The Basilica of Saint Mary

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

July 19, 2026
Sixteenth 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.,* 12 noon, 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday
6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 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
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.

Baptisms

SUNDAY at 2:45 p.m.
Call Parish Office to register in advance and to 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.

July 22 – Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
(*Mary Magdalene* by Carlo Dolci, 1616–1686)

Rosary Monday–Friday, before 8 a.m. Mass; Saturday, before 8:30 a.m. Mass; 3rd Sunday of the month (with Vespers), after 5 p.m. Mass; 5th Sunday & Vespers (in months with 5 Sundays), after 5 p.m. Mass
Angelus / Regina Caeli Monday–Friday, 12 noon
Miraculous Medal Novena Monday, before 12:10 p.m. Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, after 12:10 p.m. Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday–Friday, 7 to 8 a.m. and Wednesday, 12:45 to 8 p.m.
Holy Half Hour, Adoration, Benediction Wednesday, 7:30 to 8 p.m.
First Friday Nocturnal Adoration Friday 9 p.m. – Saturday, 8:20 a.m.
Communal First Saturday Devotion First Saturday, 8 a.m.

Saint Mary Cemetery and Queen of Heaven Columbarium

1000 South Royal Street, Alexandria, VA
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
For more information on Columbarium Niche Offerings, visit stmaryoldtown.org/cemetery

The Basilica School of Saint Mary

400 Green Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
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Oremus pro invicem "Let us pray for each other"
Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector

SUMMER ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Summer tends to be a slower-paced time of year in many respects. But there is no slow down in our Catholic Church calendar, also known as the Liturgical Year. We continue to mark feast days honoring specific saints, seeking their heavenly intercession. Studying their lives and writings gives us examples of how ordinary flesh-and-blood people faced the same temptations, grief, fears, trials and tribulations we all encounter. We can learn from their experiences.

Many saints on the Church calendar are familiar to us. For example, this week we have **Saint Mary Magdalene (July 22), Saint Bridget (July 23)** and **Saint James the Apostle (July 25).** Occasionally, the Saint of the Day is more obscure. For example, on **Monday, July 20**, the Church celebrates the optional memorial of **Saint Apollinaris**, who was reportedly ordained by Saint Peter himself as the first bishop of Ravenna, Italy. Apollinaris was known for his ability to heal in the name of Christ. He was frequently exiled, tortured and imprisoned for the faith. He was brutally martyred in 45 AD.

Another lesser-known saint celebrated this week is **Saint Sharbel Makhluf (July 24).** Born in 1828 in a small mountain town in Lebanon, he became a monk of the Maronite Rite and was ordained a priest in 1859. He was especially devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary and possessed the gift of performing miracles even during his lifetime. He spent the last 23 years of his life as a hermit and became known as the "Hermit of Lebanon."

COMING UP ON THE BASILICA CALENDAR

- **Tuesdays, July 21 and 28** at 7 p.m. Father Searby continues his talks on **"The Founding: A Philosophy of Family Culture."**
- **Sunday, August 2, First Sunday of the Month.** After the 10 a.m. Mass, Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship with Catholic Friends, and our young adults continue their weekly coffee gatherings.
- **First Friday, August 7, Eucharistic Adoration.** 9 p.m. Friday until 8:20 a.m. **Saturday, August 8**.

Please find more details on these events elsewhere in the bulletin, Flocknotes and on our parish website at www.stmaryoldtown.org

HELPING EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN VENEZUELA

At the request of Bishop Burbidge, we have a special collection at Masses this weekend – the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, **July 18**, and all Sunday Masses on **July 19** – for emergency humanitarian relief for the devastation wrought by the earthquakes in Venezuela. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Catholic Church in Venezuela to deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care and other critical relief to those affected. The CRS is also accepting direct donations through their website at https://www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake. God bless you for your generosity in helping our brothers and sisters n need.

