



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



September 25, 2022
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
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Rev. Peter J. Clem, YA, Parochial Vicar
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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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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)

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 six 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 APOSTOLATES

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Learn more about our parish apostolates at
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***Oremus pro invicem* “Let us pray for each other”**

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

**“DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME”
STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

This week you will receive a brochure in the mail introducing our “...Do this in remembrance of Me” stewardship program. Then, next weekend — Commitment Weekend, **October 1 and 2** — I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. I ask that you please review the brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help the Basilica of Saint Mary by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission and reinforcing our future. All faithful parishioners will be asked to complete a Commitment Card, which will be included in the brochure you receive. Mail the card back to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in the mailing; bring your card to Mass October 1 or 2; or visit our parish website at www.stmaryoldtown.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Basilica of Saint Mary!

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS – September 29

September 29 is the feast of the three archangels mentioned in the Bible: Saints Michael (meaning “Who Is like God?”), Gabriel (“God’s Strength”) and Raphael (“God’s Remedy”). The angelic hosts are organized into a sort of Heavenly Court – the archangels occupy the highest domains of this celestial hierarchy. They are specifically tasked with contemplating God, day and night, glorifying Him incessantly by preserving and protecting His mystery — that includes you and me! Their own names suggest their roles and their nature: All end with “El,” which signifies “God.”

RESPECT LIFE MONTH & LIFE CHAIN

The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates **October** as Respect Life Month, reinforcing our conviction that every human life is valuable, from the moment of conception to natural death. A good way to put that conviction into action is to gather with other pro-life individuals and families for the Alexandria Life Chain next Sunday, Respect Life Sunday, **October 2**. I strongly encourage you to be there, participating in a prayerful, peaceful, public witness for life. For more information, see page 9.

EUCHARISTIC SYMPOSIUM WITH ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT

If you haven't done so already, be sure to sign up for the Eucharistic Symposium with the Most Reverend Charles Chaput, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia, on **Saturday, October 22**. Being held at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington, the symposium is part of the Year of the Eucharist, leading up to our Diocesan Golden Jubilee in 2024. Mass at 9 a.m. will be celebrated by Arlington Bishop Burbidge; the homilist will be Archbishop Chaput. There will be a reflection by the Archbishop at 10:30 a.m., followed by Adoration and Benediction. See page 5 for registration information. The seating in the Cathedral is limited, so sign up NOW!

SCAM ALERT!

In recent weeks, several “phishing”/scam e-mails have been sent to some parishioners, allegedly from me and requesting money. Be assured that I, and our other Basilica clergy and staff, will **NEVER** ask you for money via email! The scammers use fake gmail accounts that appear connected to the Basilica. Be alert for such misleading messages; disregard and delete them. All legitimate correspondence from the Basilica will originate from an e-mail address that ends in @stmaryoldtown.org. Thank you for your diligence and let's pray for the conversion of those take advantage of the goodness of others.



IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 25

- 7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
8:30 a.m. — Michael Echaniz †
10 a.m. — Special Intention: Ashley Lynch
11:30 a.m. — Thea Catherine Currie †
1 p.m. — Special Intention: Shayla Debose and Family
5 p.m. — Bridget Flatley †

Monday, September 26

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: The Guerreiro Family
8 a.m. — Liz Gardenier †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Solomia Dutkewych

Tuesday, September 27

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. Juan Carlos Morales
8 a.m. — Maj. Raymond Labas, USMC (Ret.) †
12:10 p.m. — A Special Intention

Wednesday, September 28

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. Francisco Saez
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Kristopher Klein
12:10 p.m. — Francis McGowan †

Thursday, September 29

- 6:30 a.m. — Charles S. Vogan Jr. †
8 a.m. — Thomas Ortega †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Barbara Furey

Friday, September 30

- 6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: George Lynch Jr.
8 a.m. — Maj. Raymond Labas, USMC (Ret.) †
12:10 p.m. — Mary Blanche Falk †

Saturday, October 1

- 8:30 a.m. — Souls in Purgatory
5 p.m. (Vigil) — Tommy Lacey †

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 25

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Monday, September 26

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 27

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 28

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10b-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, September 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Friday, September 30

Jb 38:1, 12-21 and 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14b; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 1

