

Reverend Vincent De Rosa  
Parish Priest



Schedule of masses

Monday

11:30 novena and 12:05pm Mass  
5:15pm – Mass.

No public Mass and Novena on federal 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**  
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 Vincent Rigdon

**St. Mary Mother of God  
Catholic Church**

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**Sunday September 30th 2018**  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Remember we have added Masses to our calendar  
for special feast days.**

**The Masses for the month of October are:**

- Low Mass on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Low Mass on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Festivity of Saint Luke
- Vespers at 6:00pm  
North American Martyrs



**Masses in Reparation for the sins of the Church**  
**For the Month of October are:**

Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> -- Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and  
Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup>

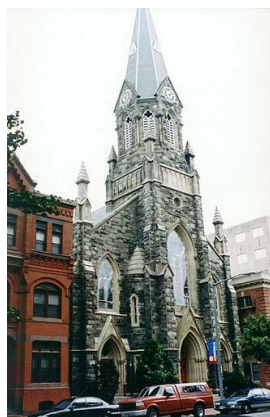
**At the Altar of Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal**

**Remember you can always visit our website**  
**[www.saintmarymotherofgod.org](http://www.saintmarymotherofgod.org) and check our calendar.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Baptisms:** Call the Rectory (202) 289-7771 or send an email to [stmarys20001@gmail.com](mailto: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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## Schedule of Masses

### **Sunday, September 30th**

9:00am- Ed Sheridan (L)  
10:30am- Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)  
1:00pm- PRO POPULO  
7:30pm- Margaret G. Costello (D)

### **Monday, October 1st**

12:00pm- Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)  
5:15pm – Frank Kelly (D)

### **Tuesday, October 2nd**

12:00pm – Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)

### **Wednesday, October 3rd**

12:00pm- Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)

### **Thursday, October 4th**

12:00pm- Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)

### **Friday, October 5th**

8:00am- Beatriz Szele-Szechenyi (L)  
12:00pm- Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)

### **Saturday, October 6th**

9:00am – George Szele (L)  
5:00pm- Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)

## **World Mission Sunday**

During the **weekend of October 13-14**, the Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate World Mission Sunday, which reminds us of Our Lord's Great Commission to the Church to go into the whole world to proclaim the faith (Matthew 28:19). The World Mission Sunday collection is unique in that it is a global effort for the entire Church. It is a moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy that renews hope and peace. For more information, contact Jenean Jones (301-853-4527) or Sr. Annai (301-853-4528) in the archdiocesan Office of Missions. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Reminder:**

The Rectory will be closed on Columbus Day, and there will be no Masses for the public on that **Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The priests of Saint Mary will offer their private Masses for the people for whom those Masses were requested on that day.

## **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](http://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](mailto:RFV@adw.org) with any questions.

## **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](mailto:dsteel@bnsic.org). Thank you for *your interest in this special volunteer ministry.*



## **Blessed Karl.**

Father Vincent De Rosa, Pastor of Saint Mary's, will offer a **Solemn High Mass on Saturday, October 20**, the vigil of the feast of Blessed Karl, at **1:00 p.m.** The Saint Mary's Scholas and the polyphonic choir Musikanten will sing. Veneration of the relic of Blessed Karl will take place after Mass, followed by a reception. Archduke Michael of Austria, great-grandson of Blessed Karl, will be our honored guest, as well as descendants of Blessed Karl from the princely Galitzine family. All are cordially invited. To volunteer to help or to bring desserts, please contact Lauren Higgins or Suzanne Pearson.

## **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.

### ***Domestic Violence Awareness Month***

On Saturday, **October 6**, in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is attending the 5:15pm Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Contact [ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com) for more information. Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace)

### ***Domestic Church Day: Celebrating Humanae Vitae.***

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on October 13 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This upcoming half-day family retreat will be on the theme of "Celebrating Humanae Vitae" to mark the 50th anniversary of this great encyclical for families which was much beloved by Saint John Paul II. The day will include engaging catechesis for couples, teens, and children; the opportunity to pray together as a family; Fall-themed snacks; and fun family activities. The keynote speaker for the adults will be nationally-acclaimed speaker Bill Donaghy. For more on Bill's biography and a description of his talk please look below. Be sure to register today, because space is limited and we are expecting to sell out!

