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Schedule of Masses

Monday

11:30 am Novena and 12:05pm Mass (English)
No public Mass and Novena on Federal Holidays

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

12:05pm – Mass in English

Friday

8:00 am TLM*

12:05pm – Mass in English

Saturday

First Saturdays: 9:00am TLM*

5:00pm – Sunday Vigil Mass (English)

Sunday

9:00 am – TLM*

10:30 am – Mass in English

11:30am – Chinese

7:30pm – Mass in English

Staff

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach

Custodian: Jimmy Vines

Director of Music: Bray McDonnell

Priest in Residence

Fr. Vincent Rigdon

TLM*- Traditional Latin Mass

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Sunday, June 16th 2019
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday



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. You can also send us an email at stmarys20001@gmail.com and we will send it to you.

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

Our Lady of China Pastoral Mission: Celebrate Mass in Chinese each Sunday at 11:30am. There is sacrament of reconciliation before Mass. For more information contact Fr. John Ming Ruan (301) 738-2459

The Mission Center is at 1001 Grandin Ave. Rockville, MD 20851

SACRAMENTS

Marriages: Preparation requires arrangements be made at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Please call the Rectory or send us an email to make arrangements.

Baptisms: Call the Rectory or send an email to make arrangements.

Sacraments of Penance:

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

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

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

Sacrament of the sick: Contact the Rectory concerning parishioners who are ill.



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Sunday June 16th, 2019

9:00am – *Beatrice Szele-Szechenyi and children (L)*

10:30am – *Phil Beaudet (D)*

7:30pm – *Project Rachel Ministry*

Monday June 17th

12:05pm – *Daniel O'Donohue*

Tuesday June 18th

12:05pm – *Mr. and Mrs. John E. Murray (L)*

Wednesday June 19th

12:05pm – *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Thursday June 20th

12:05pm – *Beatrice Szele-Szechenyi and children (L)*

7:30pm – *Elizabeth and Dorothea Todd (L)*

Friday June 21st

8:00am – *Marjorie Pearson (D)*

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

Saturday June 22nd

5:00pm – *Richard J. Costello (D)*



***There will be a High Mass on
Corpus Christi, Thursday, June 20th,
at 7:30 p.m***

Help Our Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on August 30th - September 1st, 2019, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org



Maryland & Washington, DC

"Singles Sunday" Mass and Dinner June 23.

Mass at 4 pm at Holy Redeemer Church at 4902 Berwyn Road. College Park, MD. Dinner at 5pm in the Four Seasons Room below the church. Reservations required for dinner. Dinner cost \$10 before June 16 or \$15 thereafter. For single Catholics 21 and older. Most attendees are over 45. Visit <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call Greg at 301-906-9422. If you have questions about this email, please contact Don Bauer at bauerdg@juno.com



Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Holy Comforter Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church

1357 East Capitol Street, SE, Washington, District of Columbia 20003

Join us on June 23, Corpus Christi Sunday, as we unite in a Eucharistic procession of Reparation lead by Msgr. Charles Pope, and in conjunction with @CatholicMenUnited.

During this time, we will ask our Lord to take authority over Washington D.C., focusing on reparation for the sin and scandals that have come to light within the

Church, and for healing and deliverance for all those who live or work in our nation's capital. The procession will begin at Holy Comforter and will finish at St. Joseph's (313 2nd St NE Washington, DC 20002). Please fast and pray for these intentions up to June 23rd, and share with others and your parish. All are welcome. #CCCdc2019 #CorpusChristiDC #CatholicsInTheCapital #DCcatholic #Catholic #Eucharist #Faith #WashingtonDC

A Letter from Father DeRosa

Dear Friends,

With the celebration of Pentecost this past Sunday, we rounded out another *pastoral year*. With children home for the summer and temperatures rising to their sultry summer heights, the city and the parish will settle into slower rhythms, but that doesn't mean any sort of an end to our work here at St. Mary's. For your consideration, some points about parish efforts this summer:

The parish council has been slowly collecting data on the wellbeing of our physical plant. I'm happy to report that our buildings are structurally sound and up to code in terms of our electrical and plumbing systems. Architect, electrician and plumber friends of mine have all reviewed the plant and given us a general thumbs up, while offering suggestions for projects we may want to work on soon. The next step will be a July visit by our diocesan architect to confirm these anecdotal findings and help us prioritize potential projects. For example:

Our organ, lovingly maintained by parishioners for over 100 years is in need of a professional cleaning... this means, essentially, disassembling the instrument cleaning, repairing and replacing parts under professional care so that it can last another 130 years! Estim. Price tag \$100k.

