



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia



September 4, 2022
Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, Rector
Rev. Joseph B. Townsend, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter J. Clem, YA, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Noah C. Morey, In Residence
Msgr. Michael Morgan, Assisting
Rev. Robert Monagle, USAF, Assisting

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

* These Masses are being 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)

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)

400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Mr. Robert Loia, Principal

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COVER IMAGE: *The Birth of the Virgin Mary*
by Bartolome Esteban Perez Murillo (1618-1682)

CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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Pro-Life Activities	Bob Whearty	prolife@stmaryoldtown.org
Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA)	Annie Hall (Saint Mary Ambassador)	ahall@stmaryoldtown.org
Shut-In Visitation	Call Parish Office	703.836.4100
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	Marietta Bernot	svdp@stmaryoldtown.org
Sunrise Retirement Home	Father Joseph	frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100
Woodbine Rehabilitation Center	Suzan Cummins Ann Barletta	suzantc@comcast.net annbarletta@gmail.com

EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION

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Learn more about our parish apostolates at
www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/



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Oremus pro invicem “Let us pray for each other”

Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

THE DIGNITY OF LABOR

Tomorrow, **September 5**, is Labor Day, a national holiday intended to recognize and reward the dignity of honest labor with a day of rest. Our parish offices will be closed with just one Mass at 9 a.m. I encourage you to join us for this Mass to give thanks to God for the blessings of our jobs, the work we regularly perform and for all those whose work sustains us.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Tuesday, September 6, is the first day of fall classes at our award-winning Basilica School of Saint Mary. A warm welcome to the students, their families – especially new school families – and our dedicated teachers and staff. Founded in 1869, the school will be welcoming students to beautiful, newly-renovated quarters. I predict everyone will be greatly impressed by what they see! (You can check out a time-lapse video of the summer’s construction work at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/maryleadus-update>.)



Architect’s rendering of the completed Basilica School of Saint Mary

This first day of school naturally generates a full spectrum of emotion and thought for students, parents, faculty and staff. In a world too-often filled with uncertainty, school can provide an anchor of hope and stability for our youth. I encourage our entire parish family to hold these children close while also helping them shine with all their God-given gifts and talents. Let us also reflect on and take great joy in the dedication, knowledge and love of our school faculty and staff as they share their vocation to support “the whole child.”

This time of year also marks the beginning of our Catechism/CCD classes, through which we share our Catholic faith with children enrolled in our school and those attending school elsewhere. Please join me in praying a rosary for them this week as they learn and grow in their relationship with Christ.

A Prayer for a New School Year

God of wisdom, be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless and protect them, their teachers and the school staff.
Give our children strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal for You, our God, in their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR LADY!

Thursday, September 8, is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and our Basilica’s official feast day, chosen for us by Bishop Michael Burbidge because of Our Lady’s special patronage to the parish. You can gain a plenary indulgence by participating in Mass here that day and fulfilling the other usual conditions (see <https://stmaryoldtown.org/basilica/plenary-indulgence/>).

We will celebrate Mary’s birthday with our regular schedule of weekday Masses (6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.). We will continue to honor Our Lady with Sung Vespers in the Basilica at 7 p.m. Then, we will gather in the courtyard at 314 Duke Street (in the Lyceum at 313 Duke in case of inclement weather) for a birthday party in Mary’s honor, complete with birthday cake. Please join us!

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 4

- 7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary
8:30 a.m. — Virginia Borders †
10 a.m. — Jim and Bonnie Cotter †
11:30 a.m. — David Vincent Anthony †
1 p.m. — William Donald Summers Pennington †
5 p.m. — Special Intention: Grace Keller

Monday, September 5

- 9 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. John Ziegler

Tuesday, September 6

- 6:30 a.m. — William and Catherine Kelleher †
8 a.m. — Peter J. Hughes †
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Courtney Horwat

Wednesday, September 7

- 6:30 a.m. — Rita Lynch †
8 a.m. — Marianne Coates †
12:10 p.m. — Donald Baldwin †

Thursday, September 8

- 6:30 a.m. — Marianne Coates †
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. John Ziegler
12:10 p.m. — The Hellmuth Family