- **1:30 to 2:00 p.m. – Check-in for the event and check-in for children's catechesis**
- **2:00 to 3:30 p.m. – Catechesis Sessions:**  
Married/Engaged Couples – "The Golden Key of Marriage and the Family: Humanae Vitae as a Prophetic Sign" by Bill Donaghy  
Teens (13 to 17) – An engaging Catechesis about Humanae Vitae  
Children (2 to 12) – Catechesis with the Sister Servants of the Lord
- **4:00 p.m. – Sunday Vigil Mass with music by Mike Tenney**
- **5:00 to 6:30 p.m. – Fall-themed snack and fun family activities\***

\*Families must bring their own picnic food, picnic blanket, and lawn chairs for the picnic on the lawn, as we will be just providing a snack for fellowship.



### ***Canonization of Pope Paul VI & Archbishop Óscar Romero***

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to a Mass commemorating the canonization of six new saints, including Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Óscar Romero. This Mass will be held **on Sunday, October 14 at 12 noon at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.** Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will give special remarks.

For more information, contact [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org)

### ***Transitus of St. Francis***

On Wednesday, **October 3 at 7pm**, join the Franciscan friars and the local Franciscan community to commemorate the Transitus of St. Francis at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington DC (1400 Quincy St., NE). The service will include a procession from the main church to the Portiuncula Chapel where St. Francis passed from this life into eternal life. For more information, visit [myfranciscan.org/events/2018-10](http://myfranciscan.org/events/2018-10).

**The Catholic Social Work National Association gathers practitioners who follow the Church's teaching to share their work and knowledge in a faith-based environment.** Through this professional membership

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from November 9-11 at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. For more details and registration, see our website [cswna.org](http://cswna.org) or contact us at [cswna@cswna.org](mailto:cswna@cswna.org) via email or call Kathleen at 317-416-8285.



## Father De Rosa's Weekly Column

Dear Friends,

In Acts, Chapter 6, the Apostles institute the office of the diaconate to provide for the earthly needs of the growing Church community. At that time the deacons specifically served at table, but over the centuries they would grow, becoming the directors of Church funds/accounts, and even vast tracts of property. The initial impetus for creating this holy office was that the apostles (the priests/bishops of the time) were so occupied feeding people and answering the needs/concerns of the community that they could not pray (Acts 6:2). I know how they felt. And it's not just about prayer... it's about quality time spent with parishioners. I had a nice conversation with one parishioner, but it was indicative of thoughts I've had about several... I realized that my communications with this person had been quick, 'clipped,' I might even say... because I feel like I never have time. One may easily say, "make an appointment," but in Church we should all have the time for real, thorough, spontaneous human interactions and for quality prayer.

Aside for numerous practical and professional reasons, this is one of my personal, heartfelt driving forces behind the effort to build up a parish council here at St. Mary's: our parish needs competent, engaged lay leadership. You may not realize it, but that last phrase is really quite something for me to say. When I was a kid the parish where I received my sacraments was dead, and this despite being fully engaged in the "lay leadership" that was so popular in the '80s. Though I'm sure they were well meaning the women who seemed to run the parish (there were NO men other than the priest) seemed to thrive on mediocrity. Sunday school was uninspired to say the least. Mass seemed to be forcing a weird protestant-style liturgical agenda on us... and everywhere there was a sense of "Does the church really take itself seriously at all?" Such was my image of lay leadership. "Was"... past tense... Since becoming a priest I've been so blessed to work in parishes with excellent and involved lay-people. Things aren't perfect everywhere in the Archdiocese, but I'm so excited because I think we have a critical mass of well formed, eager folks who want to serve the Church... and serve her for the right reasons. THAT's what I see here at St. Mary's... which brings us to our parish council.

In the coming months, I invite you to engage in a two-pronged effort to build our community. Our principal communities are the 9am Latin Mass and English Masses. Each will be having meetings over the next month. I hope the the two committees that result will then be able to be introduced to one another and merge over the next year... eventually inviting a liaison from the Chinese Mass community to sit in.

The parish council's goal will (ideally) be: to make St. Mary's the best parish we can be moving forward, to invite in all our neighbors, and to run the earthly affairs of the parish as much as possible. In a truly healthy parish firing on all cylinders, the priest's job should be to offer spiritual guidance, lead worship, and ensure that all activities are thoroughly of the Gospel and ordered to evangelization. Beyond that folks, my dream is to pray, preach, celebrate sacraments... and to have the time to know you in a truly quality way. If that sounds good to you, I hope you'll join me in this process. The Latin Mass Community's "executive committee" will meet **October 14**. Ideas/Suggestions can be sent to the Rectory for me to add to the agenda. The English-praying community will have an open town hall on **September 30 at 6pm in the Church**. I hope that the ideas and volunteers that coalesce in that conversation will lead to an executive committee for that group as well.

You are always in my prayers. I hope you send a few up for me too.

Your Priest,

Fr. De Rosa