

Reverend Vincent DeRosa
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Schedule of Masses

Monday

11:30 am Novena and 12:05pm Mass (English)
5:15pm- Mass and Novena (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
1:00pm – Mass in English
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

Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church

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Sunday, April 28th 2019
Low Sunday

Installation of The New Archbishop of Washington DC



The Installation Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 2 pm in the afternoon, with the Liturgical Procession beginning at 1:30 pm. Also note that both the Installation Mass and Reception immediately following will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

While there will be sections of the Basilica open to the public, these will fill up quickly. Live video of the Installation Mass will also be made available to parishes. The Office of Communications will share additional information about this in the coming weeks.

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 or Clare Tang at (301) 251-7831. 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 April 28th

9:00am – Beatrice Szele-Szechenyi (L)
10:30am – George Szele (L)
1:00pm – Alyssa Won (L)
7:30pm – Longo Family (L)

Monday April 29th

12:05pm -Anniversary of Paul and Lucille Pham (L)
5:15pm – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday April 30th

12:05pm - Beatrice Szele-Szechenyi (L)

Wednesday May 1st

8:00am – April Marie Hawkins (D)
12:05pm – Joseph A. Drapa (D)

Thursday May 2nd

12:05pm – Margaret Tinto (D)

Friday May 3rd

8:00am – Suzanne Pearson (L)
12:05pm – Margaret McKenzie (L)

Saturday May 4th

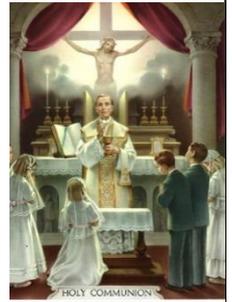
9:00am- Beatrice Szele-Szechenyi (L)

Sunday May 5th

5:00pm - Doris Jean Sonenberg (D)

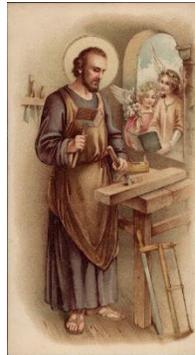
First Holy Communion at Saint Mary Mother of God. If you think your child is ready to receive his/her First Holy Communion this year, please let us know by sending us an email at:

Stmarys20001@gmail.com and Father DeRosa will contact you for further details. The date that ALL children from Saint Mary will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be the first Sunday of May: (May 5th, 2019)



They all need your prayers. Considering offering Masses for them.

They will be grateful for all eternity. You can also offer Masses for your loved ones who are still with us. A beautiful card of Saint Mary's altar is included in your request. You can email at stmarys20001@gmail.com, call us at 202 289-7771 or simply fill out a form provided at the church.



On Wednesday, May 1, there will be an additional Mass on the feast of Saint Joseph the Workman. A traditional Latin Low Mass will be offered at 8 a.m.

Join us this summer for a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in John Paul II's Theology of the Body! This short, one-week intensive course studies his "Wednesday catechesis"— through an in-depth examination of the text and a discussion of his scriptural, theological, and philosophical methodology. It shows how the dual unity of man and woman and their interpersonal communion, even in the body, image divine Trinitarian life.

Please purchase a copy of the book before the course begins: *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body* by John Paul II (Boston: Pauline Press, 2006. ISBN: 0819874213). Reading assignments will be distributed in advance to allow students to prepare for the course.

Registration

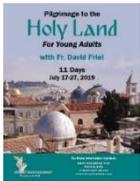
The class fee is \$150..Registrations may be submitted by mail or via e-mail to information@johnpaulii.edu. Registration closes on July 1. For more information, email: information@johnpaulii.edu or call 202.526.3799.



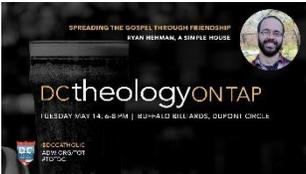


Men's Discernment Mass and Dinner ~ May 19, 2019 5:00-8:00 p.m.

