

Reverend Vincent De Rosa  
Parish Priest



Schedule of masses

Monday

11:30 novena and 12:05pm Mass  
5:15pm – Mass.

No public Mass and Novena on federal 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**  
10:30 am (English)  
11:30 am – (Cantonese)  
1:00 pm – English  
7:30 pm – (English)

Staff

Parish Secretary: Soraya Strobach  
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**St. Mary Mother of God  
Catholic Church**

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**Sunday November 4th 2018**

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Resumed)  
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



As you know, we remember our beloved dead and all those who may still be undergoing their purification in the love of Christ.

If you would like to have the names of your beloved ones, please write their names in the blue All Souls Day contribution envelopes provided in the pews. We will be praying for them throughout the whole month of November.

**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 [stmarvs20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarvs20001@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 [stmarvs20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarvs20001@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Baptisms:** Call the Rectory (202) 289-7771 or send an email to [stmarvs20001@gmail.com](mailto:stmarvs20001@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, November 4th

9:00am- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
10:30am- The appointment for our next Archbishop.  
1:00pm- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
7:30pm- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

### Monday, November 5th

12:05pm - Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
5:15pm – Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

### Tuesday, November 6th

12:05 pm – Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

### Wednesday, November 7th

12:05pm- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

### Thursday, November 8th

12:05pm- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
7:30pm - Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

### Friday, November 9th

8:00am- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
12:05pm - Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
7:30pm – Forgiveness of souls in purgatory

### Saturday, November 10th

9:00am – Forgiveness of souls in purgatory  
5:00pm- Forgiveness of souls in purgatory



**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.



**The second collection for November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2018** is for **Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington.** Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue

Christ's mission for decades. Let's join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that have been mailed to your homes or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews for the weekend of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. New this year, you can also give through your smart phone by texting "priest" to 301 231 1816. A link will be sent back to you to complete our generous gift for this important collection.

## *The Holy Land Christians are our guests.*



**On November 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>,** and after all masses we will be hosting at the Church narthex a nice display of handmade olive wood religious carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem available for purchase. These carvings include olive wood nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that make nice wedding, Baptism, Easter and especially Christmas gifts.



These carvings are handmade by Catholic families in Bethlehem who rely on sales for their daily bread. For more than ten years Bethlehem Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing violence. Many Christians left their homeland. The Christian population of the Holy Land wend down from 30% in the last century to almost 1% today.



Please help support our Catholic brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing their carvings. Buying one piece supports a Christian family in Bethlehem, the place of our Lord Jesus Christ. George Ghanem, and indigenous Christian from Bethlehem will be standing by the carvings after all Masses. Let us keep Bethlehem a Christian town forever. Proceeds go to support Christian families in Bethlehem. It is never too late to help. The website shown the crafts is [www.holylandcsc.com](http://www.holylandcsc.com)

### ***Pontifical John Paul II Institute.***

For studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America.

The Washington DC session of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family announces our upcoming Fall Conference: "The Body as Anticipatory Sign: commemorating the Anniversaries of Humanae Vitae & Veritatis Splendor". November 15-17 2018 in Keane Auditorium, McGivney Hall, at the Catholic University of America. For more information email [mrice@johnpaulii.edu](mailto:mrice@johnpaulii.edu) or call 202 526-3799

The choral group Chantry sings "Music for All Souls" on **Sunday, November 4 at 4pm** at Holy Redeemer Church in College Park, MD (4902 Berwyn Rd). Presented on the Sunday nearest the Feast of All Souls, the concert features masterpieces of Renaissance and Baroque polyphony composed in memory of the departed. *The Washington Post* has described Chantry's singing as having "edge-of-seat vitality" and "vast expressive capacity and deeply ingrained sense of style," while *All Arts Review* has called Chantry "one of the musical glories of Washington." Admission to the concert is free. All are welcome to attend!



