

Reverend Vincent De Rosa
Parish Priest



Schedule of masses

Monday

11:30 novena and 12:05pm Mass

5:15pm – Mass.

No evening Mass and Novena on 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**

Second Sundays - 5:00pm- High Mass

(not during the months of July and August)

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

Priests in Residence:

Fr Garrett O'Brien

Fr Vincent Rigdon

St. Mary Mother of God Church

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Dear Friends,

In just barely a month, we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: the moment when Mary was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven. It's a day marked by one of God's most wonderful gifts, hope. In view of what her son Jesus would do, Mary was born without the stain of original sin, a perfect vessel to bring the Christ into the world. Because she was without sin, at the moment of her death, she did not have to wait for her body and soul to rise together to heaven. What's the practical upshot of all this theology? For you and me it's a preview of what we *hope* for ourselves... our ultimate resurrection, body and soul into the presence of God forever. If Mary, a human being could do it in light of the mercy of Christ, we can too! I don't know about you, but it makes me smile inside to think about it.

Starting our relationship together, priest and parishioners, can we ask God for the gift of hope in a very particular way on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15?

Let's ask him for hope for our parish, for continued growth, life, and peace together as a family here in DC.

Let's ask him for hope for perhaps the most hopeless among us: the hungry... Over the next month you can bring canned food to bins in the back of the Church. On the Assumption, we will give our gift to the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, which runs several parish food banks in the poorest parts of our city. I used to lead one of these food banks and I can vouch for their Catholic Spirit and practical efficacy.

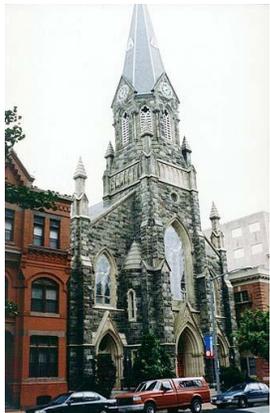
Finally, I ask you to pray for hope in my own ministry: this summer marks my 10th anniversary of ordination and so I want the gift of hope to go on for another ten years... heck, another fifty! Given the timing of my move to St. Mary's, I wasn't able to celebrate with my previous parish family, I *hope* we can celebrate and pray over this happy moment together.

On the Feast of the Assumption, two masses will be offered at St. Mary's: 12:05 in English and 7:30pm in Latin. Let us beg for, give and celebrate the gift of hope together!

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 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 to make arrangements.

Baptisms: Call the Rectory (202) 289-7771 or send an email to 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.



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Schedule of Masses

Sunday July 22nd

9:00am- Santiago Soutuyo (D)
10:30am – Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)
1:00pm- Stephen Hoarn (D)
7:30pm- Repose of the soul of
Sophia de Henriquez.

Monday, July 23rd

12:00pm – Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)
5:15pm – Bernadette Hounches (D)

Tuesday, July 24th

12:00pm- – Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

Wednesday, July 25th

12:00pm- – Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

Thursday, July 26th

12:00pm -- Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

Friday, July 27th

8:00am – Rick Strobach (L)
12:00pm – Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

Saturday, July 28th

5:00pm- – Edward Pawlukiewicz (D)

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remember to honor your loved ones, alive and deceased, or just for any special occasion. They will be



grateful to you for all eternity. Fill out the provided envelopes in the church and put it in the collection basket. A beautiful card of Saint Mary's for whom the Mass is requested is included upon request.

Film Viewing - *Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae*. Celebrating the beauty of the Church's teaching on married love, St. Joseph Church in Pomfret, MD invites you to a dinner and viewing of *Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae* on **Friday, July 27**. This brand-new film examines the effects of the free-love experiment of the Hippie Generation and the prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. Food, film, and childcare all FREE (donations gratefully accepted). Food served at 6:30pm, and film starts at 7:30pm. Space is limited, so RSVP by calling the parish at 301-539-3903. The parish is located at 4590 St. Joseph Way, Pomfret, MD 20675.

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.

2018 Summer Organ Recital Series at the Basilica.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to their 2018 Summer Organ Recital Series in the Great Upper Church. A recital will take place **every Sunday in the month of July at 6pm**. The series features Roland Voit of Hagen, Germany (**July 22**); and Jonathan William Moyer of Cleveland, OH (**July 29**). Open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica has free parking and is conveniently located within walking distance of the Brookland-CUA Station of Metro's Red Line. More info. 202-526-8300.

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.

Photo Retreat: "Seeking the Light"

On Saturday, July 28 from 10am–4pm, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land ([1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC](http://1400QuincySt.NE.Washington.DC)) will host a time of listening, reflecting, and practice in photography in its beautiful Monastery Church and gardens. It will be led by Dierdre McQuade, an experienced photographer who holds a Master's in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, along with Fr. Greg Friedman from the Monastery. There will also be time for private prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). No special training in photography is necessary; all skill levels are welcome. Participants should bring a digital camera or phone capable of taking pictures and sharing them digitally. The fee for the day, which includes lunch, is \$35. Sign up at myfranciscan.com

Volunteering at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land

The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild is seeking one or more persons who can commit to a few hours each week to provide administrative support for this important community outreach program that feeds hundreds of those in need each year. Hours are flexible. Persons with organizational and clerical skills who are interested in helping the friars grow this program are encouraged to contact Ann Jones at ann@myfranciscan.com or 202-526-6800, x852.

Volunteering at the National Shrine

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? The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel, Director of Visitor Services, at 202-526-8300, x111 or dsteel@bnsic.org. Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

Save the Date - Mother of Africa Pilgrimage

The archdiocesan Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach invites you join a special Mother of Africa Pilgrimage on **Sunday, September 16 from 2-4pm** in the Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception ([400 Michigan Ave., NE](http://400MichiganAve.NE)). For further information contact Sandra Coles Bell at 301-853-4469 or culturaldiversity@adw.org.