IN OUR PRAYERS

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 19

7 a.m. - Sean Harrington +
8:30 a.m. - Zeki Shasha +
10 a.m. - Sheila Germain +
12 noon - Sheila Germain +
1:30 p.m. - Parishioners of Saint Mary
5 p.m. - Special Intention: Coleen Logomasini

Monday, July 20
Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 a.m. - Holy Souls in Purgatory
8 a.m. - James Grover +
12:10 p.m. - Special Intention: Thomas Clement

Tuesday, July 21
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. - Sean + and Millie (Special Intention) Harrington
8 a.m. - Special Intention: Tobias Naegele
12:10 p.m. - Special Intention: John Logomasini

Wednesday, July 22
Saint Mary Magdalene

6:30 a.m. - Janet Johnson +
8 a.m. - Seth and Rose Wheeland +
12:10 p.m. - Special Intention: Laura Horn

Thursday, July 23
Saint Bridget, Religious

6:30 a.m. - For an end to sexual exploitation
8 a.m. - Elizabeth German +
12:10 p.m. - Special Intention: Trevor Williams

Friday, July 24
Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

6:30 a.m. - Yara Martinez +
8 a.m. - Barbara Manos +
12:10 p.m. - Deceased Members of the Haynes Family

Saturday, July 25
Saint James, Apostle

6:30 a.m. - Wayne Lee Mangels +
8 a.m. - Lucille Fonte +

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

JULY. For Respect for Human Life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Please pray for the Basilica of Saint Mary parishioners and their family members listed here. Names of the sick are listed for four weeks, unless otherwise requested. Parishioners may request prayers for non-parishioners via the Basilica Prayer Chain at https://stmaryoldtown.org/prayer-chain-requests/

PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED IN OUR PARISH

Hamilton Bloom and Cyrus Haidar

PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS & CARE GIVERS, INCLUDING

Suzanne Aragona, James Breedlove, Maria Campo, Jair Cuevas, Margaret Devine, Kurtis DuVal, Debbie Endicott, Krystal Franco-Ermer, Bernadette and David Gibson, Sara Gillespie, Michael Hahn, Gerry Moore, Kathryn Phillips, Ramesh Ponnuru, Francis Potoczak, Fritz Scheuren, Magee Whelan, Thomas Yehl and Jim Zammar

PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS & FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING

Felix D'Ambrosio

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS & FAMILY MEMBERS ACTIVELY SERVING IN HARM'S WAY, INCLUDING

1Lt. John J. Daly, USA; ENS Gennaro Cardarelli; Capt. Nicholas C. Lindsey, USMC; Samuel Neisess, USA; Connor Tsikita; LTJG Eric Wallace and all serving in law enforcement, as firefighters and emergency first responders.

Names of members of our parish, or family members, actively serving in harm's way (generally means deployed overseas) are listed for six months, unless requested. To add or reinstate a name, email bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org

PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

July 19 - Rev. Tarsicio D. Buitrago (Retired)
July 20 - Rev. Jason C. Burchell
July 21 - Rev. Richard T. Carr
July 22 - Rev. Emmanuel Carreno-Garcia
July 23 - Rev. Mark F. Carrier
July 24 - Rev. Christopher P. Christensen
July 25 - Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Cilinski, VF

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed." (Matthew 13:31)

Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a particular vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 703.841.2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

The Founding: A Philosophy of Family Culture

Presented by Father James Searby, Parochial Vicar
Continues on July 21 and 28 at 7 p.m. in the Basilica

In 2026, America marks 250 years since a group of remarkable men stopped and asked a question most societies never bother to ask: What kind of world do we actually want to build? Before they wrote laws, they argued about philosophy. They debated justice, human dignity and what kind of culture could sustain a free people across generations. That deliberate act of founding is what made America more than an accident of history. It made it an idea. This anniversary is an invitation to do the same thing, not at the level of the nation, but at the level of the home. Because before the republic can be transformed, the family has to be. Most conversations about family life start with tactics. This one starts with vision. Inspired by the questions that shaped our nation, Father Searby's summer series explores the vision needed to build strong families focused on pursuing truth, beauty and goodness in their lives. Sponsored by our Institute for Faith and Public Culture.