All single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics are invited to attend a Men's Discernment Dinner held at Saint John Paul II Seminary. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington D.C. area. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Dir. of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. to register!



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for Young Adults with Fr. David Friel
July 17-27, 2019 Price including airfare from Newark, NJ (EWR): \$2850.00
Price without airfare: \$2085.00
Single room supplement: \$695.00



Hosted by [DCCatholic-Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese of Washington](#)

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT

Buffalo Billiards 1330 19th St NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20036

Speaker: Ryan Hehman - Topic: Spreading the Gospel Through Friendship

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](#)

A letter from Father DeRosa

Dear All - Please forward my thoughts (below) to all those in your respective ministries:

“As they emerge from the grace-giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival bring the grace of holiness from heaven to men.”

-From an Easter Homily By An Ancient Author (Office of Readings Easter Wednesday)

Dear Friends,

The quote above beautifully describes the culmination of the Easter celebrations. I think it's a testimony to what the Lord was doing at St. Mary's this Easter that the excerpt is also almost an exact picture of our church at the vigil. And though no one was baptized on Saturday night, we can look forward to many sons and daughters of God being born from the font we blessed this past weekend. I also hope we can - all of us - find a renewed appreciation for our own experience of the sacraments.

The graces of Triduum will take time to unpack but it all starts with the celebration of the mysteries, a celebration that would not have happened without you. I'm so very grateful to all our servers, musicians, and ushers... to our decorating crews... and to everyone at the parish who put in extra time talent and effort to make Triduum such a gift. Thank you!

Moving forward, my encouragement to everyone is simply: pray... Pray over the sacraments in this period of mystagogia. Pray over the gifts received during the Easter celebrations. Pray to find renewal for yourselves. Pray also for the renewal of our parish in the form of new parishioners this Easter season. Somewhere in your meditations you may hear a gentle prompting of the Spirit to offer up a new idea, invite a new friend, or think outside the box to grow our community. Indulge that prompting! Let's talk about it and see how the Lord is guiding us to advance the Gospel. As always, my door is open to discuss it all!

Again, thank you for all you've done over the last few weeks. You are all in my prayers this Easter!

Your parish priest,
Fr. De Rosa



Domestic Church Day: Man and Woman He Created Them

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on Saturday, **May 4 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the John Paul II National Shrine**. The day will include engaging catechesis for adults, teens, and children, the opportunity to pray together as a family, and fun family activities. This will be the first part in a three-part series on *The Theology of the Body*. For information or to register, visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com. If you have any questions about the event, please email events@jp2shrine.org.

Here is our Facebook Event listing that you can share: <https://www.facebook.com/events/372808313446962/>

Biography of Dr. Andrew J. Sodergren:

Dr. Andrew J. Sodergren is a Catholic psychologist and director of psychological services for Ruah Woods, a Theology of the Body ministry in Cincinnati, OH. He earned his Masters and Doctoral degrees in Clinical Psychology from Divine Mercy University's Institute for the Psychological Sciences. His dissertation, completed in 2009 was entitled "Attachment and Morality: A Catholic Perspective." Dr. Sodergren also holds a Masters degree in Theology from the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, DC where he teaches as an Adjunct Professor. He regularly speaks to lay and professional audiences on topics related to the integration of psychology and Catholic anthropology, attachment, marriage, sexuality, and the like. He and his wife Ellie have been married 19 years and five children.

Description of the Keynote Adult Talk:

Man and Woman He Created Them: The Origin of Our Love

This talk will explain the importance of Theology of the Body for marriage in the context of John Paul II's exegesis of Genesis 1 and 2. It will reflect upon how love is a gift received from God that is lived for and with others. It will then discuss how the body is revelatory of the way of married love and an authentic understanding of sexual complementarity. It will conclude with practical tips on how to identify obstacles and overcome challenges in living this vocation, and thus foster loving communion in our marriages.

John Paul II National Shrine is located at:
3900 Harewood Rd NE
Washington DC 20017