Friday, September 9

- 6:30 a.m. — William Kocher
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Nate and Margo Guerreiro
12:10 p.m. — Christine Comfort †

Saturday, September 10

- 8:30 a.m. — Marianne Coates †
5 p.m. (Vigil) — Christine Comfort †

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 4

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

Monday, September 5

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6

1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16 or 1:18-23

Friday, September 9

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10

1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Molly Rose Mayor, Jacob Sterling Miller,
Martha Reagan Miske and Elias Joseph Rao

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Keith Beggs, Mary Bourke, Jack Burnett, Maria Campo, **James Cecil**, Quinn Copps, Henry Dagenhart, Jean Edwards, Joe Frazier, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo, Ed Jones, Juan Carlos Luis, Bill McCarthy, Terry Nunan, **Patrick C. O'Donnell**, Marianne Petrino Sheehan, Kathryn Phillips, Anne-Marie Pierce, **Alfie Rodriguez**, **Jennifer Santiago**, Kate Schroeck, Alexander Staron, **Adriano Varner** and Amy Wilkinson

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

Megan Kelhart, Joan Kruk, Mary Lou Pairo and Joy Perets

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 4 — Rev. Dort A. Bigg
September 5 — Rev. Joseph P. Biniek (Retired)
September 6 — Rev. Nicholas F. Blank
September 7 — Rev. Vincent P. Bork
September 8 — Rev. Edward J. Bresnahan
September 9 — Rev. Philip Briggs
September 10 — Rev. Robert C. Brooks (Retired)

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Father Michael Isenberg at
michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

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 INTENTION FOR 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.



WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION



LABOR DAY
Monday, September 5

**Our Parish Offices
Will Be Closed
ONE MASS at 9 a.m.**

Liturgical Calendar This Week

September 8. Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although we don't know the exact date of Mary's birth, it is traditionally celebrated on this date, nine months after the solemnity of her Immaculate Conception, which is celebrated on December 8. This 5th-century feast also marks the anniversary of the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem built, according to tradition, on the location of the home of Saint Anne, the mother of Mary.

September 9. Saint Peter Claver, Priest. Catalanian Jesuit who, for 38 years, ministered to African slaves, baptizing more than 300,000. Called himself "the slave of the slaves forever." Patron of Colombia and of all missions to Black peoples.

Basilica of Saint Mary
**SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT
CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Begun in the fall of 2021, the Saint Gregory the Great Children's Choir offers a comprehensive musical education for children between ages 8 and 12. The students learn to sing with confidence music from Gregorian Chant to the present day, as well as music theory. Over the course of their studies, they are gradually incorporated into the liturgical life of the Basilica through singing at Mass, Vespers and concerts.

The choir school year begins on Monday, September 12, and ends on Sunday, June 11. Choir classes are on Mondays and Thursdays, 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Parents can drop off their children as early as 3:45 p.m. at the Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street.

Students do not need to be enrolled at the Basilica School of Saint Mary. The cost is \$100 per month.

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

Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

In preparation for its 50th anniversary, the Diocese of Arlington is marking this year with the theme "Remember," reflecting on the Eucharist and Christ's words at the Last Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me." An article in the Arlington Catholic Herald (June 30-July 13, 2022), "The Eucharist Explained," explores various aspects of Holy Communion. Following is an excerpt:

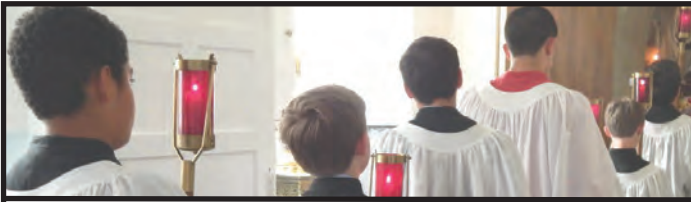
Q: Where do parishes buy hosts and wine?

