

Reverend Vincent De Rosa
Parish Priest



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

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach

Custodian: Jimmy Vines

Director of Music: Bray McDonnell

Priests in Residence:

Fr Garrett O'Brien

Fr Vincent Rigdon

St. Mary Mother of God Church

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Dear Friends,

In just barely a month, we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: the moment when Mary was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven. It's a day marked by one of God's most wonderful gifts, hope. In view of what her son Jesus would do, Mary was born without the stain of original sin, a perfect vessel to bring the Christ into the world. Because she was without sin, at the moment of her death, she did not have to wait for her body and soul to rise together to heaven. What's the practical upshot of all this theology? For you and me it's a preview of what we *hope* for ourselves... our ultimate resurrection, body and soul into the presence of God forever. If Mary, a human being could do it in light of the mercy of Christ, we can too! I don't know about you, but it makes me smile inside to think about it.

Starting our relationship together, priest and parishioners, can we ask God for the gift of hope in a very particular way on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15?

Let's ask him for hope for our parish, for continued growth, life, and peace together as a family here in DC.

Let's ask him for hope for perhaps the most hopeless among us: the hungry... Over the next month you can bring canned food to bins in the back of the Church. On the Assumption, we will give our gift to the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, which runs several parish food banks in the poorest parts of our city. I used to lead one of these food banks and I can vouch for their Catholic Spirit and practical efficacy.

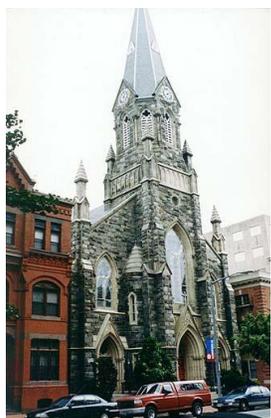
Finally, I ask you to pray for hope in my own ministry: this summer marks my 10th anniversary of ordination and so I want the gift of hope to go on for another ten years... heck, another fifty! Given the timing of my move to St. Mary's, I wasn't able to celebrate with my previous parish family, I *hope* we can celebrate and pray over this happy moment together.

On the Feast of the Assumption, two masses will be offered at St. Mary's: 12:05 in English and 7:30pm in Latin. Let us beg for, give and celebrate the gift of hope together!

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.



The way to financially support your parish. Sign up at www.faithdirect.com Our church code: DC347

Schedule of Masses

Sunday, August 5th

9:00am- Margaret G. Costello (D)
10:30am – Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)
1:00pm- Eugenia Moton (D)
7:30pm- Mary Sweeting (D)

Monday, August 6th

12:00pm – Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)
5:15pm – Mr. and Mrs. Ronald and Maria Crump (L)

Tuesday, August 7th

12:00pm - Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

Wednesday, August 8th

12:00pm- Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

Thursday, August 9th

12:00pm -- Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

Friday, August 10th

8:00am – Anthony Hadford (L)
12:00pm – Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

Saturday, August 11th

5:00pm- Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Remember to honor your loved ones, alive and deceased, or just for 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.

Collection for Catholic Communications and Human Development.

On **August 4-5**, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Catholic Communications and Human Development second collection, providing funds for both the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Funds for the CCC support various communications initiatives of the Church - at the local level, the national level, and in developing countries. Funds for the CCHD support non-profit groups, locally and in other parts of the country, working to help the poor and disenfranchised. Thank you for your generosity.

Make a Difference for Christians in Syria

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion.

Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call 202-526-6800, x895.

Give the Gift of Service

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer

Volunteering at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land

The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild is seeking one or more persons who can commit to a few hours each week to provide administrative support for this important community outreach program that feeds hundreds of those in need each year. Hours are flexible. Persons with organizational and clerical skills who are interested in helping the friars grow this program are encouraged to contact Ann Jones at ann@myfranciscan.com or 202-526-6800, x852.

Volunteering at the National Shrine

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel, Director of Visitor Services, at 202-526-8300, x111 or dsteel@bnsic.org. Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

Run or Ride for Vocations! Register NOW!

Registration is open for these two fun opportunities to help support our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood. The "Run for Vocations"/Marine Corp 10K will be held on **Sunday, October 28**. The "Ride for Vocations"/Southern Maryland Century bicycle ride will be held on Monday, September 3. Visit www.DCpriest.org/promote for more information and to register for either of these events. It is not necessary to be part of a parish team to run or ride. Plan to register soon, as the races fill quickly. All funds raised will support vocation promotion and seminarian formation in the Archdiocese of Washington. Please email RFV@adw.org with any questions.

