

## Reverend Vincent DeRosa

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

Msgr. Salvatore Criscuolo

Fr. Vincent Rigdon

TLM\*- Traditional Latin Mass

## Saint Mary Mother of God Catholic Church

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### *March 1st, 2020*

### First Sunday in Lent

*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](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) and we will send it to you.*

## **DONATE ONLINE OR BY TEXT**

### Online

Sign up at [www.faithdirect.com](http://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!

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**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 March 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00am – Sister Maria Carmen of Christ OCD (L)  
10:30am – Rosalia Alfaro (D)  
7:30pm – Frederick Cruikshank (D)

### Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

12:05pm – Marlyn G. Brown (L)

### Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>

12:05pm – Giuseppe Commisso (D)

### Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>

12:05pm – John Joseph Hadford (L)

### Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Anthony Hadford (L)  
12:05pm – Jessica Bryar (D)

### Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>

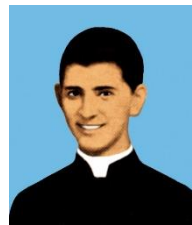
9:00 – Stephen Hadford (L)  
5:00pm – Father Too (D)

## 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](mailto:stmarys20001@gmail.com) or a phone call at 202 289-7771 or simply fill out a form provided at the church.



## LENTEN VOCATION TREE IS HERE!!!



Pick a seminarian card from the Vocations Tree and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. All the seminarians are very grateful for it. It is a great Lenten tradition here at Saint Mary. **The Lenten Vocation Tree is located near the Saint Anthony's chapel.**



**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.

**Adult Faith Formation 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.

**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'll find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you'd like to join today go to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus) and enter our Parish name for local info.

More to come about starting our council at St. Mary's. Contact Julius Jackson :[jackson@dcknights.org](mailto:jackson@dcknights.org):



### **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](mailto:dsteel@bnsic.org)). Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

## Laetare Vespers at the Cathedral

The Schola Cantorum of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle will present the Office of Vespers for Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, **March 22 at 4pm**. The Office will be sung entirely in Latin, in Gregorian chant and polyphony. Music selections include a Magnificat by Orlando Lasso, and renaissance motets by Andrea Gabrieli and Heinrich Isaac on Laetare themes. The final motet, Ave Regina Caelorum, is a recently created work by Polish composer Marek Raczyński. The liturgy will be presented according to the Roman Liturgia Horarum, complete with the censing of the altar during the singing of the Magnificat. 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/Lent2020](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/Lent2020).



**Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:30 AM – 5:15 PM**  
DCCatholic invites all young adults (20s and 30s) to the 17th Annual 7 Church Walk! Join hundreds of young adults for our annual Lenten pilgrimage as we continue a Roman tradition in DC. We walk to seven D.C. churches in the Brookland neighborhood, praying together at each station, and concluding with a 5:15 Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Meet: 10:30 AM, Saint John Paul II National Shrine. Bring: Comfortable shoes (we'll walk 3 miles!), rosary, bag lunch or lunch money.

### Schedule and Frequently Asked Questions

10:30-11:00 am: Saint John Paul II Shrine  
11:15-11:45 am: Dominican House of Studies  
11:55-12:35 pm: St. Anthony Parish  
12:35-2:10pm: Lunch  
2:10-2:50 pm: Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land  
3:20-3:50 pm: Ukrainian Shrine of the Holy Family  
4:00-4:30 pm: Catholic University's Caldwell Chapel  
4:35-5:15 pm: Basilica of the National Shrine (confessions + Mass)



- What to Bring? An open heart, a contemplative spirit, comfortable walking shoes, water bottle, rosary, and a brown bag lunch (or \$ to buy)!
- Where do we Meet? -Meet in Saint John Paul II National Shrine at 10:30 am  
Share the event: -We challenge you to reach out and personally invite at least one friend to participate.  
Learn more about young adult events across the DC area: [DCCatholic.org](http://DCCatholic.org) // [Facebook.com/DCCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/DCCatholic) // [DCCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/DCCatholic)

## Retreat for Grieving Parents . March 14, 2020

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. [Click here to see the flyer](#). 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](mailto:ferrando-bowlingc@adw.org).