A: Many parishes in the Arlington Diocese [including the Basilica of Saint Mary] buy hosts and wine from Peter C. Munley Church Goods store in Vienna, Virginia. [Munley] sources the hosts from Cavanagh Altar Bread in Greenville, Rhode Island. Parishes can choose white or whole wheat bread, the size of the host and whether it is imprinted with a religious symbol, such as a cross or a lamb. [Munley gets their wine] from Mont La Salle Altar Wines in Napa, California.

[Some parishes get their altar bread from religious communities that make the hosts by hand. For example, the Sisters of the Visitation at the Monastery of Monte Maria near Rockville, Virginia, follow an age-old process for baking the hosts they provide to parishes throughout the United States. Learn more at www.visitmontemaria.com.]



FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH



TRAINING FOR ALTAR BOYS

Session I

September 13 at 3:30 p.m.

September 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Session II

September 20 at 3:30 p.m.

September 24 at 10:30 a.m.

All sessions take place in the Basilica.

New servers must attend both parts of one of the two sessions. The training also is open to any current server who may want a refresher course.

For more information and to sign up, email Father Joseph at frjoseph@stmaryoldtown.org.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Do your children attend public school or a non-Catholic private school and you want them to learn their Catholic faith? Register for CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) classes.

WHO: Children in K-Grade 8

WHEN: Sundays, 10 to 11:15 a.m., beginning September 11

WHERE: The Basilica School of Saint Mary

For more information, see

www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolates/ccd,

email hmunger@stmaryoldtown.org or call 703.836.4100.

The Basilica's CYO fall sports registration is underway!

Fall sports are Track and Field, Cross Country and Tennis. All levels of skill are welcome to participate in this youth apostolate program! Participants must be currently enrolled Basilica of Saint Mary students or currently active in the parish CCD program. Last year we had 480 participants!

For more details and to register, visit the Apostolate section on the Basilica's website at www.stmaryoldtown.org.

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

   @stmarysyaya



The Basilica of Saint Mary's
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT APOSTOLATES
Encounter Jesus. Receive Disciples. Change the Culture.

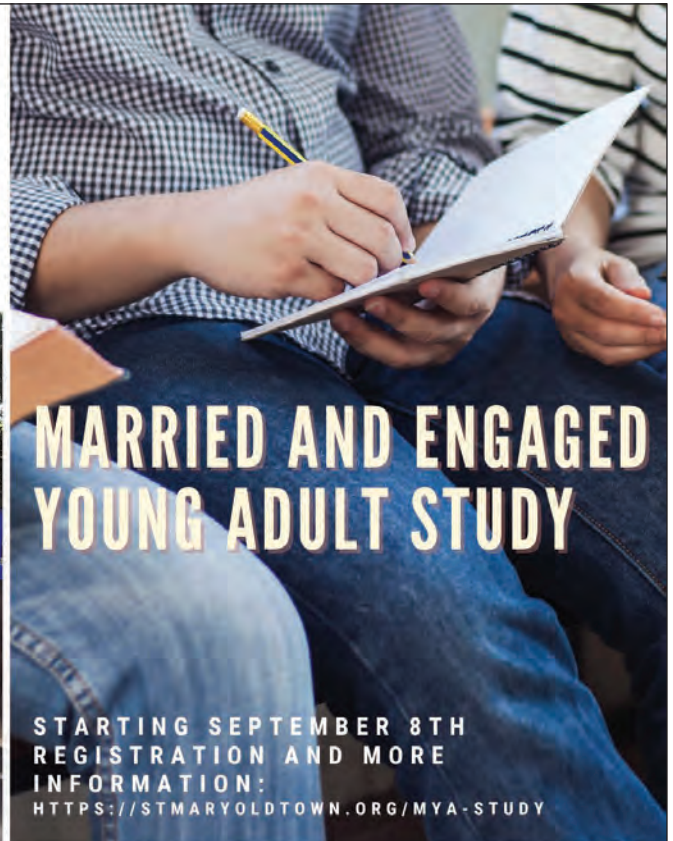
Serving our parish community's middle schoolers,
high schoolers, college students, young adults, and families!

2022-23 Annual Youth
Apostolate
is now available!



