

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 Vincent Rigdon

St. Mary Mother of God Church

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National Shrine's Annual Tower Tour.



This September, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will once again offer the extraordinary opportunity to view our nation's capital from the spectacular vantage point of its bell tower. Tour opportunities are available on:

**Friday, September 7
from 10am-4pm.**

Visitors will ascend the tower elevator to the observation level, where they can take in outstanding views in all four directions. The ability to climb stairs and

ride in a small elevator is required to take this tour. Tours are on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no tickets or reservations required. The Basilica is located at [400 Michigan Ave NE](http://www.nationalshrine.com), 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 or call 202-526-8300.

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.

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, August 19th

9:00am- Margaret Mary Burger Rose (D)

10:30am – Equestrian Order of
The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

1:00pm- Mrs. Hillaria and Tara Middleton (D)

7:30pm-Marny Cvrkel (L)

Monday, August 20th

12:00pm – Rev. Alfred Harris (L)

5:15pm – Tina Petrucelli (L)

Tuesday, August 21st

12:00pm – Brinda Thomas (L)

Wednesday, August 22nd

12:00pm- Anthony Hadford (L)

Thursday, August 23rd

12:00pm – Richard J. Costello (D)

Friday, August 24th

8:00am – Stephen Hadford (L)

12:00pm – Jerome Schall(D)

Saturday, August 25th

5:00pm – Phyllis Aguilera (L)

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Twentieth 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.



Run or Ride for Vocations! Register NOW!

Registration is open for these two fun opportunities to help support our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood. The "Run for Vocations"/Marine Corp 10K will be held on **Sunday, October 28**. The "Ride for Vocations"/Southern Maryland Century bicycle ride will be held on Monday, September 3. Visit www.DCpriest.org/promote for more information and to register for either of these events. It is not necessary to be part of a parish team to run or ride. Plan to register soon, as the races fill quickly. All funds raised will support vocation promotion and seminarian formation in the Archdiocese of Washington. Please email RFV@adw.org with any questions.



GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK WMET 1160am

We invite you to join us for wonderful evening of fine dining and fellowship on **October 6th 2018 at 6:30pm** at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington DC. You will be inspired by the dynamic presentation of Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM. Fr Ken will be speaking on *the Good, The True and the Beautiful Transforming the Culture Through Catholic Radio*. We are so excited and thankful that our award honoree this year is, His Eminence, Donald Cardinal Wuerl.

Join us for an inspiring evening and hear the fascinating conversion story of Father Ken. He lived the life of the prodigal son for most of his young adult life. Raised in a nominally Catholic family, who only lived the externals of the faith, Father Ken left the Catholic Church for many years. It's an evening you don't want to miss. For information or to purchase a table or tickets: www.grnonline.com or call 202 288 0150.

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.

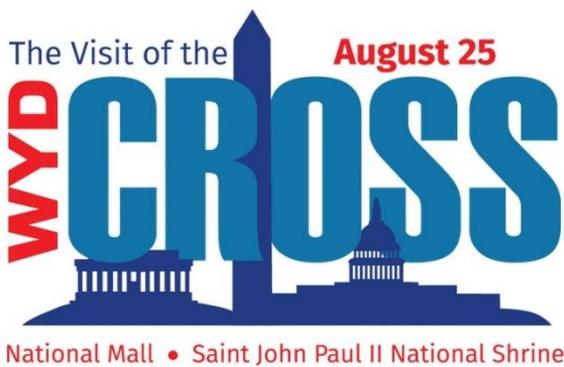
Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call 202-526-6800, x895.

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

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.



Join us as the official World Youth Day Cross makes a historic visit to Washington DC!

Come take part in this once-in-a-generation celebration of the WYD Cross as it makes its first pilgrimage across the United States in twenty-five years! All participants should meet at the LINCOLN MEMORIAL no later than 9:00 a.m.

For more information and for a detailed schedule of the day's events visit: www.wydone.com.

Featuring special guest speaker Sr. Miriam James, SOLT, and nationally acclaimed recording artist Steve Angrisano! Learn more about Sr. Miriam, Steve

Angrisano, and all our other special guests here.

The event is FREE and starts at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 25, at the Lincoln Memorial! Lunch is available to purchase ahead of time with registration.

Please register so we have an accurate count for the National Park Service.

For more details visit our website! Or join us on Facebook and help spread the word!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

- **9:00 a.m.** – A procession of the WYD Cross and Icon, carried by young people across the National Mall. The procession begins on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and includes stops at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Washington Monument, and Smithsonian Castle. Be there by 9:00 a.m. for an opening address and prayer with special guest, His Excellency José Domingo Ulloa Mendieta, the Archbishop of Panama. Additionally, we are excited to welcome Archbishop Lori, Bishop Dorsonville, Bishop Campbell, and Bishop Knestout, who are also participating in the procession.
- **12:30 p.m.** – The WYD Cross and Icon will continue their pilgrimage with prayers, veneration, Confession, and an afternoon of activities at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. Praise and worship Adoration led by Steve Angrisano, a nationally acclaimed recording artist
- **3:30 p.m.** – A keynote address by nationally acclaimed speaker Sr. Miriam James
- **4:30 p.m.** – A final procession of the Cross and Icon to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, followed by Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15 p.m.

SPREAD THE WORD

VOLUNTEER

We are looking for volunteers to distribute food, to carry the canopy over the WYD Icon and the WYD Cross, to serve as marshals for the procession on the Mall, assist with first-aid, and more. Please sign up if you would like to help us with any of these responsibilities!

