

September 18, 2022 25th 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 Rev. Mr. Daniel Dionesotes, Deacon

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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 703.549.1646 www.smsva.org stmaryoffice@smsva.org

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CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH APOSTOLATES

PRAYER & WORSHIP			
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30 -7:30 p.m. Wed.	Maureen Breiner	tb5va@aol.com	
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Rosary Prayer Group Rosary before 8 a.m. weekday Mass, and 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass	Call Parish Office	703.836.4100	
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EDUCATION & EVANGELIZATION			
Adult Faith Formation, CCD, RCIA	Hilary Munger	hmunger @stmaryoldtown.org 703.836.4100 x 3033	
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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

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today, September 18, is Catechetical Sunday. The theme this year is: "**This is My body given for you**" (Luke 22:19), focusing on the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life, where the whole Christ is truly present — body, blood, soul and divinity — under the appearances of bread and wine. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

Catechetical Sunday is a good time to reflect on the role every Catholic plays, by virtue of Baptism, in sharing our beliefs in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and other tenets of the Catholic faith, with others, regardless of our vocation. We also need to keep up with our own faith education through opportunities such as the upcoming Eucharistic Symposium with Archbishop Charles Chaput, part of the Arlington Diocese Jubilee Year One observance. See page 5 for more information.

Catechetical Sunday also is a time to formally acknowledge those people who volunteer as catechists to teach the faith to others through our parish RCIA and CCD programs. We will formally recognize and commission our catechists for their ministry at our 11:30 a.m. Mass today.

I am so very grateful to each of these catechists for giving of their time, talent and experience to prepare others – adults and children alike – to fully engage in receiving the Body of Christ in the Eucharist and in their hearts. God bless them and their work!

"DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME" PROGRAM

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming "**Do this in remembrance of Me**" Sunday Offertory Program at the Basilica of Saint Mary. This effort is very important as we move forward as disciples of Christ to build the kingdom of God here on earth through the pastoral mission of the Basilica.

We, as a parish family, have touched and changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, I encourage each of you to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family, reflecting on the work we do and how you can contribute. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on **October 1 and 2**. If you have any questions regarding the Offertory Program, please feel free to contact the Parish Office (703.836.4100) and speak with Anne Mathis, our Chief Stewardship Officer, or email her at amathis@stmaryoldtown.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW CDA OFFICERS!

Congratulations to our new Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Kavanaugh #54 officers for 2022-24! Installed on September 12 were: Cecily Crandall, Regent; Ana Terry, Vice-Regent; Adria Villar Tayrani, Recording Secretary; Kelly Logazino, Financial Secretary; and Ellen Yau, Treasurer. It is my pleasure and honor to serve as Chaplain for the Court.

Many thanks to outgoing Regent Marguerite McAuliffe and her dedicated team of officers who served with grace and patience despite the challenges posed by COVID restrictions on group activities and events. I truly appreciate their positive response any time I, or our other priests, asked for help with an event or project. I look forward to great things from our Catholic Daughters in the next two years! For information about joining them, contact Cecily Crandall at CDA Regent@proton.me.



IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 18

7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary 8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. Joseph Townsend 10 a.m. — Helena Metzger 中 11:30 a.m. — Armando Lopo 中 1 p.m. — Clifford Earl Haddock 中 5 p.m. — Jere Clifford 中

Monday, September 19

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Mary and Tobias Naegele 8 a.m. — Stephen Louis Walters ⊕ 12:10 p.m. — Angela Moore ⊕

Tuesday, September 20

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Fr. Noah Morey 8 a.m. — James (living) and Margaret (deceased) Carroll 12:10 p.m. — Charles and Charlene Cwiklinski ⊕

Wednesday, September 21

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Maggie O'Connell Lynch 8 a.m. — Gene Borders † 12:10 p.m. — Tadhg Ofartharta †

Thursday, September 22

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Matt Greenfield 8 a.m. — Ross Nichols ⊕ 12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Jeong Crocker

Friday, September 23

6:30 a.m. — George Lynch Sr. 8 a.m. — Special Intention: Marge Rusnak 12:10 p.m. — Mary Charteris 🕆

Saturday, September 24

8:30 a.m. — Edward Heiden ⊕ 5 p.m. (Vigil) — Bill Foley ⊕

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 18

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Monday, September 19

Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-4b, 5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 20

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday, September 22

Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 23

Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 24

Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Andra Damaris Bachner, Henry Spoehr Baker, Ariel Michelle Kailani Byron, Margaret Doveala, Benjamin Joseph Lofurno and Jack Ryan Marinella

PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Mike Anderson, Suzanne Aragona, Keith Beggs, Glenn
Bogdonoff, Mary Bourke, Maria Campo, James Cecil, Quinn
Copps, Henry Dagenhart, Jean Edwards, Loni Eutsler, Joe
Frazier, Gina Gonzalez, Michael Hahn, Richard Harris,
Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, Eric Jaramillo,
Sheila Jurinski, Ed Jones, Juan Carlos Luis, Bill McCarthy,
Katrin McKay, William Nugent, 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 ALL THE DECEASED, INCLUDING

Albert Herberger, K.K. McCart, Queen Elizabeth II and Eileen Foley Romanelli

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 18 — Rev. Keith D. Cummings September 19 — Rev. Jerome R. Daly (Retired) September 20 — Rev. Kevin J. Dansereau September 21 — Rev. John C. De Celles September 22 — Very Rev. Francis de Rosa, VF September 23 — Rev. Matthew J. Deforest September 24 — Rev. Paul F. deLadurantaye

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

No servant can serve two masters.

Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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. Reinstate 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

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 through**



5 a.m. Our next First Friday will be <u>October 7</u>. 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 19. Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr. Bishop of Benevento. According to legend, thrown to bears under Diocletian. As early as 1389, his preserved blood has liquified on this and other days of the year. Patron of Naples.

September 20. Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest; Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions, Martyrs. Andrew was a convert and the first Korean-born Catholic priest. Tortured, beheaded in 1846, along with seminarian Paul Chong Ha-Sang. From 1839-67, 103 martyrs died for the faith in Korea. September 21. Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, Martyr. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working as a tax collector in Capernaum when Christ said, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew's life changed and he became a disciple of Christ.

September 23. Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest. Capuchin priest who received the miraculous stigmata. He spent 50 years in the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, serving many as a spiritual advisor and confessor. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968.



EUCHARISTIC 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 or use QR code.



Q & A Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith

Q: What does the Apostles' Creed mean when it says Christ descended into hell? How could that be?

A: After He died, the soul of Christ descended into a place or state of rest where the souls of the just who had died before Him were waiting for Him.

Christ did not go to the hell of the damned, but to the "hell" of the just. In Holy Scripture it was called "Abraham's bosom." Saint Peter called it "a prison." Christ went there to announce to the waiting souls the joyful news that He had reopened heaven to mankind, which had been closed with Adam's fall.



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 to participate. Cost: \$100 per month. Sign up for either choir by the end of September. Both groups run through Sunday, June 11, 2023.

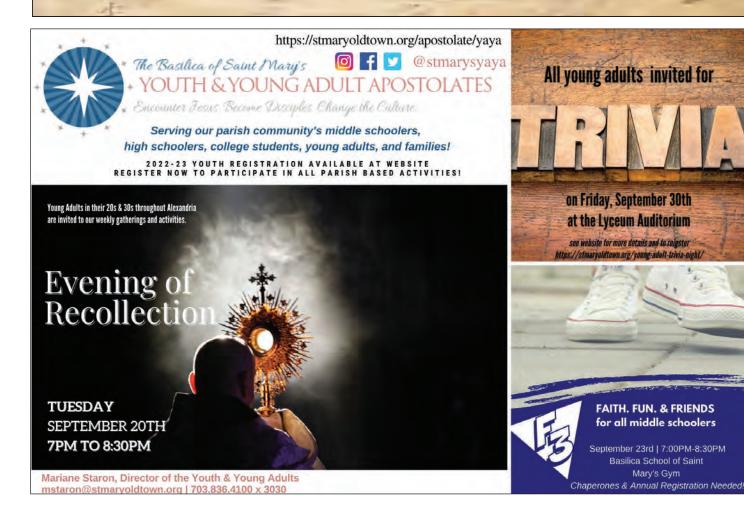
Begun in 2021, the **Saint Gregory Children's Choir School** helps students <u>ages 8 to 12</u> learn to sing with confidence music ranging from Gregorian Chant to the present day, as well as music theory. They are gradually incorporated into the liturgical life of the Basilica through singing at Mass,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

New for fall 2022, the **Saint Cecilia Cherub Choir** offers musical instruction for young children <u>ages 5 to 7</u>. Throughout the year, they learn to read music and sing with confidence a wide range of music from sacred to secular. Students also will join with 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 and enrollment details, contact David Elliott, Basilica Music Director, at delliott@stmaryoldtown.org.

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FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS

From Your Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society phone helpline, 703.836.1724, has been a red-hot line this month as the unprecedented eviction crisis continues. If you know of families facing eviction, please encourage them to call us. We are the

only assistance provider that never closes our helpline and always has volunteers ready to answer calls. Mandy was so relieved when we answered her in a matter of minutes, fearful of losing the home for her and her three children, as a court date was imminent. Partnering with our City of Alexandria agencies and other charities, they are no longer facing eviction. There are thousands of Mandys among our neighbors, fearful of losing their homes this month. Pray for them and help us help them. To find out how you can help, contact us at svdp@stmaryoldtown.org.

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/.



CATHOLIC SPORTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-39

Upcoming Leagues

NEW! ULTIMATE FRISBEE AND WIFFLEBALL

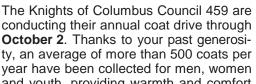
Registration is OPEN!

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/emailsignup. 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





and youth, providing warmth and comfort to those in need through the winter season.

Bring your gently used winter coats to weekend Masses at the Basilica where Knights will be curbside to accept them. Coat collection boxes also are available in the rear of the church. A collection box also is available in the lobby of the main Basilica School of Saint Mary building for coats donated by school families. 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!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Basilica's Bereavement Committee is looking for new volunteer members to assist with receptions following funerals. If you are interested in helping with this important Corporal Work of Mercy, please contact Kitty Guy at kitguy100@aol.com or 703.765.9478.



