

Reverend Alfred J. Harris
Pastor



Schedule of masses

Monday

11:30 novena and 12:05pm Mass

5:15pm – Mass.

No evening Mass and Novena on holidays.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

12:05 pm – English Mass

Friday

8:00 am – Tridentine Mass

12:05 pm – English Mass

Saturday

First Saturdays: 9:00 am Tridentine Mass

5:00 pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday

9:00 am – **Tridentine Mass**

Second Sundays - 5:00pm- High Mass

(not during the months of July and August)

10:30 am (English)

11:30 am – (Cantonese)

1:00 pm – English

7:30 pm – (English)

Staff

Director of Music: William Parsons

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach

Bookkeeper: Maria Reiss

Custodian: Jimmy Vines

Priests in Residence:

Fr Garrett O'Brien

St. Mary Mother of God Church

727 5th Street NW – Washington DC 20001

(202) 289-7771

The Nativity of Our Lord

Introit : RORATE cœli, désuper, et nubes pluant justum: aperiâtur terra, et gérminet Salvatorem.



New Parishioners We welcome new members to our parish community. Please register by filling out a Census Form available at the Rectory office or at the back of the church. Or send us an email at stmarys20001@gmail.com and we will assist you.

Visitors: You are welcome here at historic Old St Mary's!!! Please feel free to visit and stop by for some coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall, every Sunday!! After the 9:00 am Mass.

Our Lady Of China Pastoral Mission: Celebrate Mass in Cantonese and Mandarin each Sunday at 11:30 am – Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass. For more information contact Fr John Ming Ruan (301) 738-2459 or Clare Tang (301) 251-7831 The Mission Center is at 1001 Grandin Ave. Rockville, Md 20851

Sacraments at Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church

Marriages: Preparations require arrangements be made at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Please call the Rectory or send an email stmarys20001@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Baptisms: Call the Rectory (202) 289-7771 or send an email to stmarys20001@gmail.com to make arrangements.

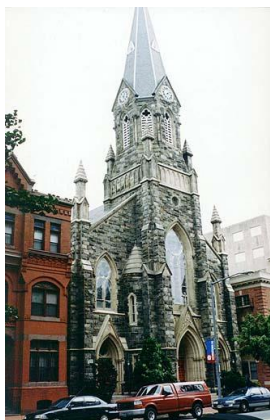
Sacraments of Penance:

Weekdays at 11:30 am before the 12:05 pm Mass.

Saturdays at 4:30pm before the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm Mass.

Sundays at 8:30 am before the 9:00 am Mass and Sundays at 7:00pm before the 7:30 pm Mass.

Sacrament of The Sick: Please contact the Rectory concerning parishioners who are ill.



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Mass intentions for the week.

Sunday, December 24th

9:00am – Dr. Aldo G. Giusti (D)
10:30am – Theresa and John Rosser (D)
1:00pm – PRO POPULO
5:00pm – Holy Souls of Purgatory
12:00 Midnight: Szele-Hadford Family

Monday, December 25th

12:05pm – Phil and Louise Beudet (D)
10:30am – Margaret Tinto (D)
1:00pm – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 26th

12:05pm – The Equestrian Order of
The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Wednesday, December 27th

12:05pm – David McKenzie (D)

Thursday, December 28th

12:05pm- George McCully (D)

Friday, December 29th

8:00am – Ralph Losch (D)
12:05pm – Edward Maione (D)

Saturday, December 30th

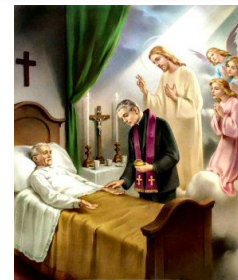
5:00pm – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Merry Christmas

Some spots still available for the Month of January.

Request Masses for your loved ones, alive and deceased, or anniversary, birthdates or any special occasion. They will be grateful to you for all eternity.

Fill out the provided envelopes in the church and put it in the collection basket. A beautiful card of Saint Mary's for whom the Mass is requested is included upon request.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY.

Now through January 14th, 2018.

It is our opportunity to offer spiritual bouquets for the priests of our church.

send an email to the office:

stmarys20001@gmail.com –

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EVENTS AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY OF THE HOLY LAND IN WASHINGTON DC



Nativities of the World A collection of more than 150 mostly-handcrafted crèches from around the globe, will be on exhibit at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land from **December 2, 2017-January 7, 2018 (daily 9am-5 pm)**. Many are folk art, created of local materials, such as nuts, tin foil, straw, and felt. See the universality of the Catholic faith through the way different

cultures express the birth of Christ.

Blessing of the Luminaria

A Christmas Eve tradition! Join the friars on **Dec. 24, 1:30 p.m.**, for the annual blessing and lighting of more than 1,000 luminaria candles at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. Help light the candles that will illuminate the beautiful Rosary Portico from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve. Sponsored by the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild. For information, visit fmgg.org or call [202-244-4833](tel:202-244-4833). Free

Free Concert! National Symphony Orchestra.

will perform a free chamber music concert **on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 7 pm.**, as part of the NSO in Your Neighborhood concert series. NSO members Marissa Regni, violin; Rachel Young, cello; Paul Cigan, clarinet; and Lisa Emenheiser, piano will perform. A light reception follows. Monastery is located at [1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017](http://1400QuincySt.NE.WashingtonDC20017). Free parking and Metro access. [202-526-6800](tel:202-526-6800)

EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Christmas Dinner for Those In

Need. The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need **on**

Christmas Day, December 25. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or [202-526-8300](tel:202-526-8300)



Volunteering at the National Shrine

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your own faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? Become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Volunteer Nurses or Doctors are also needed to assist at large events at the Shrine. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel at [202-526-8300](tel:202-526-8300), x111 or at visitorservices@bnsic.org

The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites you to join them to pray the Rosary on the 4th day of each month at 8:00pm (Eastern Time). Your phone call is welcomed by calling 605 468-8016 and insert access code: 357090# to pray the Rosary as a community. Next call is January 4th at 2018. We look forward to your joining us!