

Reverend Vincent De Rosa  
Parish Priest  
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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 17, 2019 Second 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](http://chantrydc.com). More information at: [chantrydc.com](http://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](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.

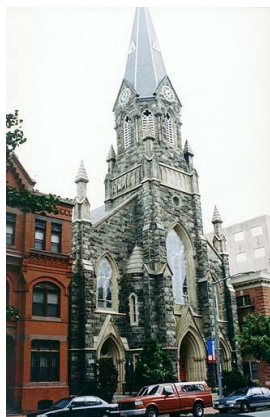
**Sacraments of Penance:**

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.



The way to financially support your parish. Sign up at [www.faithdirect.com](http://www.faithdirect.com). Our church code: DC347

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### Sunday, March 17th

9:00am- Beatrice Szele-Szechenyi (L)  
10:30am- Anthony Hadford (L)  
1:00pm- Frances M. Acton-Schoerer (D)  
7:30pm- Vincent B. Costello(D)

### Monday, March 18th

12:05 – Beatrice Szele-Szechenyi (L)  
5:15pm – Joseph Luo (D)

### Tuesday, March 19th

12:05pm – Anthony Hadford (L)  
7:30pm – Mr. William P. Welsford (L)

### Wednesday, March 20th

12:05pm – Sister Maria Annata, CSJ (D)

### Thursday, March 21st

12:05pm –Dr. Aldo Giusti (D)

### Friday, March 22nd

8:00am – Anthony Hadford (L)  
12:05pm – Catherine Hanniff (D)

### Saturday, March 23rd

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.

**Vocation Tree at Saint Mary.** It is not too late to choose an archdiocesan seminarian and commit to praying for him each day during the remainder of Lent. Stop by the Vocation Tree located at the entrance of the church, near the Saint Anthony's chapel. Pick up a card and support the men called to serve our church with your prayers. Don't let any of them go without your prayers! You must be praying for someone who will maybe someday serve you as a priest in our parish!



There will be a Missa Solemnis on **Tuesday March 19th at 7:30pm** for The Solemnity of Saint Joseph.



### **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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019).

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

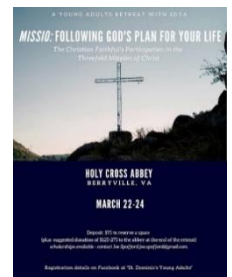
**Catholic Homeschoolers & Potential Homeschoolers: YOU'RE INVITED!**

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 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, etc)! Currently, 9 parishes are represented by the members of Mayflower! Join the fun! See you on April 1<sup>st</sup>! For more information, visit our website: [www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org](http://www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org), or follow us on Facebook: Mayflower Homeschoolers.



**You are invited to join St. Dominic Young Adults on our second annual silent retreat at Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, VA.** This year's retreat theme is "The Christian Faithful's

Participation in the Threefold Mission of Christ." The retreat will be led by Fr. Will Thompson of the Diocese of Owensboro, KY and includes preached reflections, Mass and Confession, and availability for individual spiritual direction. You will also have the opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with the monks of Holy Cross Abbey. All young adults (20-39) are welcome to join us, and there are 13 available spots. The cost\* is a \$75 deposit made out to St. Dominic Church upon registration and an at-will donation (recommended \$125-275) given upon final departure from the retreat house. Please sign up at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGChTgV2SvoMxyonza-9bWfaz7dj4BMicxRuAdtyuuxXjMzw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGChTgV2SvoMxyonza-9bWfaz7dj4BMicxRuAdtyuuxXjMzw/viewform?usp=sf_link) \*Financial assistance available upon request. Please contact Joe Spofford ([joe.spofford@gmail.com](mailto:joe.spofford@gmail.com)) for this or any other questions.



## A letter from Father DeRosa.

Dear Friends,

Just a reminder from last week of 3 Items:

**First** - In the magazine racks at the back of the church you can find our mid-year parish financial update, briefing parishioners on the state of our finances, and on various modes of giving to the parish. I encourage everyone to give this careful consideration for the long term good of the parish.

**Second** - As part of your Lenten giving, you may want to consider helping the parish with a few items to enhance our sacred worship. Parishioners can sponsor the items below in whole *or in part*. If you're interested in helping our community meet these needs, please contact the parish office at (202) 289-7771 or email me directly at [smmogpriet@gmail.com](mailto:smmogpriet@gmail.com)

**Finally** - Recall that throughout Lent our parish will engage in communal sacrifice along the following lines: (a) Fasting - all non-perishables placed in the bins at the doors of the church will go to the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry in SE. Bags are available in the magazine rack that you can take home as a reminder. (b) Prayer - throughout Lent we will pray for the Church suffering active persecution throughout the world. This week I invite parishioners to pray for our brothers and sisters in India where persecution by Hindu-nationalist elements of civil and state society make it difficult to be Catholic and often dangerous event to speak about the faith. (c) Almsgiving - all donations made to the poor boxes at the back of the main aisle and near the St. Anthony altar will go to a local charity (The Simple House ministry in SE DC) and an international charity (The Hennemann Family Mission, a Catholic family serving the poor in Costa Rica).