CALLING ALL WOMEN!

"Are you ready to build a life that you don't want to escape?" — Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Founder & Chief Purpose Officer, Walking with Purpose

We all have limits. A life well lived is made up of days when the things that are most important are done first and many good things remain undone. Come join the women of Walking with Purpose as we discover our true priorities. Our new 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 Basilica of Saint Mary Lyceum at 313 Duke Street.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

After the Five's 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.



TRAIL LIFE PLANS MODEL ROCKET LAUNCH FOR FIRST EVENT

TrailLife USA, a church-based, Christ-centered, boyfocused mentoring and discipleship journey that speaks to the heart of a boy, is the Basilica's new scouting troop. The mission of TrailLife is to guide courageous young

men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others and experience outdoor adventure. Basilica Troop VA-2311 is still in its initial formation stages, but their leaders already have their first event planned. Friday, September 23, they will host a rocket launch for boys at Fort Hunt Park from 5 to 7 p.m. The boys will have a chance to assemble a small



model rocket kit, launch their rocket and chase it down once the parachute deploys. For more information about TrailLife USA and to register to be part of the Basilica's troop, please go to www.stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/ trail-life-troop-va-2311-for-boys/. Have any questions? Email tlva_2311@yahoo.com.

JOB OPENINGS

Bishop Ireton High School has an immediate opening for a part-time (20-25 hrs/week) Alumni and Advancement Events Manager to develop, design, plan and organize event activities. Must be able to navigate logistical requirements of event planning, work with vendors, and exhibit finesse and flexibility in working with alumni and families. Flexibility for some work from home. Details at https://www.bishopireton.org/about/job-opportunities.

Our Lady of Lourdes in Arlington seeks a full-time Parish Secretary to assist clergy in arranging sacraments and other events, maintain parishioner database and sacramental records, and prepare correspondence. Serves as a receptionist, greeting visitors, answering phones, responding to emails and other correspondence, parishioners facilitating communication between and clergy, and performing administrative duties as part of the office team. Requires excellent organizational, interpersonal and grammatical skills, and ability be to multitask. Send resume and cover letter to email@ololcc.net, with the heading PARISH SECRETARY.

2022 BISHOP IRETON CHEER CLINIC

For girls in grades 1 through 8; no experience needed! Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Clinic concludes with a half-time performance at the varsity football game, which begins at 1 p.m. Bishop Ireton High School Gym, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Cost: \$60; includes T-shirt, hair bow, lunch and per-



formance at half-time with varsity cheerleaders. Register and pay online at www.bishopireton.org/cheerclinic. Questions? Email bicheerclinic@hotmail.com.

BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 2, 1 to 3 p.m., where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Visit science and engineering labs, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current more information, please www.bishopoconnell.org or call 703.237.1433. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

GROCERIES TO GO

In partnership with Giant ter, screened volunteers deliver Senior Services groceries year-round to seniors



every OTHER Thursday. Groceries are ordered via phone based on recipient's personal shopping list. No minimum order required, no delivery fee. Volunteers deliver groceries between 10 a.m. and noon to the client's home, and, if requested, will put the groceries away. Call 703.836.4414, extension 119, or email groceries@seniorservicesalex.org for more information or to sign up.

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS - 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. As such, Council 459 will be supporting the Fall Food Drive by handing out Saint Lucy food bags after Mass the weekend of September 18 and collecting the filled bag with the goods listed below, at Mass the weekend of September 25. Thank you for your generosity!!! The Saint Lucy Project is specifically in need of the following items (no glass please) ------

- ✓ Canned Meat/Fish
- ✓ Cereals, Hot & Cold
- ✓ Canned Sauce & Pasta ✓ Dried & Canned Beans

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

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



FATHER LOUIS J. SMET



Father Louis J. Smet served as pastor at Saint Mary from 1915 to 1927. One of his endearing traits was absent-mindedness. He met Bishop Denis J. O'Connell at the Alexandria Union Station one day and, on the way back to the rectory, stopped to pick up his mail at the post office. Father Smet entered by one door and left on the other side, completely forgetting the bishop who continued to sit outside the post office in the car. The pastor must have been astonished and embarrassed when the bishop got tired of waiting and walked the rest of the way to the rectory.

On another occasion, while Father Smet was visiting a sick parishioner, a two-year-old neighbor child, playing in the yard, climbed onto the running board on the passenger side of the pastor's car. Father Smet returned and got into his car without seeing the toddler. He drove off, oblivious to his passenger until he rounded a corner and the boy

fell off – unhurt but howling with rage. Father Smet had no idea where the child came from and went from house to house, knocking on doors and inquiring if anyone knew the child. One irate lady slammed the door in his face, advising him not to play any tricks on her! Eventually, he reached the correct parents and, with relief, continued his round of sick calls, unaccompanied. — Kitty Guy, Parish Historian



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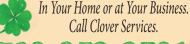


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