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130;
Lk 10:17-24

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Keith Beggs, Glenn Bogdonoff, Mary Bourke, Jack Burnett, **Katie Guida Calhoun and her unborn baby**, Maria Campo, James Cecil, Quinn Copps, Henry Dagenhart, Jean Edwards, Loni Eutsler, **Christopher Gartland**, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Richard Harris, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Sheila Jurinski, Ed Jones, Bill McCarthy, Katrin McKay, William Nugent, Terry Nunan, Patrick C. O'Donnell, Marianne Petrino Sheehan, Kathryn Phillips, Anne-Marie Pierce, Alfie Rodriguez, Jennifer Santiago, Alexander Staron, **Conrad Theroux**, Adriano Varner and Amy Wilkinson

PRAY FOR ALL THE RECENTLY DECEASED

PRAY FOR THOSE ACTIVELY SERVING IN HARM'S WAY, INCLUDING

Alex Deerr, Parker Ward Hull, Sara McAlpin, Vincent P. Pensyl, David Alejandro Sandoval, Josh Villeneuve and all those serving in law enforcement, as firefighters and emergency first responders

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

September 25 — Rev. Christopher P. Christensen
September 26 — Very Rev. Robert C. Cilinski
September 27 — Rev. Joseph J. Clark (Retired)
September 28 — Rev. Peter J. Clem
September 29 — Rev. Msgr. R. Roy Cosby (Retired)
September 30 — Rev. Phillip M. Cozzi
October 1 — Rev. Msgr. John C. Cregan (Retired)

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness.

Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Father 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. Reinstatement or add a name at bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER: Abolition of the Death Penalty.

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

OCTOBER: A Church Open to Everyone. We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

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 7**. 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.



Liturgical Calendar This Week

September 26. Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs. Died circa 300 in Syria. Brother physicians known for their gratuitous care of the sick.

September 27. Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest. Born in Gascony, France, in 1581. United his parishioners to offer consistent, ongoing aid to the poor. Founded the Daughters of Charity with Saint Louise de Marillac. Saint Vincent died in 1660.

September 28. Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr. Duke of Bohemia; sought to bring the faith to his people. Killed in 929 by his pagan brother. **Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs.** Filipino priest and 15 others who were tortured and martyred in Japan, 1633 to 1637.

September 29. Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels. These three biblical messengers signify God's transcendence and loving care.

September 30. Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Devoted monk and ascetic. Author of Latin ("Vulgate") translation of the Bible. He famously wrote: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

October 1. Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church. Carmelite nun, the "Little Flower." Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, urges all to follow "the little way," seeking holiness in everyday life.



EUCCHARISTIC SYMPOSIUM

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia, will share a reflection during a Eucharistic Symposium as part of the Year of the Eucharist of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee.

Saturday, October 22

Cathedral of Saint Thomas More
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

9 to 9:45 a.m. – Holy Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Michael Burbidge

Homilist: Archbishop Chaput

Coffee Break in Burke Hall

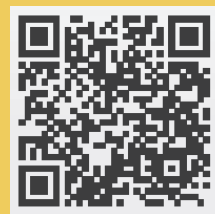
10:30 a.m. – Reflection by

Archbishop Chaput

**11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. – Adoration
& Benediction**

FREE but Seating Is Limited!

RSVP required to attend. Register now at
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/
eucharistic-symposium](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/eucharistic-symposium) or use QR code.



Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: What is meant by taking God's name in vain?

A: Taking the name of God in vain means using His name or the holy name of Jesus Christ irreverently; for example, to express surprise or anger. Taking God's name in vain is a venial sin since it profanes a holy thing. Among the Jews, the word for God was so sacred that even the high priest could speak it only once a year, at the feast of the Atonement, when he entered the most sacred part of the Temple.



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

Basilica of Saint Mary Children's Choirs

Children interested in receiving a comprehensive musical education may participate in two different choirs at the Basilica. Students do not need to be enrolled at The Basilica School of Saint Mary to participate. Cost: \$100 per month. Sign up for either choir by the end of September. Both groups run through Sunday, June 11, 2023.

Begun in 2021, the **Saint Gregory Children's Choir School** helps students ages 8 to 12 learn to sing with confidence music ranging from Gregorian Chant to the present day, as well as music theory. They are gradually incorporated into the liturgical life of the Basilica through singing at Mass, Vespers and concerts. Classes meet on Mondays and Thursdays, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

New for the fall 2022, the **Saint Cecilia Cherub Choir** offers musical instruction for young children ages 5 to 7. Throughout the year, students learn to read music and sing with confidence a wide range of music from sacred to secular. They also will join with the older students in the Saint Gregory Children's Choir to sing periodically at Sunday Mass. Classes meet on Mondays and Thursdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

For more information, contact David Elliott, Music Director of the Basilica at delliott@stmaryoldtown.org.