Watch Father Searby's video about the series at https://bit.ly/4eTlPgj
See the parish website and Flocknotes for additional information.

2Minutes2Virtue

Get closer to Christ through insightful Sunday reflections by the priests of our Arlington Diocese.
To sign up, text 2m2v to 84576 or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue

Find Daily Mass Readings at https://bit.ly/49ClOMh

"Man should tremble, the world should quake, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest."
— Saint Francis of Assisi

Q & A: *Exploring and Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

Q: What is the difference between a plenary indulgence and a partial indulgence?

A: The difference is the amount of "temporal punishment" – a spiritual penalty for sins that have already been forgiven – that is remitted.

A **plenary indulgence** remits all of the temporal punishment due to a forgiven sin. To gain a plenary indulgence, you must perform the required action, have a contrite heart (be truly sorry for your sin), be completely free from attachment to sin, and fulfill other conditions such as receiving Holy Communion and praying for the Pope's intentions. (While plenary indulgences are a great gift of God, they are difficult to obtain, since one must be free from attachment to all sin, mortal AND venial.) If the conditions are fully met, the person is as if they were just baptized and would go straight to heaven if they died at that moment.

A **partial indulgence** remits only a portion of the temporal punishment due to a forgiven sin. To gain a partial indulgence, a person must perform the attached act with a contrite heart. The partial indulgence lessens the punishment but does not eliminate it completely. It can be obtained by performing acts to which a partial indulgence is attached or by not meeting all the conditions for a plenary indulgence.

FAMILY, CHILDREN, STUDENTS & YOUTH

A **Special Religious Development (SPRED)** program will be offered at the Basilica of Saint Mary during the September 2026 – May 2027 school year. We welcome children, ages 6-13 years old, with developmental disabilities, such as Down syndrome, autism and learning disabilities. The SPRED program fosters and nourishes spiritual and personal growth by helping these children learn about Jesus and discover God's action and presence in their own lives. SPRED will meet on twelve Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

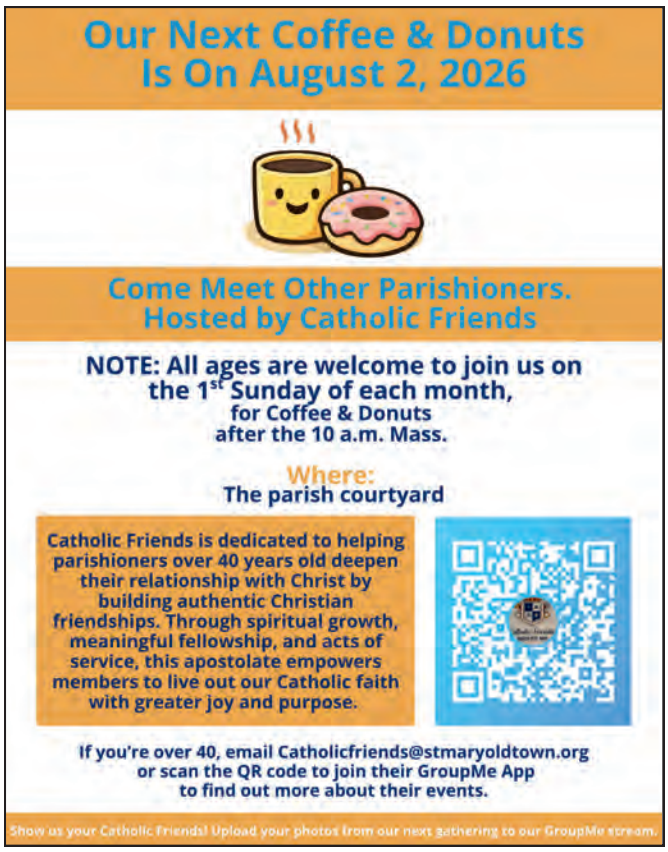
For more information, please contact Yunchong (Clare) Boyle at yboyle@stmaryoldtown.org or 703.836.4100, extension 3033.

