. We will have Mass with Saint Katharine Drexel in her resting place at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Saint John Neumann at his shrine and tour Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. \$25 per person, includes transportation. Lunch at the Philadelphia Terminal market (cost of lunch not included). Bus leaves 7:45 a.m.; estimated return at 7:30 p.m. **Families welcome!** Sign up at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/7558>. To learn more about the trip and the Saint Katharine Drexel Society, contact Monica, [skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org). Learn more about the KDS in Episode 230 of our Basilica podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.



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The Knights will distribute Prayer Cards at all Masses the weekend of **September 12**. ABC Executive Director Angela Clark will be here with the mobile ultrasound vehicle to answer questions about their work.

The weekend of **September 19**, the Knights will collect your check/credit card donations for ABC at Masses. Please make checks out to “A Best Choice.” Donations also accepted through the Basilica’s Faith Direct (“Donation” link on the Basilica website) or ABC’s website (see below) Please, **NO Cash!**

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