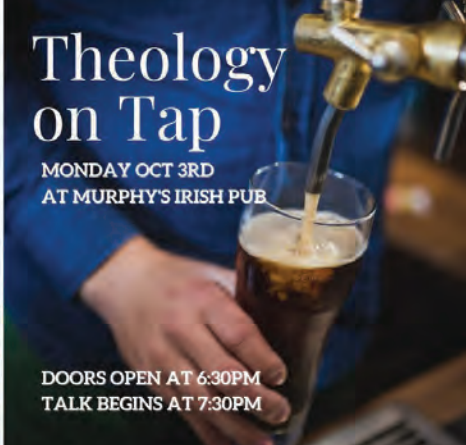
<https://stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/yaya>

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!

2022-23 YOUTH REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WEBSITE REGISTER NOW TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PARISH BASED ACTIVITIES!



Theology on Tap

MONDAY OCT 3RD
AT MURPHY'S IRISH PUB

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
TALK BEGINS AT 7:30PM

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


All young adults invited for

TRIVIA

**on Friday, September 30th
at the Lyceum Auditorium**

see website for more details and to register
<https://stmaryoldtown.org/young-adult-trivia-night/>

Mariane Staron, Director of the Youth & Young Adults
mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org | 703.836.4100 x 3030



all high schoolers invited

DIOCESAN RALLY

**on Sunday, October 23rd
at Bishop O'Connell High School**

see website for more details and to register
<https://stmaryoldtown.org/rally-2022>

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society



The feast of Saint Vincent de Paul is September 27, a key date for Vincentians around the world. We are part of a global effort that has served the poor for nearly 200 years. Last year, it is estimated that we helped more than 30 million people worldwide. Our chapter at Saint Mary was the first in Virginia, established in 1868 by parishioners faced with a flood of requests from homeless individuals who came to Alexandria during and after the Civil War. Now, 150 years later, the homeless are still with us as we have reported here in the bulletin. Our original mission continues: provide comfort, advice and assistance as we seek to keep families together in their homes, able to lead decent and happy lives. Let us all celebrate the feast of Saint Vincent, the Apostle of Charity, and follow his lead to help those in our community less fortunate than we are. Please contact us at svdp@stmaryoldtown.org to learn how you can help.



SECULAR FRANCISCAN GATHERING

Saturday, October 8, 9:15 a.m. at Saint Mary Lyceum, Saint Joseph Room. Join us to pray and study. Tom White, 703.307.2378, or Rita Evans, 540.270.0667. <http://stjohnbasfo.org/>.



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-39

Upcoming Leagues

NEW! ULTIMATE FRISBEE AND WIFFLEBALL

Registration is OPEN!

Sundays, October 2—November 20

REGISTER TODAY at www.catholicsports.net/

Bible Studies

Contact Helena Briggs

to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study

Sign up for our email list at

www.catholicsports.net/emailsingup.

If you have questions or want to connect,

email catholicsports@stmaryoldtown.org

or text Helena at 540.551.2271.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS & PROJECTS

ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE continues through **October 2**. Thanks to your past generosity, an average of more than 500 coats per year have been collected for men, women and youth, providing warmth and comfort to those in need. Bring your gently used winter coats to weekend Masses where Knights will be curbside to accept them. Coat collection boxes also are available in the rear of the church and in the lobby of The Basilica School of Saint Mary's main building. There is a particular need for youth and children's coats, gloves and hats! Donated coats will be cleaned before being distributed to those in need. Questions? Contact Larry Clark at hlclark63@gmail.com.



SAINT LUCY PROJECT FOOD DRIVE. The Saint Lucy Project is a food pantry and delivery network of 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. The Basilica's Knights distributed food bags after Masses during the weekend of September 17 and 18. The filled bags are being collected at Masses this weekend, **September 24 and 25**. Checks made out to CCDA, Walmart, Giant and Aldi also are welcome.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY & FLAG RETIREMENT. The Knights of Columbus, Potomac Assembly 2204, invite you to participate in their Patriotic Rosary and Flag Retirement Ceremony on **Saturday, October 1**. 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 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 American Heritage Girls and Trial Life Troop. There will be a reception with light refreshments. For those unable to attend, a flag collection box is set up in front of the Lyceum (313 Duke Street) during weekday business hours. For more information about the Patriotic Rosary, Flag Ceremony and Assembly 2204, contact Joe Castillo at FN@assembly2204.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

After the Five's THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday, September 24

The next "After the Five's" will be held immediately after the 5 p.m. vigil Mass on Saturday, September 24, at 6 p.m. in the Basilica Courtyard, 314 Duke Street.

