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Schedule of masses

Monday

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

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

Priest in Residence:

Fr Vincent Rigdon

Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church

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Sunday, March 10th, 2019 First Sunday in Lent



Chantry returns to St. Mary Mother of God on Saturday March 23 at 8:00 p.m. to sing music by the great Eastern European Renaissance master Jacob Handl. The program will take you on a trip through the

liturgical year, from Advent through Corpus Christi and feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary—and thus through a lovely Lenten meditation in magnificent motets from Handl's Opus Musicum, a collection of music for the entire liturgical year. This splendid music from what is now Slovenia (where Handl was born) and is now the Czech Republic (where he lived and worked) demonstrates Handl's mastery of all styles of Renaissance choral writing, and displays skillful word painting, striking chromaticism, and remarkable musical inventiveness and variety. The Washington Post has described Chantry's singing as having "edge-of-seat vitality" and "vast expressive capacity and deeply ingrained sense of style," while All Arts Review has called Chantry "one of the musical glories of Washington." **Discounted tickets for St. Mary Mother of God parishioners are available through the Rectory (visit the Rectory by Friday March 22).** General admission tickets (\$40 adult, \$20 young adult ages 23-30, \$10 youth/student age 22 and below) will be available at the door or on chantrydc.com
More information at: chantrydc.com or 202 625-2855

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.

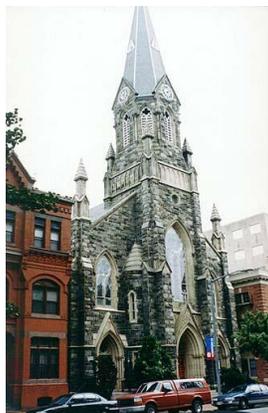
Sacraments of Penance:

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.



The way to financially support your parish. Sign up at www.faithdirect.com. Our church code: DC347

Schedule of Masses

Sunday, March 10th

9:00am- Santiago Soutuyo (D)
10:30am- Richard J. Costello(D)
1:00pm- Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:30pm- Jean Beardmore (D)

Monday, March 11th

12:05 – Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty (D)
5:15pm – Kam Hun Wong (D)

Tuesday, March 12th

12:05pm – Anthony Tran Tho (D)

Wednesday, March 13th

12:05pm – Ms. Peggy Costello (L)

Thursday, March 14th

12:05pm –Margaret Tinto (D)

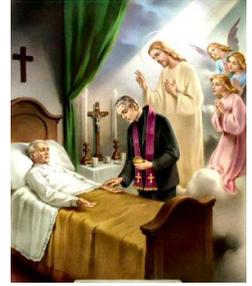
Friday, March 15th

8:00am – Beatrice Szele-Szechenyi (L)
12:05pm – Katherine Hadford (L)

Saturday, March 16th

5:00pm – The appointment of the new Archbishop
In Washington DC.

Remember to honor your loved ones, alive and deceased. They all need your prayers. Please consider offering Masses for them. Your deceased ones will be grateful for all eternity. You can fill out the provided envelopes in the church and put it in the collection basket. A beautiful card of Saint Mary's beautiful altar is included if you request.



Pray for our seminarians!!



Please take a moment today to stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the church, where you will see cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Please choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese.



First Holy Communion at Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church.

If you think your child is ready to receive his/her First Holy Communion this year, please let us know by sending an email to us, at stmarys20001@gmail.com, and Father DeRosa will contact you for further details. The date that ALL children from Saint Mary's will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be the First Sunday of May (May 5th, 2019).

March 12th 6:00pm- 8:00pm - Buffalo Billiards -1330 19th St NW Washington DC

20036 - Speaker: Fr. Conrad Murphy, Fr. Chris Seith and Fr. Alec Scott

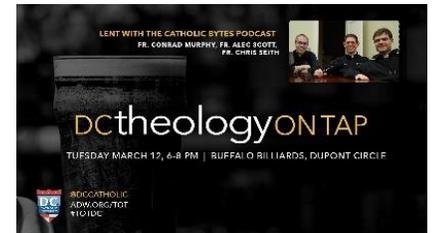
Topic: Lent with the Catholic Bytes Podcast

Join us as the three priests discuss: Joy in Lent, The History of the Lenten Fast, and

Practical Tips for a great Lent. All young professionals (21-late 30s) are invited to our monthly DCCatholic

Theology on Tap at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle to explore the role of faith in our daily lives. Grab a drink and hear straight talk and honest answers to your questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences.