ALL FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN PERMISSION TO ATTEND OUR VARIOUS PROGRAMS. RECEIVE UP-TO-DATE INFO ABOUT ALL OF OUR EVENTS, AND GET SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!

WWW.STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/YAYA



**MARRIED AND ENGAGED
YOUNG ADULT STUDY**

STARTING SEPTEMBER 8TH
REGISTRATION AND MORE
INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://STMARYOLDTOWN.ORG/MYA-STUDY](https://stmaryoldtown.org/mya-study)

Mariane Staron, Director of the Youth & Young Adults
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FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Alexandria Faces Unprecedented Eviction Crisis.

Legal Services of Northern Virginia, a non-profit serving low-income individuals and families, estimates we will witness 130 eviction filings in court per day. PER DAY! Nothing even close to this number has ever happened in our city. It means thousands of our low-income neighbors face losing their homes this month. How can that be in a wealthy city like ours? It defies belief. But the reality is that rising prices for rent, food and necessities have left families with arrears in their rent, beyond their ability to pay. With your generosity and the hard work of our SVdP volunteers (please join us...we need you!), we can help keep many families in their homes. Please pray for us as we carry out our mission, but also pray for those families unaware of us and other resources. In their extreme stress, fear and despair, they either self-evict or never go to their court hearing, resulting in automatic eviction. The crisis is here and now...is this your time to step forward and help us help our neighbors? If so, contact us at svdp@stmaryoldtown.org to volunteer or donate.



YOU'RE INVITED!

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to wish Our Lady a very Happy Birthday (the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is September 8) after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, September 10**, in the Lyceum auditorium at 313 Duke Street. Help Mama Mary blow out her candles and enjoy birthday cake for breakfast in her honor!



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.

2022 ANNUAL K of C WINTER COAT DRIVE



Beginning with the weekend Masses on **September 10 and ending October 2**, the Knights of Columbus Council 459 will conduct their annual coat drive. Thanks to your generosity in the past, 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 through the winter season.

Please bring your gently used winter coats to weekend Masses at the Basilica of Saint Mary where Knights will be curbside to accept them. Coat collection boxes also will be available in the rear of the church throughout the week. Basilica School of Saint Mary families are encouraged to use the church collection boxes. However, a coat collection box will be available in the lobby of the main school building as well. There is a particular need for youth and children's coats, gloves and hats! All donated coats will be cleaned before being distributed to those in need.

Thanks for supporting this worthy effort. Questions?
Please contact Larry Clark at hlclark63@gmail.com.
God Bless!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FALL RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

ACTS Men's Retreat. All Basilica of Saint Mary men are invited to participate in an ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) retreat from **Thursday evening, September 22, until Sunday morning, September 25**. Activities and talks are designed to help you focus on your faith, spiritual renewal and build fellowship within our Basilica community. Held at the Loyola on the Potomac Retreat Center in Newburg, MD. Cost: \$350, including accommodations and meals. More information, including registration, at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/actsretreat>.

Catholic Charities Retreat for the Seriously Ill and Their Caregivers. **Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2**, San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA. Prayer and reflection time, talks, breakout sessions led by retreat team including priests, doctors, nurses, counselors and volunteers. Bishop Burbidge will celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. Friday. Meals provided. Register by **Friday, September 16**, with your name and contact information at 703.841.3830 or retreat@ccda.net. You then will be scheduled for an intake appointment. CDC COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

JOB OPENINGS!

The **Basilica School of Saint Mary** seeks candidates for the following positions: Primary Grade Teacher, Instructional Aide for the *Mater Dei* Program, Technology Teacher and Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. Please see full job descriptions and application details at www.smsva.org.

Our Basilica School of Saint Mary's **Extended Care Program** is building its staff. Pay: \$17 per hour. Hours: 3 to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Work daily or pick three days a week. Requirements: Love God, His children and their joyful voices!

A **Morning Care** position also is available, 7 to 7:30 a.m. weekdays. Pay: \$17 per day. Email ahampton@smsva.org or call 703.549.6091.

The Basilica seeks a part-time **Program Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Apostolates**.

See <https://www.catholicjobs.com/employers/view/7428153724> for a job description.