Hosted by Serra International USA and the Serra Club of Arlington, this parish social is a special celebration in honor of Priest Appreciation Day. All are invited to celebrate all priests, especially our wonderful clergy at the Basilica, with great Spanish foods, fellowship and conversation. Also stop by to show your support for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life throughout the world.

For more information about the Serra Club of Arlington to support vocations, visit

<https://serraclubarlington.org/>.

For questions about Serra Club membership, contact Elizabeth Scheuren, President, Serra Club of Arlington, at president@serraclubarlington.org.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Feast of Saint Francis
of Assisi

**Tuesday, October 4
4:30 p.m.**

Parking lot at the
corner of Wolfe
& South Royal Streets

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

OF PRAYER & FASTING, October 1-9

In response to these unsettling times, an international coalition of Catholic organizations has mobilized for the 30th International Week of Prayer and Fasting from **October 1 to 9**. The Coalition is uniting with the Legion of Mary, the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Priests for Life, Divine Mercy for America and many others to pray and fast for the conversion of all peoples and nations; for a culture of life; for all priests, vocations and holiness for members of the Church; for the sanctity of marriage and family life; for peace; and to implore God's mercy. For more information, visit: www.iwopf.org.

Check out our latest Basilica of Saint Mary Podcasts at stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com.

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Made for Each Other: The Case for Complementarity

WHO: Mary Stanford, author of *The Obedience Paradox: Finding True Freedom in Marriage*

WHAT: A talk examining the relationship between husband and wife in marriage as an image of Christ's relationship to the Church

WHEN: Tuesday, October 11. Social time with light refreshments and the sale of her book from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Professor Stanford's talk begins at 7:30 p.m. FREE!

WHERE: Basilica of Saint Mary Lyceum Auditorium (upstairs at 313 Duke Street)

Mary Stanford is a speaker, teacher and writer on Catholic marriage and family life. She is an adjunct professor at Christendom College and has a Master's Degree in theological studies from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.



AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

PRO-LIFE

On **Sunday, October 2**, join other Pro-Life individuals and families in standing up for life as part of the 2022 Alexandria Life Chain along Franconia Road, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., near Saint Lawrence Church. Basilica of Saint Mary participants should park and gather at Key Middle School, 6402 Franconia Road, and spread out along Franconia Road in the vicinity of the school.

Small children, senior citizens and the handicapped are welcome to sit.

For more information about participating with Saint Mary parishioners, please email prolife@stmaryoldtown.org and check our parish website at www.stmaryoldtown.org.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: CALLING ALL WOMEN!



What is it about our day-to-day lives that makes us feel like we are working too hard and yet something is missing? Do you long to feel satisfied at the end of the day, knowing that you've loved your family not just in your heart but also in your schedule? What might change if we figured out how to ask for God's help and build lives that we like? "Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived" is an immensely practical Bible study that will help you put the most important things first. This new Walking with Purpose

Bible study begins with an Open House on **Wednesday, October 5**, at 9:30 a.m. or **Thursday, October 6**, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish Lyceum (childcare provided in the morning session). **We hope to see you there!**

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A periodic look at the history of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish since its founding in 1795



CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

Like most yards and gardens, Saint Mary's cemetery has always needed mowing, trimming and pruning. Old tomb markers sometimes break and are repaired. When he became pastor in 1999, Father Robert Avella planned to make major improvements, but did not have a chance to do that before he left the parish. His successor, Father Dennis Kleinmann, was determined to improve this "precious jewel." The bishop had given Saint Mary permission for improvements and work began slowly. There were many roadblocks, however, including a city-mandated archaeological dig. By Memorial Day 2003, most of the preliminary work had been done and Father Kleinmann announced at Mass, celebrated in the cemetery, that improvements would start that summer. This was to be the last Memorial Day Mass offered in the cemetery on a card table!

Apparently, things did not go as smoothly as he hoped. In December 2003, Father Kleinmann reported there had been little progress, slowed by a number of logistical complications. Fortunately, in June 2005, he was happy to report a new office/garage and storage/bathroom building had been completed. A new Royal Street entrance offered a "back door" alternative to dealing with busy traffic at the main entrance on South Washington Street. A new, gray marble altar, standing on two pedestals – one dedicated to veterans, the other to the unborn – had been completed. The altar was dedicated and used for the first time on Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29, 2005, as parishioners gathered there for a rosary and Benediction. The first Mass was offered there the next day, Memorial Day, with the Knights of Columbus standing guard. A generous donation from a deceased parishioner had financed much of the work.



— *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*



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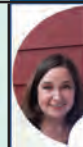
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