

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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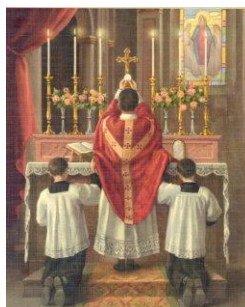
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Sunday October 7th 2018
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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



Tuesday October 4th
Wednesday October 10th
Tuesday, October 16th
Tuesday, October 23rd and
Tuesday October 30th

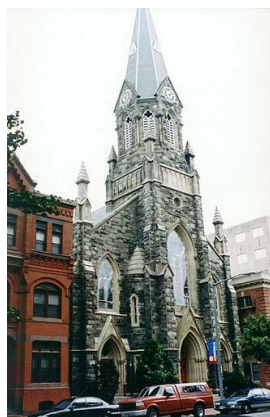
At the Altar of Our Lady
of The Miraculous Medal
At 8:00am

Remember you can always visit our website
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 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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Schedule of Masses

Sunday, October 7th

9:00am- Santiago R. Soutuyo (Do)
10:30am- Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)
1:00pm- Fr. Alfred J. Harris (L)
7:30pm- Bienvenida Yu (D)

Monday, October 8th

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

Tuesday, October 9th

12:00pm – Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)

Wednesday, October 10th

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

Thursday, October 11th

12:00pm- Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)
7:30pm – Marjorie Pearson (D)

Friday, October 12th

8:00am- Teresa Reis (D)
12:00pm- Grace J. Pawlukiewicz (D)

Saturday, October 13th

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 8th, 2018**. The priests of Saint Mary will offer their private Masses for the people for whom those Masses were requested on that day.

***Remember we have added Masses to our calendar for special feast days.
The Masses for the month of October are:***

- *Low Mass on Thursday, October 11th at 7:30pm Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- *Low Mass on Thursday, October 18th at 7:30pm -Festivity of Saint Luke*
- *Vespers on Friday, October 19th at 6:00pm - Feast of the North American Martyrs*

Take some time out to pray through the intercession of the first martyrs of the USA, St. Isaac Jogues and his Companions. Fr. De Rosa will lead prayer and offer a brief homily. Anyone interested is welcome to head over to the Irish Chanel afterwards for food and fellowship.

- *Church Reform and Poetry*

Thursday October 25 7pm - Lecture by Parishioner Philip Henderson: Dante's *Divine Comedy* has served generations of poets as a model of religious poetry at its best, not only because of the sublimity of its spiritual vision but also its ability to involve human society within a vision of the relation between Heaven and Earth. This mixture of the religious, political, and poetic within Dante's work informs the responses of subsequent poets to the great crises of the late Middle Ages and Renaissance from Petrarch's Avignon papacy to the reformations of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Many poets from this period make use of various medieval and classical models to cry out against perceived political and religious abuses with the goal of restoring the shattered unity of the Christian world. Each approaches the problems of their age from their own personal temperaments and allegiances, but they all share a sense of the importance of the sacred and express regret for its loss or corruption.

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.



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 (laurengriffinhiggins@hotmail.com) or Suzanne Pearson. (sdpearson@verizon.net)

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.

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.*

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

Tenth Annual "Pray for the Cure" Mass and Brunch

In support of those with all kinds of cancer, cancer survivors, and all those with life-threatening illnesses, all are welcome to the Tenth Annual "Pray for the Cure" Mass and Brunch on **Sunday, October 14** at St. Luke Church in Washington, DC (4925 East Capitol Street, SE). The Mass begins at 11am and is immediately followed by the "Pray for the Cure" Brunch. Tickets for the brunch cost \$20 per adult and \$5 for any child over 5. There is no charge for children 5 and under. You may contact the parish rectory at 202-584-8322 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Marian Rosary Congress and Pilgrimage

On **Saturday, October 20th** the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will host the Second Marian Rosary Congress and Pilgrimage on the occasion of the 1st anniversary of the dedication of the Rosary Walk and Garden. Sponsored by the Jesus Through Mary USA Ministry, this day of Marian reflection will include a Multilingual Living Rosary and talks given by Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM. It will conclude with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington. For a detailed schedule, please visit www.nationalshrine.org or call 202-526-8300.

Father De Rosa's Weekly Column

Dear Friends,

A frequent question among parishioners: "Father, how do you decide what to preach about?" It's a big question and the short answer is that there are LOTS of moving parts that go into the decision. In my experience, though, it's best to have just a little extra guidance to keep my homilies focused... and to help them develop themes over time. As summer has quickly given way to fall (What happened to September?!?!), and as the chaos of moving into a new parish subsides just a little... It's been nice to take some time, pray and organize some preaching priorities for the rest of what I call "the pastoral year." (September - June). Over the coming months, I'll take my queues from the Scriptures and from the life of the parish, but I'll always try to focus my preaching through the lens of the schema that follows. It's largely based on the catechetical standards of the Archdiocese that we use in developing religious education programs, RCIA, and adult ed. throughout our region. I hope that you'll follow along at mass and online (homilies are currently posted on my blog: www.eyesoffaithdc.com)... and ask questions to keep your own relationship with Christ growing through our exploration of his Word. Peace! -Fr. De Rosa

September - "Who is God?"

I Labor Day

II God is Good, He made all in a sheer act of goodness

III God is Creator, Maker of man. The Fall and need for a savior

IV God is Savior/Redeemer

October - "God guides us"

I Our Lady of the Rosary/Victory

II The Covenants

III The Kingdom/Church

IV Revelation (Scripture and Tradition)

November - "I believe"

I Creed: Father Son and Spirit, Church

II Things visible and invisible (saints, angels and demons)

III Thanksgiving

IV Death and the Last Things (including prayer/sacrifice for dead)

December/Advent thru January - "We Worship... He loves us and we love him back"

(Dec.) He loves us - Receptivity exitus

Prayer

Lectio Divina specifically

Mary (Immaculate Conception)

Family / community life (Holy Family)

Christmas

(Jan.) We love him redditus

Living out our vocations (Baptism of the Lord, Mother Seton)

Adoration (Epiphany, Aquinas)

Martin Luther King Weekend - Loving our neighbor as ourself

Martyrdom old and new (Sebastian, Fabian)

Early February (pre-Lent) - God Calls a People

Old Testament Signs (Prefigurations)

Late Feb-March (Lent) - Jesus, the Way Truth and Life (Moral Theology)

What is moral theology (fundamentals, virtue ethics)

President's Day Weekend

Commandments 1-5

Commandments 7,8,10

Sexual ethics (6, 9)

Beatitude and works of Mercy, fulfillment of Law

Holy Week

April - May - "Confirmed in the spirit"

Mystagogia

Baptism

Confirmation

Eucharist

Marriage/Orders

Confession

Anointing

June - Church History "The Church, then and now"