Your parish priest,  
Fr. Vincent De Rosa

### LENTEN WISHING LIST

#### **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?*

#### **2 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."*

#### **2 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**

#### **5 Side Side Altar Cloths \$100ea**

*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.*

## ***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](http://saintmarymotherofgod.org) and following this link:  
<https://christopher.travel/rome2019/>



### **Quo Vadis Hiking Trip**

**Sunday, March 31, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

All high school aged men who are interested in the priesthood are invited to go on a Quo Vadis hiking trip. The day will include Mass, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, dinner, and the opportunity to spend time with priests, seminarians, and other high school aged men who are open to the priesthood. Bus transportation will be available from throughout the archdiocese. More information is available and registration is open at [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org)! Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations ([vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

### **Lenten Devotions at the Basilica**

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites the faithful to join in special devotions offered throughout the Lenten Season. Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Saturday during Lent in the Crypt Church following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Lenten Vespers will be sung by the Choir of the Basilica each Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Great Upper Church. 40 Hours Devotion will be observed from Thursday, March 28 beginning with an Opening Mass at 5:15 p.m. in the Crypt Church and will close on Saturday, March 30 with Mass and Benediction at 5:15 p.m. in the Great Upper Church. Continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be available throughout, including overnight hours. No tickets or reservations are required. For more information, please visit [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org) or call 202-526-8300.

### **Catholicism - The Pivotal Players: St. Augustine and St. Benedict**

St. Augustine, the Teacher, and St. Benedict, the Monk, not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization. This 5-week video and discussion series by Bishop Robert Barron focuses on the lives and unique contributions of these two saints. This study will be offered at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the school auditorium on 5 Wednesday evenings, March 13 through April 10, 2019, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Student materials may be purchased online at [wordonfire.org](http://wordonfire.org). For more information, contact Ceil Malphrus at [ceilmalphrus@verizon.net](mailto:ceilmalphrus@verizon.net) or Mary Donovan at [mamadonovan4@gmail.com](mailto:mamadonovan4@gmail.com).

### **Cathedral Penance Service**

The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle invites you to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a Lenten Communal Penance Service, "Come Home for Easter," on Tuesday, April 16 at 12:10pm. More than 15 priests will be available for individual confessions, including Spanish-speaking and other foreign language confessors. The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, between Connecticut Ave. and 17th St., near the Red Line Farragut North Metro station. [www.stmatthewscathedral.org/Lent2019](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/Lent2019)

## ***Events at the John Paul II National Shrine***

3900 Harewood Rd. NE Washington DC 20017 202 635 5400 [jp2shrine.org](http://jp2shrine.org)

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 9:00am-4:00pm.** This retreat will focus on strengthening faith in four areas of men's lives – at home, at the parish, in the workplace, and in society. Continue your exploration of God's call to leadership and holiness in your life! More information and registration is available on [strongerretreat.eventbrite.com](http://strongerretreat.eventbrite.com).

#### **Schedule**

- 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. – Arrival, light refreshments, and opening remarks (2nd Floor)
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. – 1st talk: The Passion of Christ's Leadership by Fr. Jose Cortes
- 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. – Personal prayer time with options including: Confession, Adoration, the Rosary, or a sacred art tour
- 12:00 to 12:45 p.m. – Daily Mass with Celebrant Fr. Jose Cortes
- 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. – Lunch (Included in registration)
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – 2nd talk: Grace, Virtue, and the Strength of Men to Lead by Captain Joseph McInerney, USN, Ph.D.
- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Group activity and discussion
- 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. – Final Prayer and Veneration of the Relic of Saint John Paul II

More information and registration available at: [StrongerRetreat.eventbrite.com](http://StrongerRetreat.eventbrite.com) Cost to attend: \$35 (Includes lunch and drinks throughout the day)

**Join us every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.** for a presentation, time for silent meditation, and a Sunday Vespers service. This event is followed by 7:00 p.m. Mass. The title of this Sunday's talk, given by Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P., is "Attend". This Lent, the "Art of Prayer" will feature a special series of talks by Friars from the Dominican House of Studies, titled "Friendship with God".

**March 17:** "Beloved" by Fr. James Dominic Brent, O.P.

**March 24:** "Blood" by Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, O.P.

**March 31:** "Fire" by Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, O.P.

**April 7:** "Abide" by Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P

