

Reverend Alfred J. Harris  
Pastor



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

Director of Music: William Parsons

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach

Bookkeeper: Maria Reiss

Custodian: Jimmy Vines

Priests in Residence:

Fr Garrett O'Brien

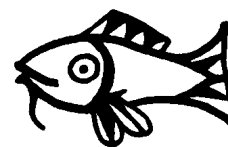
# St. Mary Mother of God Church

727 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW – Washington DC 20001

202 289-7771

## Third Sunday of Lent

**Introit:** OCULI mei semper ad Dóminum, quia ipse evélet de láqueo pedes meos: respice in me, et miserere mei, quóniam únicus et pauper sum ego.



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### Offertory Collection for the Month of February 2018

February 4<sup>th</sup> : \$6,044

February 11<sup>th</sup>: \$5,696.24

February 18<sup>th</sup>: \$3,206.00

February 25<sup>th</sup>: \$3,426.00

**Request Masses for your loved ones**, alive and deceased, or anniversary, birthdates or 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.

**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.

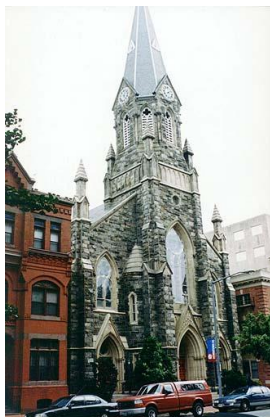
**Sacraments of Penance:**

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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## Mass intentions for the week.

### Sunday, March 4th

9:00am – Deborah Ann Freddoso (D)

10:30am – Carolyn Crosss (D)

1:00pm – PRO POPULO

7:30pm- Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Monday, March 5th

12:05pm – Brenda Thomas (L)

5:15pm – Nancy Hopkins (D)

### Tuesday, March 6th

12:05pm – Peter Ho (D)

### Wednesday, March 7th

12:05pm – Brenda Thomas (L)

### Thursday, March 8th

12:05pm- Brenda Thomas (L)

### Friday, March 9th

8:00am – Beatriz Szele-Szechenyi (L)

12:05pm – Brenda Thomas (L)

### Saturday, March 10th

5:00pm- PRO POPULO

## Messages from your Pastor

Saint Mary's is pleased to announce we will offer the entire Triduum using the traditional Latin (1955/62) books for the first time in around 50 years. All liturgies will be Solemn High with Gregorian chant and polyphony. Mark your calendars and tell your friends about our Holy Week schedule:

\* **Palm Sunday, 25 March, 8:30 a.m.:** blessing of palms, procession and Solemn High Mass.

\* **Maundy Thursday, 29 March, 7:30 p.m.:** Solemn High Mass, procession and stripping of the altars.

\* **Good Friday, 30 March, 3 p.m.:** Solemn High liturgy.

\* **Holy Saturday, 31 March, 11 p.m.:** Solemn High Mass.

\* **Easter Sunday, 1 April, 9 a.m.:** Solemn High Mass.

### Tax Letters:

Send us an email: [stmarys20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) or give us a phone call: 202 289-7771 and we will mail it to you. Please leave us a message if you're unable to reach during business hours. Thank you very much for your financial contribution to Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church.

### Saint Mary Mother of God will be part of Seven Church Walk this year.

Join hundreds of young adults for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten pilgrimage as a Roman tradition in Washington DC. **Date:** March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Meet:** 10:00am Immaculate Conception Church in Shaw. They will visit Saint Mary at 11:00am. Registration: TBA



**Stations of The Cross**  
**every Friday.**  
**after the 12:00 noon Mass, during Lent.**



**Confessions**  
**every Thursday**  
**Time: 5:00-6:30pm**  
**during Lent.**

**Make a Difference for Christians in Syria.** The Monastery 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](http://myfranciscan.org/Syria) or call [202-526-6800](tel:202-526-6800). x895

**Easter Lily and Palm Cross Sale.** Pick up beautiful Easter lilies and palm crosses for your garden or yard, or donate them to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in honor of loved ones. Your order supports the gardens of the historic monastery. Details and online orders at [www.fmgg.org](http://www.fmgg.org) and the monastery's Holy Land Gift Shop, [1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017](http://1400QuincyStNE.WashingtonDC20017). Pick up items on Palm Sunday Weekend, March 24-25. Sponsored by the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild. Contact: Joe Bozik, [retrojoeg@gmail.com](mailto:retrojoeg@gmail.com) or call [703-967-0958](tel:703-967-0958).

**Music at the Monastery.** Music to uplift your soul! Enjoy Music at the Monastery on Sunday, **March 11, 4 p.m.**, with the Brass of Peace Ensemble. These talented high school brass players are directed by former National Symphony Orchestra hornist, Sylvia Alimena.

**Student Lenten Pilgrimages to the Franciscan Monastery.** Take a Student Lenten Pilgrimage with school or family at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. Students who take a guided tour of the church, Tomb of Christ and catacombs, and pray the Stations of the Cross (indoors or in the gardens) receive a certificate of participation with a blessing. Reservations are required. The monastery is the US home of the friars who have cared for the sacred shrines and Christians in the Holy Land for 800 years. Visit [myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org) or call [202-526-6800](tel:202-526-6800).

**Burial of Christ.** Experience the Holy Land on Good Friday with a recreation of the Burial of Christ ceremony held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The crucified Christ will be carried through the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land church in this service of song and prayer, then anointed and placed in the tomb (a full-size replica of the Tomb of Christ in Jerusalem).

**See "Tomb of Christ" in Lent** at the National Geographic Museum (near St. Matthew's Cathedral, Washington, DC) It's an immersive, 3-D exhibit based on the historic 2016 restoration of Jesus' tomb. See the cave walls of Jesus' tomb, hidden for centuries, and test technology used in the restoration. Details: [nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ](http://nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ) 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](http://myfranciscan.org/Syria) or call [202-526-6800](tel:202-526-6800). x895.