For more information visit jp2shrine.org/wydcross. If you have any questions about the event, please email events@jp2shrine.org.

World Apostolate of Fatima: Mass and Healing Service

On Saturday, **September 15**, the Archdiocese of Washington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will have a Mass and healing service celebrating the division members' Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. This event will be held at St. Catherine Labouré Church in [Wheaton, MD \(11801 Claridge Rd.\)](http://www.wydcross.com), with Fr. Thomas Morrow as the celebrant. Confession at 9:30am and Mass at 10am will be followed by the Rosary and individual prayer for healing. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Monica at 301-949-5710.

Let's Talk About Faith and Life

Through Sunday, September 23, a series of talks on various topics concerning the dignity of human life will be held each Sunday evening (except Labor Day weekend) from **6:30-8:30pm at St. Dominic Church** in [Washington, DC \(630 E Street, SW\)](http://www.wydcross.com). Co-sponsored by the parish and the archdiocesan Department of Life Issues, topics include abortion, just war, foster care and adoption, persons with disabilities, the sexual revolution, euthanasia, poverty, sex trafficking, capital punishment, racism, and immigration. The talks will take place in the Parish Meeting Room, and please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner.

For more information, please email prolife@adw.org.

- **August 19th**: Sex trafficking in Our Own Back Yard.
- **August 26th**: Belonging Starts Here: Inclusion of People with Disabilities.
- **September 9th**: Catholicism and Capital Punishment
- **September 16th**: The Challenge of Racism Today
- **September 23th**: "Who is My Brother?" immigration as a Life Issue

Father De Rosa's Weekly Column: Of Calendars and Freedom

Dear Friends,

Thanks to everyone who made our celebration of the Assumption so wonderful this past Wednesday. Thanks especially to everyone who contributed food to relieve the suffering of our neediest neighbors here in DC. One reason I'm so excited about the food drive is that it really helps us to know that we are offering sacrifice to God. Granted, we usually pass the basket at Church, but for most Catholics that experience becomes so routine that we don't "feel" it. I'm not saying we're getting rid of our collection basket... *believe me*, we can use all the help we can get. But isn't it great to bring a sacrifice that we physically "feel" to the altar... whether it's a bag of groceries for the poor, knees that are a little achy from a week's-worth of prayers, eyes that are a little heavier for having woken up early to get to church... or even stomachs a bit tighter from fasting. Each of these offerings hurts a little, it's true... 'wouldn't be much of a sacrifice otherwise. But the rewards of these sacrifices are a hundredfold more intense. Self denial proves that we, and not our appetites, are in charge of ourselves... that we are more than the mere desire for comfort. It's liberating... and maybe that's why the Church has always recognized sacred worship as an exercise in FREEDOM. Throughout the year we'll be enjoying that experience more frequently **as we add masses to our calendar for special feast days**. More masses = more sacrifices offered to God = a greater sense of self-mastery and freedom.

The following are in addition to the regular schedule of masses in September (OF = English, EF = Latin):

8th - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9am OF Mass
12th - Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus 7:30pm EF Mass
14th - Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross 7:30pm EF Mass
15th - Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows 9am OF Mass
21st - Feast of St. Matthew Patron of our Cathedral 7:30pm EF Mass
29th - Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 9am EF Mass

I'd also like to announce a small change to our daily routine: **Unless otherwise announced, there will be no masses offered on Federal Holidays**. I've prayed over this and reviewed it with our finance council and parish volunteers to try and get a sense of what folks might think. The vast majority of our weekday mass crowd work in Federal offices or offices that follow the federal schedule. "Closing" on federal holidays gives your clergy just a little breathing space. Why do we need that? You may not realize it, but St. Mary's entire administrative/logistical life functions on the following: 1 full time priest, 1 part time secretary, 1 part time janitor. That's it. We have a few very dedicated volunteers who help with repairs, gardening and keeping the church organized, but we really do run on a skeleton crew. That means that over the course of the week, and especially on Sunday, a lot of physical logistics fall on my shoulders. It also makes it VERY hard to get away from the parish grounds for more than an afternoon. With all this in mind, I think having no services [on average] one day a month when our own staff is home and our congregants are also home/on vacation is a fairly painless way to let your parish priests have a day of rest and recollection. Some days will obviously be different. We will have mass on thanksgiving, July 4, January 1 etc., but in my experience priests best serve their people when they are prayed-up and well recollected. I hope everyone will understand.

Please know that I'm praying for you all and hoping you enjoy these last weeks of summer. Peace!

Your Priest,
Fr. De Rosa

Calling all present (and future!) small group leaders!!! Looking to start one? Are you regularly leading a group through RCIA, Marriage Prep or any other ministry within the Church? This training is for you! Join us as we dive deeper into best practices in small group ministry. The event is FREE but registration is required.

August 26th 2018. 12pm Optional Mass at Holy Rosary Church. 1-4pm- Small group seminar led by Melissa Overmyer.



August Evening with the Merciful Jesus. John Paul II National Shrine. 3900 Harewood Rd NE Washington DC 20017.

The **22nd of every month at 7:00 p.m.** the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy help others find a deeper understanding of the Father's infinite mercy and experience the joy that can come with it. Includes a thought-provoking talk, Adoration with Praise and Worship, Confession, and fellowship with other young adults over refreshments. Admission and parking are both free!