

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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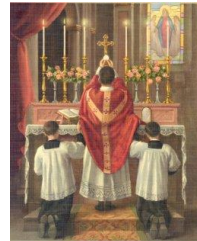
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**Sunday October 28th 2018  
The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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



Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup>

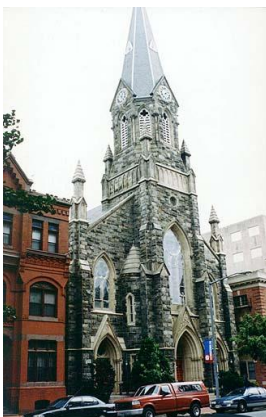
**At the Altar of Our Lady of The  
Miraculous Medal  
At 8:00am**

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 [stmarvs20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarvs20001@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 [stmarvs20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarvs20001@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Baptisms:** Call the Rectory (202) 289-7771 or send an email to [stmarvs20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarvs20001@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 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am- Gage Wells (D)  
10:30am- The appointment for our next Archbishop.  
1:00pm- Leslie Lembeck (L)  
7:30pm- Fr. Garrett O'Brien (L)

### **Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

12:00pm- Paul Ho and Anthony Tran (D)  
5:15pm – Bob Lane (D)

### **Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

12:00pm – William Zeltman (D)

### **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

12:00pm- Salvador Oliva (D)

### **Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

12:00pm- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
7:30pm - Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

### **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00am- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
12:00pm- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

### **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00am – Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
5:00pm- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory



**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.



**The second collection for November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2018** is for **Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington.** Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue

Christ's mission for decades. Let's join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that have been mailed to your homes or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews for the weekend of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. New this year, you can also give through your smart phone by texting "priest" to 301 231 1816. A link will be sent back to you to complete our generous gift for this important collection.

## ***The Holy Land Christians are our guests.***



**On November 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>,** and after all masses we will be hosting at the Church narthex a nice display of handmade olive wood religious carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem available for purchase. These carvings include olive wood nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that make nice wedding, Baptism, Easter and especially Christmas gifts.



These carvings are handmade by Catholic families in Bethlehem who rely on sales for their daily bread. For more than ten years Bethlehem Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing violence. Many Christians left their homeland. The Christian population of the Holy Land went down from



30% in the last century to almost 1% today.

Please help support our Catholic brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing their carvings. Buying one piece supports a Christian family in Bethlehem, the place of our Lord Jesus Christ. George Ghanem, and indigenous Christian from Bethlehem will be standing by the carvings after all Masses. Let us keep Bethlehem a Christian town forever.

Proceeds go to support Christian families in Bethlehem. It is never too late to help. The website shown the crafts is [www.holylandesc.com](http://www.holylandesc.com)

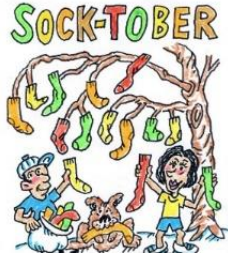


### ***St. Martín de Porres: Prayer and Reflection on His Life***

On **Saturday, November 3 from 9-11am** at St. Gabriel Church in Washington, DC (26 Grant Circle, NW), the archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity invites you to a morning of prayer and reflection on the life of St. Martin de Porres. This is a bilingual (English & Spanish) program that will include a presentation, group discussion, and music. For more information, contact [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).



**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.



*So Others Might Eat (SOME) needs adult socks (new or gently used)!!  
Drop off at 71 "O" St NW seven days a week - 7:30am-3:00pm*

*Thank you!*



**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 association, Catholic social workers support colleagues and develop insight on their day-to-day service to the poor and vulnerable, while also organizing advocacy efforts around important social issues. Come join us for our annual conference "The Mission of Catholic Social Work guided by the Holy Spirit" 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.

**Catholic Impact – Archdiocese of Washington 2018**  
**Education- Charity-Healing**

Explore how lives are touched in ways large and small in the Archdiocese of Washington in the inspiring new interactive publication *Catholic Impact 2018*

View it at [www.adw.org/catholicimpact](http://www.adw.org/catholicimpact)



A Newly released edition of Catholic Impact 2018 illustrates how, through archdiocesan ministries, schools and efforts of lay faithful, the Catholic family is an indispensable good neighbor that brings the light of reaching to people young and old, serves those in need, cares for the afflicted works to mend the wounds of society.

**The Archdiocese of Washington.**

- More the 655,000 Catholics –
- 139 parishes and missions
- 93 Catholic schools serving 26,000 students.
- Awards \$6 million in annual tuition assistance to Catholic school students.
- More than 142,000 men, women and children served by Catholic charities each year.



**An Illuminated Requiem:  
Meditations on Love and Mortality by Ann Schmalstieg**

This exhibit will run from **October 29 - November 29** in Memorial Hall of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The theme of this exhibit is found in the propers of the Requiem Mass, and the paintings are an expression of the personal experience of love in the context of death. It is the artist's intention to guide visitors through an understanding of mortality and the love and mercy of God and to inspire the living to pray for the dear departed. This event is free and open to the public.

**LOST AND FOUND**

*A wedding ring has been lost by one of our parishioners. Please return it to the Rectory if found.  
[Stmarys20001@gmail.com](mailto:Stmarys20001@gmail.com) or call 202 289-7771*

## **Father De Rosa's Weekly Column**

Dear Friends,

As October flies by, we rapidly approach the holy month of the dead: November. When I ask myself, "Am I ready to die today?" All too often I respond, "No." I'm not sure there's much in my life worthy of hellfire, but I also know that my life is nowhere near ready for an immediate journey to heaven; I have far too many attachments, and sins that need purging before I can imagine myself ready for eternal beatitude. Thanks be to God, the Bible - along with the witness of the saints - confirms for us the existence of purgatory: a state of being during which the merciful God let's us complete the purging of attachments and venial sins necessary to enter heaven.

A soul on his/her way through purgatory will *eventually* reach paradise, but those of us who remain on earth, capable of offering holy sacrifice can speed that journey... and this we call ministering to the dead. It's been a part of Catholic life since the beginning. Ministering to the dead is something we should do every day, but for all those days we forget, or just let it go, the Church in her wisdom appoints the entire month of November as a time to focus on freeing souls from purgatory. What does ministry to the dead look like?

Well, you can make pilgrimage to one of our cemeteries... Every Catholic cemetery has a chapel on its grounds so that the living may offer up the sacrifice of their trip and pray there. We can also pray daily offering up extra acts of personal sacrifice on behalf of the deceased. Finally, we can offer mass for the dead. **Throughout the month of November, all of our masses are offered for the forgiveness of the souls in purgatory.** In this way, your sacrifices/prayers, along with all of the sacrifices of our priests are unified with the one saving sacrifice of Jesus begging the Father to liberate souls from purgatory and advance them to heaven itself.

Throughout the month of November you'll see an open book in the sanctuary with the names of all the deceased for whom masses are being offered. If you'd like to include your family and friends, please be sure to contact the Rectory, make a donation (as part of your sacrifice) and send us the appropriate names. Ministering to the dead has as its primary goal the movement of souls to heaven, but its collateral benefit is that you and I know that our relationship with the dead is neither ended nor banished to the realm of mere memory. By our sacrifices we maintain a living, physical relationship to those who've gone before us reminding us that our love for them is changed, but never ended.

Peace,  
Fr. De Rosa