World Apostolate of Fatima: Mass and Healing Service

On Saturday, **September 15**, the Archdiocese of Washington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will have a Mass and healing service celebrating the division members' Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. This event will be held at St. Catherine Labouré Church in [Wheaton, MD \(11801 Claridge Rd.\)](#), with Fr. Thomas Morrow as the celebrant. Confession at 9:30am and Mass at 10am will be followed by the Rosary and individual prayer for healing. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Monica at 301-949-5710.

Help for Marriages in Trouble

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program, beginning with a weekend on **September 14-16**, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.



Let's Talk About Faith and Life

Through Sunday, September 23, a series of talks on various topics concerning the dignity of human life will be held each Sunday evening (except Labor Day weekend) from **6:30-8:30pm** at **St. Dominic Church** in [Washington, DC \(630 E Street, SW\)](#). Co-sponsored by the parish and the archdiocesan Department of Life Issues, topics include abortion, just war, foster care and adoption, persons with disabilities, the sexual revolution, euthanasia, poverty, sex trafficking, capital punishment, racism, and immigration. The talks will take place in the Parish Meeting Room, and please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner.

For more information, please email prolife@adw.org.

- August 5th: If you have a Right to Life, do you have a Right to Die?
- August 12th: "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"
- August 19th: Sex trafficking in Our Own Back Yard.
- August 26th: Belonging Starts Here: Inclusion of People with Disabilities.
- September 9th: Catholicism and Capital Punishment
- September 16th: The Challenge of Racism Today
- September 23th: "Who is My Brother?" immigration as a Life Issue



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MSGR. ROBERT PANKE
"FINDING GOD ON THE METRO: PRAYER IN DAILY LIFE"

AUGUST 14, 6 - 8 PM
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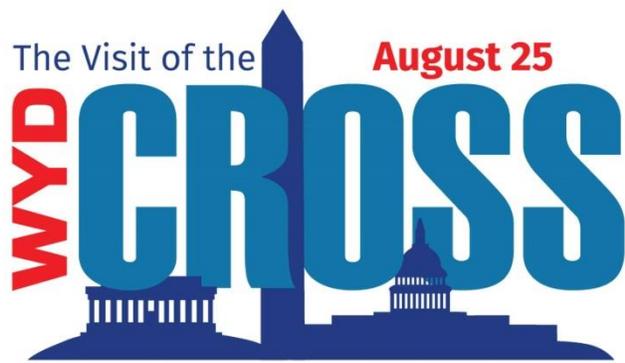
Join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month to grab a drink and hear straight talk and honest answers to your questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. All are welcome, Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour specials from **6-7pm** with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm. #totDC

+Co-hosted by the Catholic Information Center
+Must have valid 21+ ID to enter

Join us for these upcoming dates:

August 14: Msgr. Robert Panke : "Finding God on the Metro: Prayer in Daily Life"

Contact the [Office of Young Adult Ministry](#) for more information.



National Mall • Saint John Paul II National Shrine

Come take part in this once-in-a-generation celebration of the WYD Cross as it makes its first pilgrimage across the United States in twenty-five years! All participants should meet at the LINCOLN MEMORIAL no later than 9:00 a.m.

For more information and for a detailed schedule of the day's events visit: www.wydunite.com



Calling all present (and future!) small group leaders!!! Looking to start one? Are you regularly leading a group through RCIA, Marriage Prep or any other ministry within the Church? This training is for you! Join us as we dive deeper into best practices in small group ministry. The event is FREE but registration is required.

12pm- Optional Mass at Holy Rosary Catholic Church
1-4pm- Small group seminar led by Melissa Overmyer.

Sunday TV Mass.

The Archdiocese of Washington produces a weekly Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#). It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshipping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WDCW-50:

- No cable; Dish or Direct TV subscribers: Ch. 50
- Comcast: Ch. 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County; Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland
- RCN: Ch. 15
- Verizon: Ch. 3

The Sunday TV Mass is available to watch anytime on the [National Shrine's YouTube channel](#).

Join the TV Mass congregation

Your presence is a wonderful way to bring the Mass to those who are homebound.