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Pastor**

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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

Director of Music: Bray McDonnell

Priests in Residence

Fr. James Bradley

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TLM*- Traditional Latin Mass

**Saint Mary Mother of God
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December 29th, 2019

- Sunday in the Octave of the Nativity—TLM
Dum médium siléntium tenérent ómnia, et nox in suo cursu médium iter habéret, omnípotens sermo tuus, Dómine, de cælis a regálibus sédibus venit.
- Holy Family – Novus Ordo.

Dear Visitors,

We hope you were blessed by your visit with us.

You are welcome here at historic 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.

We also welcome new residents to our parish community. Please register by filling out a census form available at the Rectory office, our website, or at the back of the church.

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

DONATE ONLINE OR BY TEXT

Online

Sign up at www.faithdirect.com

Our church code is: DC347

To donate by text:

Text \$ amount to 202 410-4240

Follow the link and complete a one-time process

You can also support our parish through smile.amazon.com by searching for: "Stmarys church" in Washington, DC. Every time you make an amazon purchase a portion will be sent directly to St. Mary's!



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 AT SAINT MARY MOTHER OF GOD

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.

Schedule of Masses

Sunday December 29th

9:00am – Beatrice Szele and children (L)
10:30am – For the health of Julia Donovan (L)
7:30pm – Father Garrett O'Brien (L)

Monday December 30th

12:05pm – Thomas Welsford (L)

Tuesday December 31st

10:00pm – Szele-Hadford Family (L)

Wednesday, January 1st 2020

9:00 am- Joshua Caleb Watson (D)
11:30am – Carmen Alvarado (L)

Thursday January 2nd

No public Mass

Friday January 3rd

No public Mass

Saturday January 4th

No 9:00am Mass
5:00pm – Grace Sudeberg (L)

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the church. (This is in addition to our monthly Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each First Saturday following the 9 a.m. Low Mass.) Please consider coming to Adoration after work, or perhaps before dinner, on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. to spend some time with our Lord.

Young Adults Group every Wednesday, at 6:30 pm after Adoration. Come and join other young adults for faith-study and fellowship.

On Sundays at 11:30am. The goal will be to help adult Catholics understand the basics of the faith in an adult way... updating what is, for many, an 8th-grade catechesis from before the time of their confirmation. Meetings will be held in the Rectory dining room.

On Friday January 24th, the March for Life will start at 12 noon. Several Masses will be offered at Saint Mary's (including at our side altars) throughout the morning, and at 3:30 p.m. the annual Nellie Gray Mass will be offered at the main altar. It will be a traditional Latin *Missa Solemnis*. More details to come.



- **New Year's Day: Wednesday 1 January**

9 am - Latin Low Mass (extraordinary form) for the Octave of Christmas

11:30 am - Joint English/Chinese Mass for the Mother of God

- **Jan 2-3: No public Mass**

- **Jan. 4: Regular schedule resumes**

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Consider offering Masses for your beloved ones.

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 (picture of card) altar is included in your request. You can send us an email with your request to stmarys20001@gmail.com, or a phone call at 202 289-7771 or simply fill out a form provided at the church.



Monday January 6, 7:30 p.m.



MUSIC SUNG BY

Chantry

HANTRY SINGS FOR MASS AT ST. MARY'S ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, MONDAY JANUARY 6 – For our Extraordinary Form Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord on the feast day itself, **Monday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m.**, Chantry will sing splendid Renaissance polyphony including Byrd's great Gradualia Propers for Epiphany and—since for the Renaissance the Star of Bethlehem was related to another star, Mary the Star of the Sea—Victoria's beautiful Missa Ave maris stella. The music for the Mass will also include great motets inspired by the story of the Magi. Reviewing Chantry's June 2019 performance of Renaissance polyphony at St. Mary's, Washington Classical Review said Chantry "sings this music extremely well," with pieces "crystalline in structure and balance," sound with "a virtuosic sheen," and singing with "delightful rhythmic alacrity."



A Year of Music at the Cathedral!

St. Matthew's Great Organ 2019 - 2020 Inaugural Concert Series includes Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals at 12:45pm and Sunday Afternoon Recitals at 3:30pm, as well as an evening performance by the CUA Symphony Orchestra featuring Simeone Tartaglione, Conductor and Ronald Stolk, Organist. The series celebrates the completion of the Cathedral Great Organ following its public performance debut earlier this year. View the Concert Series schedule, which also lists special choral performances by and liturgies with St. Matthew's Schola Cantorum, as well as two guest choral concerts during Advent 2019. The cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, between Connecticut Ave. and 17th St., near the Farragut North Red Line, Farragut West Orange Line, and Dupont Circle Red Line Metro stops. Visit us at www.stmatthewscathedral.org or call us at 202-347-3215.

Men's Retreat February 7-9, 2020

"Life in Christ: The Gift of the Sacraments" The Office for Family Life is hosting a Men's Retreat. Join men from around the Archdiocese of Washington for a weekend retreat directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Msgr. Robert Panke. Are you living the graces of a fully sacramental Life? What does it mean to live out our baptism, to live a Eucharistic life and to access the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our daily lives and relationships? This retreat will help you to reflect on the importance of our sacraments and to reconnect with the most important relationship in your life - your relationship with Christ. The retreat will be held at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV. To register go to the following link: <https://2020adwmensretreat.eventbrite.com> or for more information call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499

Archbishop Gregory invites men in their 20's-40's who are interested in learning more about the priesthood, to attend a discernment retreat at John Paul II Seminary. The retreat will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God's call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the seminary and priesthood. The retreat will be held on the weekend of: **January 31-February 2, 2020** The retreat will begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday after brunch. It will include prayer, talks, Mass, time for quiet reflection, and the opportunity to discuss the priesthood with seminarians, priests, and other men who are considering the priestly vocation. There is no cost to attend. Registration is now open at www.DCPriest.org – For more information contact Fr Mark Ivany 202 636-9020 / vocations@adw.org

Coming up: Priesthood Day at St. Mary's, Sunday, January 12, 2020. Will be celebrated Sunday, January 12 during coffee hour after 9:00am mass. Spiritual bouquets, including rosary, mass, divine mercy chaplets, holy hours, etc. for the intentions of St. Mary's priests, will be collected. **Sign up days will be Sunday, December 15, and Sunday January 5, 2020, after 9:00am mass.**

The Knights of Columbus at Saint Mary Mother of God



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. We are investigating starting a council here at St. Mary's and we recently held a membership drive - we might have missed you. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our Parish name for local information. More information to come about starting our council here at St. Marys. Contact Julius Jackson for more information: jackson@dcknights.org.

January is often called “Divorce Month.” The misery that many couples feel during the holidays can push a struggling couple past the breaking point.

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 many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend **on January 24th - January 26th, 2020**, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

Give the Gift of Service

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.



Volunteer Opportunity at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Northeast Washington D.C. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel (Director of Visitor Services) via telephone at (202) 526-8300, ext.111, or via email (dsteel@bnsic.org). Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.