Our school building's cafeteria and lower classrooms (the upper are leased to an architecture firm), as well as the passageway connecting the church to the school/bathrooms all need an overhaul, if only at the cosmetic level. The rooms have gotten to a point that, frankly, we are ashamed to use them. But if we can investigate refurbishing these spaces imagine the possibilities for parish educational opportunities, larger community functions, meetings by different helpful groups like AA, etc. This building is an underused resource that could help grow the parish if properly cared for. Price tag: TBD

The rectory's AC system is 20 years old and reaching the end of its normal life-span. New units will be more efficient over time, but will - of course - cost money for installation. Price tag: TBD

There's a plethora of other more minor or purely cosmetic works under consideration that I will bring to your attention as they come up.

Other projects in the works:

Our apartment outreach effort - Parish council member Asher Allman is working with 6 apartment/condo reps to establish St. Mary's groups at each site. The idea will be to offer reminders so that local Catholics can walk to mass together. Eventually we'd like our apartment reps to host common-room events for Catholics and our neighbors like "meet the pastor wine and cheese," and the like. We also look forward to getting a grant for promotional materials (refrigerator magnets, shopping totes, etc.) to get our name out there in the community more frequently.

Our service ministry team is putting together a survey to find out just what kind of service opportunities you're interested in finding and engaging in through St. Mary's. This is all meant to build on several very successful food/blanket drives and a jump in poor box donations this year.

Of course **a full calendar of worship opportunities** is also in the planning for the coming pastoral year starting with our **August 15 mass for the Assumption**. At that celebration we look forward to installing the last of the Rosary Paintings in the apse of our church... the end of a multiyear effort! Surrounding that celebration we look forward to **a food drive** July 15-August 15... and the planning of a **parish picnic** Sunday August 18 at noon. Please contact the Rectory if you'd like to help with either!

A series of adult educational opportunities is in the works too!

This fall we will begin offering a weekly seminars in the Rectory Sundays at 11:30am. The seminars will be taught by two seminarians working at our parish this year, and they'll strive help all of us have a mature understanding of basic tenets of our Faith.

A Dominican brother will be starting a small group to meet during the week to foster adult catechesis as well...
AND...

The parish council will be scheduling a series of Saturday morning talks on different forms of devotion to Christ through Mary His Mother.

So... There's lots to look forward to, and I do hope the whole parish will jump into these new opportunities with excitement. **I should also report though that we need to keep our eye on a few things:**

Parish Population - I've just received the October Headcount Report from the central offices of the Archdiocese. The report cobbles together parish attendance counts for the last ten years. Every October we count every man woman and child at every mass. In 2008 St. Mary's headcount was 815... in 2018 it was 508. With the exception of Immaculate Conception in Shaw, every parish in our part of the city has seen decreases in mass attendance over the last ten years.

Parish Sunday Revenue - Two years ago, the total of all our "pass the basket giving" (this included e-giving) was ~\$360k... last year it was ~\$345k... This year we estimate we'll end up at ~\$310k. We've seen good growth in our e-giving with Faith Direct, and I'd certainly encourage everyone to look into signing up on our webpage or using the pamphlets in the back of the church.

My educated guess is that we are finally seeing the practical effects of two generations on un-catechized Catholics... as older folks die or move away younger souls just haven't been there to replace them in equal number. Likewise our younger members haven't always been raised in a culture of Sunday giving (I certainly wasn't when I was a kid)... all of this this combined with increased debt levels among younger cohorts may explain drops in both population and giving.

That said, I am confident. I am confident in our Lord... and in what he's doing in your hearts. As I look over our congregation I see people listening attentively. When I meet you out on the street or talking over coffee I see an increasingly young parish thirsty for Jesus and happy to find him. If that's not a good foundation on which to build a future, I don't know what is. But... growth will require ALL of us to be engaged in our efforts to bring deeper quality to our community... and to extend an open invitation to friends of any and all backgrounds to encounter God in this wonderful place.

I'm excited to start another year of ministry in our wonderful community. I count myself truly blessed to be here with you and hope you'll embrace the challenge and the joy of spreading the Gospel here in DC. As always, you're in my prayers and you're always welcome at the Rectory.

Your priest,
Fr. De Rosa