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

**The Catholic Social Work National Association gathers practitioners who follow the Church's teaching to share their work and knowledge in a faith-based environment.** Through this professional membership association, Catholic social workers support colleagues and develop insight on their day-to-day service to the poor and vulnerable, while also organizing advocacy efforts around important social issues. Come join us for our annual conference "The Mission of Catholic Social Work guided by the Holy Spirit" from **November 9-11 at The Catholic University of America** in Washington, DC. For more details and registration, see our website [cswna.org](http://cswna.org) or contact us at [cswna@cswna.org](mailto:cswna@cswna.org) via email or call Kathleen at 317-416-8285.

### **Catholic Impact – Archdiocese of Washington 2018** **Education- Charity-Healing**

Explore how lives are touched in ways large and small in the Archdiocese of Washington in the inspiring new interactive publication *Catholic Impact 2018* View it at

[www.adw.org/catholicimpact](http://www.adw.org/catholicimpact)

A Newly released edition of Catholic Impact 2018 illustrates how, through archdiocesan ministries, schools and efforts of lay faithful, the Catholic family is an indispensable good neighbor that brings the light of reaching to people young and old, serves those in need, cares for the afflicted works to mend the wounds of society.



### **The Archdiocese of Washington.**



More the 655,000 Catholics –  
139 parishes and missions  
93 Catholic schools serving 26,000 students.  
Awards \$6 million in annual tuition assistance to Catholic school students.  
More than 142,000 men, women and children served by Catholic charities each year.

### **An Illuminated Requiem:**

#### **Meditations on Love and Mortality by Ann Schmalstieg**

This exhibit will run from **October 29 - November 29** in Memorial Hall of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The theme of this exhibit is found in the propers of the Requiem Mass, and the paintings are an expression of the personal experience of love in the context of death. It is the artist's intention to guide visitors through an understanding of mortality and the love and mercy of God and to inspire the living to pray for the dear departed. This event is free and open to the public.

### **Vesper Service for Aid to the Church in Need**

On **Wednesday, November 28 at 7pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, join Aid to the Church in Need to give witness to today's Christian martyrs and those suffering for the faith around the world. Sister Annie Demerjian, a nun currently serving the people of Syria, and Bishop Oliver Doeme of Maiduguri in Nigeria, will present witness talks on their experiences in these troubled areas. The evening will include Vespers celebrated by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A., accompanied by the Choir of the Basilica. Please gather with us on this special night of prayer and remembrance. This event is free and open to the public, but an RSVP would be helpful. The Basilica offers ample free parking and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information please visit [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com) or call 202-526-8300



## Chantry: Armistice Day Remembrance

Chantry sings a special concert for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day at St. Mary Mother of God on **Sunday, November 11, at 3:00 p.m.** Discount tickets for parishioners are available from the Rectory. The concert features masterpieces of Renaissance and Baroque polyphony composed in memory of the departed. Victoria's *Requiem*,

widely regarded as one of the finest works by Spain's greatest composer, is one of the greatest of all Requiem Masses. Purcell's *Funeral Music*, written for the funeral of Queen Mary II, is characterized by Baroque expressiveness and somber beauty. Settings of *Iustorum animae* (The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God) by Lassus and Byrd, and Schütz's great *Selig sind die Toten* (Blessed are the dead) are filled with serenity and peace in the face of death. Chantry most recently visited the parish to sing for our solemn high extraordinary form Mass on the Feast of the Assumption last August. The Washington Post has described Chantry's singing as having "edge-of-seat vitality" and "vast expressive capacity and deeply ingrained sense of style," while All Arts Review has called Chantry "one of the musical glories of Washington."

Tickets (\$40 adult, \$20 young adult ages 23-30, \$10 youth/student age 22 and below) are available at the door or on [chantrydc.com](http://chantrydc.com)

**Parishioners of St. Mary Mother of God get half the price of the ticket. Please visit the Rectory by Friday November 9 to claim your discount passes.**

## Mass in the Extraordinary Form on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Dedication of The Lateran Basilica in Rome.

The Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.