All are welcome, Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour specials from 6-7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm. #totdc +Must have valid 21+ ID to enter



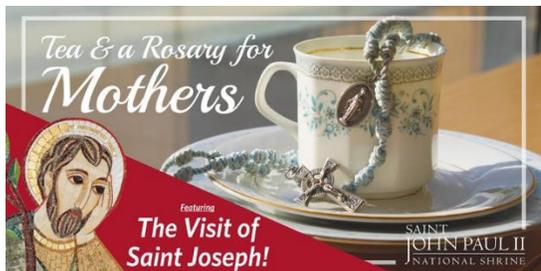
St. Dominic Church invites all to the unique experience of an all-sung Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph. (March 19th) The Mass will be mostly in English with some Latin. 6:30pm Confessions - 7:00pm Chant Mass (Homilist: Br. Jonah Teller, OP) 8:30pm Refreshments (Parish Meeting Room). The church is located at: 630 E Street South NE Washington DC

Would you like to go to a pilgrimage to Roma with Father DeRosa as the priest leader? You can find the details by visiting our website saintmarymotherofgod.org and following this link: <https://christopher.travel/rome2019/>



Behold! Adoration and Confession

Every Thursday evening from 7-8pm, the John Paul II National Shrine hosts an event entitled *Behold!*, consisting of Adoration with prayerful music, silence, and Confession. It is hosted in collaboration with parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington.



On Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 9:45 am to 12:00 pm, at the John Paul II Shrine. We're excited to invite all women ages 18 and up to the Shrine again for a gathering focused on the gift of motherhood. As always, a light breakfast will be provided, plus we will continue to offer the opportunity for Confession and the Rosary with meditations. In lieu of babysitting, this event will also feature the Visit of Saint Joseph for children and fathers. A part of our *Visit of the Saints* series, this is a catechetical event for fathers and children, where Saint Joseph will come teach the children about his life. Please reserve your Eventbrite tickets at

teaandarosary.eventbrite.com for you and your children by March 15, 2019. Please make sure your children will be accompanied by an adult during the Visit of Saint Joseph (babysitting will not be provided for this event). This March we will hear from Dr. Jeanne Schindler.

Catholic Homeschoolers & Potential Homeschoolers: YOU'RE INVITED!

Mayflower Homeschoolers (MH) is having its Annual Parent Planning Meeting on Monday, April 1, 6:30 PM, Denny's in Warrenton, VA. If you are a Catholic homeschooler, or are thinking of becoming one, you are cordially invited! Bring friends! At the meeting, you'll have the opportunity to get to know other Catholic homeschoolers, register for Mayflower, and see what activities we have planned for the upcoming school year (clubs, social sports, field trips, Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, Moms' Night Outs, feast day parties, date nights, teen dances, academic fairs, graduation for 8th and 12th graders, etc)! Currently, 9 parishes are represented by the members of Mayflower! Join the fun! See you on April 1st! For more information, visit our website: www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org, or follow us on Facebook: Mayflower Homeschoolers.

Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic independent homeschool support group under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima.

Stations of The Cross: Every Friday immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass
Confessions: every day according to the regular schedule.



Holy Week – April 14th – 21st

<p>Palm Sunday 8:00 am (English) 9:00 am – (Latin) 11:15am – (Chinese) 1:00pm – (English) 7:30pm – (English)</p>	<p>Monday 12:05pm only</p>
<p>Tuesday and Wednesday 12:05pm - Mass in English</p>	<p>Holy Thursday 7:30 pm - (Latin) Mass of The Lord's Supper</p>
<p>Good Friday (April 18th) 12:05pm Stations of The Cross (English) 3:30pm (Latin): Good Friday Service</p>	<p>Holy Saturday 8pm - Easter Vigil (Chinese/English) 10:30pm - (Latin) Solemnis Vigilia Paschalis</p>

Easter Sunday

8:30 am Mass (English)
 9:30am (Latin)
 11:30am (Chinese)

A letter from Father DeRosa.