Send applications or inquiries to mstaron@stmaryoldtown.org.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

For single Catholics 40 and over. Meet for Thursday lunches (September 8 and 22); G. Washington's distillery and gristmill (September 10); walk in Fairfax (September 15); Mass at Saint Ann's and breakfast (September 18); dining out (September 25); Nat's baseball game (October 2); Ocean City (October 21-24). For details, visit the PTSC website at bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

NEW YEAR OF ACTIVITIES BEGINS FOR PARISH SENIORS GROUP

The Saints Anne and Joachim Society (Saint Mary's senior group) will begin an exciting year with a Meet and Greet and Getting to Know You event on **Thursday, September 15**, in the Lyceum auditorium following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. All parishioners 55 and over who would like to meet (or reunite) with other senior parishioners and friends are welcome to attend. Our parish priests have been invited to stop by too! Light refreshments will be provided along with music to lighten your hearts. We hope to see many familiar faces and encourage new folks to join us, and hear and sign up for planned activities (some with limited tickets, so first come, first served).

Please call Barbara Juszczuk at 703.683.6834 or email bjuszczuk@stmaryoldtown.org if you plan to attend or need further information.



Date Night at the Basilica is presenting a new, free, monthly program called "10 Great Dates" starting on **Saturday, September 17**.

The program helps spark intimacy, romance and fruitful conversations between married/engaged couples. Couples begin their Great Date in the Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street, at 6 p.m., with social time with other couples, before everyone watches a short video. Then the couples go on dates to places they choose. You can register to attend at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/10greatdates>.

If you can't make it on September 17 but would like to hear about future Date Night events, please email datenightatthebasilica@hotmail.com.

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Lift Your Hearts on High!

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WHEN: Sunday, September 11 – 7 to 8 p.m.

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Regular playdates will resume starting **Saturday, September 10**, and **Monday, September 12**. Please email saintmarystots@gmail.com for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION

...at Masses the weekend of **September 10/11** supports our parish adult and youth Religious Education programs. Thank you for your generosity!

SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA

The Luminaries of Holy Mary is a Fatima prayer group affiliated with the Alianca de Santa Maria, a Portuguese religious order. The prayer group's mission is to learn, live and spread the messages of Our Lady of Fatima, so urgent and relevant in these times. They meet on the **third Saturday** of each month, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and rosary, in the Saint Joseph room located in the Lyceum at 313 Duke Street, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is **Saturday, September 17**. All are welcome. For more information, call Frank Spicer at 571.334.5925. Also learn more in Episode #290 of our Basilica podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.



MASS FOR MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS

The Arlington Diocese 2022 Mass for Jubilarians will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, October 16**, at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, congratulations! Contact the parish office (703.836.4100) if you would like to register to participate in the Mass by **October 3**.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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



ACADEMY FOR YOUNG LADIES

Father John Smith, S.J., pastor at Saint Mary from 1830-1837, established two schools, one for girls and the other for boys, in Alexandria. A lot on the northwest corner of Royal and Duke Streets was purchased for the boys' school. A large brick house at Duke and Fairfax Streets was chosen for the girls' school, which was operated by the Sisters of Charity.



Following is from a June 25, 1832, newspaper advertisement for the girls' school:

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The institution is located at the corner of Fairfax and Duke Streets, Alexandria, Va. And will commence on Monday the 19th.... The classrooms are spacious and airy, and will be kept neat and clean for the benefit of the pupils. Besides the usual branches of female education, lessons will be given in French, Music, Drawing, Painting, etc. The Sister who will attend to the French department will use every exertion to communicate to the pupils an accurate and correct pronunciation of the language, during class and recreation. The course of instruction embraces the English and French languages, Orthography [spelling], Grammar, Composition, Writing, Rational Arithmetic,

Geography, Ancient and Modern History, Competition, conversations on Natural Philosophy, and Chemistry, Book Keeping, Plain and Fancy Needlework. Hours of Attendance: from 8 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Common Branches of English, per quarter	\$7.00
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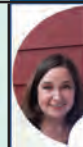
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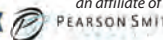
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