## The Way Retreat for Survivors of Abuse

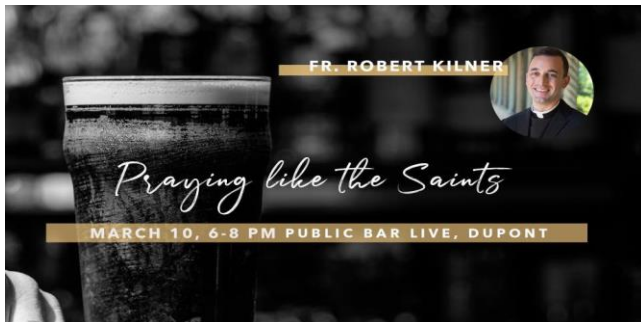
As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on **April 3-5, 2020**. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. This retreat is free for all participants. For more information on this or future retreats for men and women, visit [adw.org/the-way-retreat](http://adw.org/the-way-retreat). To register, email [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

## Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who made a pledge to the 2020 Annual Appeal. Your gift will support seminarian formation, Catholic education, catechetical programs, prison and hospital ministries, and many other charitable and spiritual works of our Archdiocese. Our parish goal is 100% participation, so if you have not had an opportunity to make your pledge to the Annual Appeal, we encourage you to visit [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) to make your gift which will be credited to our parish. You may also take a pledge envelope home with you after Mass and return it to the offertory basket next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!  
Thank you for your generous stewardship of the 2020 Annual Appeal!

### **Introductory Natural Family Planning Class - March 7 from 10am – 12:00pm**

*“Called to give life, spouses share in the creative power and fatherhood of God. Married couples should regard it as their proper mission to transmit human life and to educate their children; they should realize that they are thereby cooperating with the love of God the Creator and are, in a certain sense, its interpreters. They will fulfill this duty with a sense of human and Christian responsibility.” (CCC2367).* Couples will learn about the science behind Natural Family Planning and the different methods they can use in an introductory class which will be offered on: March 7 and June 27 from 10am – Noon at Catholic Charities, 12247 Georgia Ave., Room 301, Silver Spring MD 20902. You only need to attend one of these dates. To register: <https://adwnfp101.eventbrite.com>. For more information contact the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or [visibleesign@adw.org](mailto:visibleesign@adw.org)



### **Praying Like The Saints. March 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm**

All are welcome! Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour specials from 6-7pm with talk starting at 7pm!

**Can't make it? Follow along for live video on our [Facebook page](#) and on twitter using [#totDC](#)**

### **Deacon “Come and See” Events**

Deacons are called to a special ministry of service through which they assist the poor, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, the imprisoned, immigrants, and others. As ministers of God’s Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel at Mass, preach, and teach. They also exercise various liturgical roles, including baptisms, witnessing marriages, and preside at funerals, wakes, and graveside services.

**The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. It will begin with an aspirancy program in October of 2020.** The initial selection process for this class will begin with a series of “Come and See” events at various parishes around the Archdiocese. Potential applicants should review the schedule below for the locations and dates of these events in order to take advantage of the opportunity to attend and learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program. Applicants must be baptized Catholic men between the ages of thirty and sixty (at the time the formation program begins), active in the parish, and recommended by their pastors. Interested persons may contact Deacon Charles Huber, Assistant Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or by e-mail at [HuberC@adw.org](mailto:HuberC@adw.org). The mailing address for the office is: *Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017-0260*. Additional information and an *Inquirer’s Information Form* is available at <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/>.

The schedule to “come and see” for potential applicants and their wives is:

Thur. Feb. 27, 2020, 7-9 PM - Church of the Annunciation, NW Washington, DC  
Wed. Mar. 4, 2020, 7-9 PM - Church of the Incarnation, NE Washington, DC  
Tue. Mar. 10, 2020, 7-9 PM - St. John the Evangelist, Clinton, MD  
Thur. Mar. 12, 2020, 7-9 PM - St. Peter, Olney, MD  
Wed. Mar. 18, 2020, 7-9 PM- St. Catherine Laboure, Wheaton, MD  
Thur. Mar. 19, 2020, 7-9 PM - Our Lady Help of Christians, Waldorf, MD  
Thur. Mar. 26, 2020, 7-9 PM- St. Joseph, Largo, MD

**Please RSVP** to Ms. Diane Biggs, 301-853-5345, [biggsd@adw.org](mailto:biggsd@adw.org) and let her know which session you will attend, and if your wife (if married) will be attending with you as well.