Lenten Wish List

Dear Friends,

Two weeks ago we talked at mass about parish fiscal needs and different ways that the faithful can participate in supporting the good work of St. Mary's here in Chinatown. While the best and preferred way for all of us to support the parish is through our Faith Direct e-giving system (see link on parish website or enrollment forms in church), there are of course also items the Church could use to assist in sacred worship. In the long tradition of parishes everywhere, I present to you a Lenten wish list to help maintain or even improve worship here at St. Mary's. This list was reviewed and approved by the parish council. I hope you'll consider donating to sponsor one of these items or even to partially sponsor one of these items.

Your priest,
Father De Rosa

ProceSSIONAL Cross (already purchased, sponsor needed) \$2,000

The new processional cross matches the other appointments in the sanctuary and replaces our old one after multiple repairs to its metal work finally gave way causing the body of Jesus to break in-two. Given its frequent use, we needed to make this purchase right away.

6 Matching reliquaries for the parish relics of saints \$100ea

Relics are placed on the high altar on saints' feast days and on All Saints Day, the new matching reliquaries can house our entire collection and, being larger than the old are more easily seen from the congregation. Did you know that every Monday at 11:30am we pray with the relic of St. Catherine Laboure and bless the faithful with it?

3 Wax Candle Stands \$515ea

The current electric candle stands are beginning to malfunction after years of use. They're also not in line with Archdiocesan policy, which requires the use of wax candles in DC churches. New stands will be constructed to match the stands that originally graced our church so that the faithful can once more literally "light a candle" and pray at our altars. The prayer at the great candle stand in Lourdes France says it all: "May the light of this candle prolong the light of my prayer that God may see it, and so that my fellow man may take comfort that he is not alone in his needs."

3 Main Altar Corporals \$60ea

A corporal is the linen on which a priest celebrates mass, making the Eucharist present. A priest's intention should always be that all items "on the corporal" be consecrated. St. Mary's altar is of an unusual depth making it hard for us to use regular corporals and fit all our items on them at mass. These new corporals will be tailored specifically to the needs of our altar making it easier to celebrate large-scale events where many people need to receive Communion.

3 matching Main Altar Cloths \$115ea

6 Side Side Altar Cloths \$100ea

3 St. Anthony Cloths \$85ea

Currently, our main altar only has one matching set of linens for regular use. The side altars have none; the linens currently on them have been cobbled together over years and in many cases are damaged/frayed. More than this, they really don't fit the width of our spaces (look for yourselves). Because our side altars are used on a regular basis... it'd really be best, and it'd put our best foot forward with visitors if our altars had properly tailored linens. An altar always represents the sacrificed Christ; so we dress it as Joseph of Arimathea dressed the body of Christ before burial, in white linen. With your help we can honor the sacrifice of our Lord beautifully.

3 Ciboria to be refinished in gold plate \$450ea

3 Chalices/Patens to be re-plated in gold \$450ea

A ciborium (plural: "ciboria") is a container that holds the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated hosts which become the Body and Blood of Christ at mass. Chalices hold the wine we use at mass and patens are plates that hold the priest's host. Consequently, these vessels need to be kept in the best repair possible as a sign of our belief in and love for the Eucharistic presence of Jesus among us. St. Mary's ciboria are quality pieces, but over the years, their plating has worn off. In some cases they have been dented, or even bent by the occasional accident. As happens every few decades, our ciboria need to be straightened out and re-plated to remain worthy vessels for our Lord.

1 small monstrance to be re-plated in gold \$2,200

1 large monstrance to be re-plated in gold \$2,200

The monstrance is the container in which we place the Blessed Sacrament for display during Eucharistic holy hours, such as we recently had with Bishop Dorsonville. Our monstrances are antique and of high quality, but need some TLC in the form of new plating work to restore some of their luster.