"Love your children. In them you can see Baby Jesus. Pray for them a lot and every day put them under Holy Mary's protection."
— Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Story Time!

The **Daughters of Saint Paul** invite kids, ages 3 to 5, to a **Summer Story Hour** to learn about Jesus with the book *Jesus, Were You Little?* On the morning of **Thursday, July 30**, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Stories, activities and songs!
Monica Stoltzfus, author of *Growing with God and Crafted in Faith*, will lead craft making.
Pauline Book Center
1025 King Street
For more information, call 703.549.3806.

FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS



DATE NIGHT AT THE BASILICA FOR ENGAGED & MARRIED COUPLES SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Reconnecting on Values. We know the virtues we're striving toward as Catholics, but what values are unique to you and your relationship? Spend time over dinner ahead of this new "school" year to realign on shared values for your marriage and your family. Starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Lyceum, 313 Duke Street. Couples leave for dates by 7:15 p.m. Childcare at Casa Frassati, across South Royal Street from the church. (Childcare pick-up by 9 p.m.) Register for the August 15 event at https://stmaryoldtown.org/dnatbaugust2026

Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship for Young Adults

After the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass

***Every Sunday**, following the 10 a.m. Mass, our parish young adults (ages 39 and under) continue to host their regular coffee gatherings at Casa Frassati, across the street from the church.*

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April, who cares for her three grandchildren, has a modest income from Social Security. Her husband died a few years ago and she suffers from grief as she misses him while doing her best to raise the kids in a loving home. Working with the Office of Community and other charities, we were able to cover her shortfalls, with rent paid going forward. Cases like April's are challenging, but we feel the Holy Spirit at work in us as we do our best to bring comfort to this family, our neighbors. Your help as a volunteer or benefactor allows us to be instruments of the Holy Spirit in performing corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. If you wish to donate, please go to the parish website to make an online donation. Or drop a check in the Poor Box made out to SVdP. For more information, contact svdp@stmaryoldtown.org

2026 MENTAL HEALTH DAY OF PRAYER

August 22, 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church,
8710 Mt. Vernon Highway, Alexandria
Register at https://bit.ly/4gt1vou

Join others for the 2026 Mental Health Day of Prayer, dedicated to fostering hope and healing through the integration of faith and mental wellness. This year's theme, "Grounded in Jesus' Truth: Lifestyles for Mental Health," invites participants to reflect on how biological, psychological, social and spiritual dimensions contribute to holistic well-being. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge, followed by a keynote address, breakout sessions, opportunities for prayer and confession, and time for fellowship during shared meals. Participants will engage in sessions focused on practical and faith-based approaches to mental health, including topics such as sleep, nutrition, technology use, relationships and caregiver support. Spanish-language sessions will be available. Whether you are seeking personal growth or looking to better support others, this day offers a space to encounter Christ in the journey toward healing.

Limited scholarships are available if you require financial assistance. Contact the Office of Victim Assistance at victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

CATHOLICS VOTE NO

Join the Catholic Diocese of Arlington in protecting human life and upholding the truth about marriage.
The "Catholics Vote No" campaign invites you to pledge to vote no on proposed Virginia constitutional amendments on abortion and marriage, September 18 through November 3.
Visit catholicsvoteno.com to learn more, access campaign resources, and pledge to vote.
Also see https://bit.ly/3QYH2gU

Are you Catholic curious? Go where God is leading you and join OCIA! The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is the systematic process by which adults enter the Catholic Church. OCIA focuses on catechesis (the Creed, sacraments, moral life, prayer), incorporating scriptural and spiritual activities to help participants understand Catholic teaching, liturgy, history and customs. Classes at the Basilica of Saint Mary welcome unbaptized and baptized adults (age 18+ and living within our parish boundaries, generally) who desire to learn about the Lord and His Church. Those who wish to become fully initiated Catholics are received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass or another time. Weekly, in-person classes are taught by our parish priests on Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke Street, **August 31, 2026, through May 10, 2027**. After registration, a member of our Office of Religious Education staff will meet with each registrant, answer questions and provide books for the classes.

