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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

Fr. Vincent Rigdon

TLM*- Traditional Latin Mass

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February 2nd, 2020

Purification of The Blessed Virgin Mary –
Candlemass - TLM
The Presentation of The Lord – 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 Saint 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.

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Sunday February 2nd

9:00am – Beatrice Szele and children (L)
10:30am – Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:30pm – Souls of deceased members of Rauer and Reichwein families.

Monday February 3rd

12:05pm – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday February 4th

12:05pm – Souls of deceased members of Rauer and Reichwein families.

Wednesday February 5th

12:05pm – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday February 6th

12:05pm – Donald Clark (D)

Friday February 7th

8:00am – Stephen Hadford (L)
12:05pm – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday February 8th

5:00pm – Father DB Thompson (L)



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.



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.

The Knights of Columbus at Saint Mary's.



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 info. More information to come about starting our council here at St. Marys. Contact Julius Jackson : jackson@dcknights.org

A Letter from Father DeRosa.

Dear Friends,

On my desk I keep two piles: one is basic administrative paperwork that has to get processed on a timeline: bills, appointments and the like. The other pile are personal correspondence that I may want to take more time with, perhaps even penning a reply by hand! We'll get back to those piles in a minute...

As I write this evening, our community is coming off of a VERY busy week. As they do each year, tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters from across the US made pilgrimage to DC this year to pray and demonstrate for the cause of Life; that all life should be respected with supreme dignity from conception until natural death. It's a point of pride for me that our pro-life marchers are beloved of the Capitol Police and the Parks Police. Friends in each force have often remarked that pro-lifers are the most pleasant of the demonstrators who come to DC.

It's also a point of pride that our local Church in DC should do such a great job of hosting prayer vigils/masses over the course of this week. In addition to the Cap. One Arena and the National Shrine did you know that EVERY church in downtown DC was filled with pilgrims? Between Thursday Jan. 23 and Saturday Jan. 25, our community hosted 14 different masses/vigils. We distributed Holy Communion to over 2,000 pilgrims (I counted hosts before and after)... and that was all *before* our regular slate of weekend activities! Our volunteers deserve a ton of praise for their commitment. In addition to sacristy and hospitality duty, there are those who cleaned bathrooms, took out garbage, plunged toilets, ironed mountains of church linens all to keep our church ready for the pilgrims and weekend parishioners. As one pastor from North Dakota remarked, "We've received grudging hospitality in other places, but you guys at St. Mary's really know how to run a pilgrim church. Thank you for making us feel like family."

Now, proud of and grateful as I am to our volunteers, I'm also dead tired! So, back to those two piles on my desk. Going through the personal correspondence pile, I've just found the beautiful card given to the parish priests by a group of parishioners who got prayer commitments from their neighbors to offer sacrifice for us. I'm bowled over to know that parishioners have offered 525 masses for us, promised to pray 2,215 rosaries, 165 Divine Mercy Chaplets and various other prayers for us. In the midst of the fatigue of this week, THANK YOU! Your prayers lift me up and restore me for another week of work in the Lord's vineyard.

Your parish priest,
Fr. De Rosa

Make a Difference for Christians in Syria

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC 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 or call 202-526-6800, x895.

Quo Vadis Shadow Day

February 7, 2020 7:15 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., St. John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America Juniors and seniors in high school are invited to join us for a special Quo Vadis "Shadow Day" at Saint John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America. The day will allow the young men to experience a "day in the life" of a seminarian by joining them for Mass, Adoration, meals, class, sports and just hanging out. It is also a great opportunity to meet other high school students who are considering seminary. Please register to attend at www.dcpriest.org. Email vocations@adw.org with any questions.

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.



Retreat for Grieving Parents

Parents who are grieving the loss of a child, no matter how old the child is or how long ago the child died, are invited to a retreat for grieving parents on Saturday, *March 14, 2020 at St. Joseph Parish in Beltsville, MD.* The retreat is open to any parent who has lost a child. To register, please go to the following link: <https://grievingparentretreat.eventbrite.com> For more information call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499 or email ferrando-bowlingc@adw.org.



February 11th, Theology on Tap DCCatholic-Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese of Washington

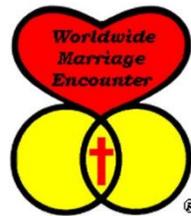
Speakers: Christopher and Katie Baker

Topic: Real vs. Ideal: Love, dating, marriage

All young professionals (21-late 30s) are invited to our monthly DCCatholic Theology on Tap at Public Bar Live in Dupont 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 talk to follow from 7-8pm.

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+Must have valid 21+ ID to enter



February 1-2, 2020 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Scripture-Based Bulletin Announcements February, 2020

Just as Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, present your marriage to the Lord. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on *February 28 – March 1, 2020.* The weekend is in College Park, MD. Give your marriage a Valentine's gift you won't forget! Apply on moments4marriage.org. Seats are still available. Please apply as soon as possible. For more information leave a message at 301-541-7007.