Register NOW at:
https://stmaryoldtown.org/rcia-registration/

OCIA

BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MUSEUM

CATHOLIC AMERICA 250

Visit our Basilica of Saint Mary Museum in the parish Lyceum at 313 Duke Street, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, to see the newest temporary exhibit, ***Catholic America 250***. This interactive exhibit demonstrates just how intertwined our Catholic faith has been with the unfolding of American history. Come learn about Catholic American saints, historic figures and events.
View a video about the exhibit at https://bit.ly/4f4NWJh

AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

Bishop Burbidge Issues Statement on the Holy See's Decree Concerning the SSPX

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge recently released a statement and podcast addressing the July 1 actions by the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX) in which the SSPX ordained four new bishops without a papal mandate. Read Bishop Burbidge's statement at https://bit.ly/4h49etd and find his *Walk Humbly* Podcast #177 on "The SSPX and the Holy See's Decree" at https://bit.ly/44m12Nr

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

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

FATHER HENRY J. CUTLER, FIRST DIOCESE OF RICHMOND PASTOR

Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland

When the Jesuit priests who had served Saint Mary parish from its beginning left in 1891, Bishop Augustine Van de Vyver of Richmond, Virginia, appointed Father Henry J. Cutler as the first pastor in Saint Mary's history to be appointed directly by a bishop of Richmond. Previous Jesuit pastors were selected by the Jesuit Provincial and approved by the Archbishop of Baltimore or the Bishop of Richmond (a mere formality). From 1801-1847, Alexandria was a part of the District of Columbia, which was then in the Baltimore Archdiocese.

Father Cutler (1849-1915), a native of Waterford, Ireland, attended Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, which educated many priests destined for the American Church. He was ordained in 1874 for the Diocese of Richmond. By the time he arrived at Saint Mary in 1891, the population of Alexandria and the parish had grown, as the Irish who came to work on the railroads become prosperous merchants and tradesmen. One of Father Cutler's first tasks was to renovate and enlarge the church. Much of the work was performed by his Irish parishioners, who also were major donors. Many of their names are inscribed on the Basilica's stained-glass windows. The window of the Holy Family, for example, was donated in memory of Thomas N. Scott, who directed three major renovations and built the parish Lyceum on Duke Street.

Father Cutler's 1894 reconstruction resulted in a completely new front for the church, built of the Illinois limestone we see today. A new steeple/bell tower, 135 feet high, was added, topped by a gilt cross. The church seating capacity was greatly expanded. When parish funds ran out, members of the parish voluntarily plastered and painted the interior. The beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, now in the sanctuary, was donated at this time by the Young Men's Sodality.

Father Cutler died in August 1915 and is buried in Saint Mary Cemetery, at the side of his sister, Judith Mary Cutler. He was a well-loved pastor who served the parish for 24 years. – *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*

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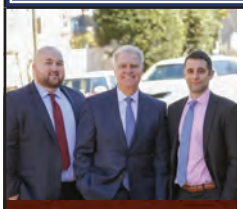
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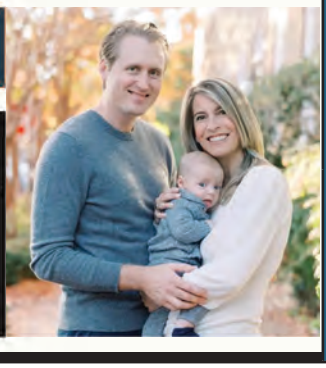

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