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A NEWSLETTER FOR VIEWERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SUNDAY TV MASS

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BASILICA'S ROSARY WALK AND GARDEN PROVIDE PEACEFUL HAVEN



October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and November, the month dedicated to Holy Souls in Purgatory, are perfect times to visit and pray at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception's outdoor rosary walk and garden. Dedicated in October 2017, the garden provides a peaceful and prayerful haven within the busy city.

Across the street from the Basilica, the paved rosary-like walkway circles through the garden past five granite arches, within which are depicted a total of twenty mosaics of each of the Mysteries of the Rosary – the Joyful, the Sorrowful, the Glorious, and the Luminous. In addition, if you wish to pray the rosary, rosary beads are not needed – the mosaics provide a visual guide to contemplate the life of Jesus and Mary. The garden also includes two statues, one of Our Lady of Fatima with the three shepherd children, and one of Christ Crucified.

At the dedication Mass for the rosary walk and garden, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Connecticut, noted how Mary points us to her Son Jesus.

"No matter what challenge you and I face, the Lord will lead us through it, through the intercession of his mother," Bishop Caggiano said. "And to you and I struggling to be disciples, she is our model and guide."

"The Rosary Walk and Garden has been a magnificent addition to the grounds of Mary's Shrine," Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector of the National Shrine, said. "Since the dedication last October, there is never a day when you do not find individuals and groups of people walking from mystery to mystery invoking the intercession of Our Lady. As pilgrims to Mary's Shrine are truly a living testimony to faith, so too, those who pray in the Rosary Walk and Garden are truly 'walking' with Mary along the path that leads to Her Son."

2 AN INTERVIEW WITH TV MASS CELEBRANT, FATHER RICHARD MULLINS

Father Richard Mullins, pastor of St. Thomas Apostle Parish in Washington, D.C., has been celebrating the Sunday TV Mass for more than 20 years. He is also a member of the Oratorian Community of St. Philip Neri. Here he answers some questions about what it means to him to be involved in this important ministry.

How did you first become involved in celebrating the TV Mass?

In 1994, shortly after I was ordained a deacon, my pastor, who at the time was one of the celebrants for the TV Mass, invited me to deacon for him on the Mass for shut-ins.

You have been celebrating the TV Mass for more than 20 years. How have you seen the process change?

The move to the basilica and the addition of the studio control room have certainly been big changes! The devotion and the professionalism of the producer and crew has always been consistently high. We all have a few more grey hairs than 25 years ago!

Have you celebrated any Masses for special feasts?

I concelebrated the Christmas Mass several years ago, when I was called upon to drive a bishop to the basilica for the Mass and it was poignant to think that this would be the only “good news” of Christmas some people would receive. I celebrated Palm Sunday once; that was a big challenge time-wise and I had about 30 seconds to preach a homily.

Are there any challenges of celebrating a TV Mass?

The biggest challenge is always trying to condense a full Sunday Mass into 30 minutes. Sometimes I wonder if my parishioners aren’t envious that they don’t get a shorter Mass.

Does the fact that the Mass is being filmed affect your mindset or concentration as you are celebrating? Does it affect the reverence of the Mass?

After a few minutes, I get used to the camera; if the first few minutes go well and servers and deacons are helpful, then I know the rest of the Mass will go well. The reverence stays the same, I hope. Reverence at Mass is essential, as it is a moment of prayer.

Do you do anything differently in a TV Mass than in a non-televised one?
I check my watch a lot more and have to follow time cues.

Can you tell me about the Oratorian Community of St. Philip Neri?

The Oratory, my community, is what the Church calls a “Society of Apostolic Life.” We are a group of secular clergy who pray and eat together and live a family style of life, in the manner of St. Philip Neri, who is the patron saint of Christian Joy. Our DC community has a delightful dog, Bella the Black Lab, and she is also part of the family.

Why do you think the ministry of the TV Mass is so important for the homebound?

There are many people who cannot get to Mass and so Mass has to come to them. The words of Christ in the Gospel are essential for all who wish to be followers of Our Lord.



Can someone really benefit from watching a televised Mass and not being there?

Like all things, we get out of it what we put into it. If we listen to the readings and enter into the prayers then the benefits are “heavenly!”

How can viewers still participate in the parish community?

Reach out! Have someone from your parish bring you Holy Communion, ask them to bring a bulletin and pray for the intentions listed there. Become an ‘engine’ of prayer by offering your sufferings for others and the intentions of the Church.

Do you ever hear from TV Mass viewers who have been watching you celebrate Mass over the years?

Well, my mother always watches and lets me know what she thinks of the homily and her input is helpful – she tells me I need to smile more! There are a couple of people who have reached out. Mostly, people I encounter will say “my father watches you” or “my mother watches you,” and that is delightful to hear. Some years ago, I was in Cape Cod and a woman recognized me in Church. She mentioned that she could not always get to Church because of her health, and was so grateful that the Mass for shut-ins existed.

Do you have anything you would like to say to the viewers of the TV Mass?
Our Lord loves you so much that he lived, died and rose for you; he understands your suffering and will never abandon you. Let me leave you with a quote from St. Philip Neri: “He who wishes for anything but Christ, does not know what he wishes; He who asks for anything but Christ, does not know what he is asking; he who works, and not for Christ, does not know what he is doing.”

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THREE NEW PRIESTS ORDAINED

Kevin Fields, 31, is one of three men who ordained by Cardinal Wuerl as new priests for the Archdiocese of Washington this year. Kevin recalls how his parents' example of living the faith showed him "that to live the teachings of Jesus involved a loving commitment." The persistent encouragement from his pastor, Father Thomas Kalita of his home parish St. Peter in Olney, Maryland, helped Kevin answer the call to priestly formation: "Kevin, if you go on this retreat, and still think God is not calling you to the priesthood, I will never bug you again." He was ordained with Andrew Clyne and Oscar Astigarraga Ramirez in June 2018.



CHRISTMAS DAY TV MASS

On Christmas Day, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will celebrate a special hour-long Mass that will air at 8:00-9:00 a.m.



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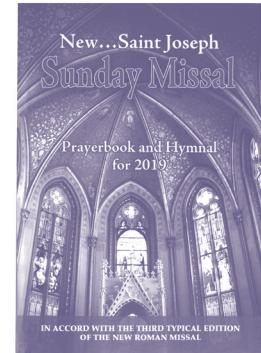
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7:30 - 8:45 pm
Crypt Church

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC
(enter through the front lower doors by the gift shop / free parking)

Taping	Air dates	Liturgy (30 minutes each)
Thursday, Nov. 8	January 6 January 20	Epiphany 2nd Sunday in Ord time
Thursday, Nov. 15	January 27 February 10	3rd Sunday in Ord time 5th Sunday in Ord time
Thursday, Nov. 29	Feb. 3 Feb. 24	4th Sunday in Ord time 7th Sunday in Ord time
Sunday, Dec. 2	Dec. 25	Christmas
Thursday, Jan. 24	Feb. 17 March 3	6th Sunday in Ord time 8th Sunday in Ord time
Thursday Feb. 7	March 10 March 24	1st Sunday of Lent 3rd Sunday of Lent
Thursday Feb. 21	March 17 April 7	2nd Sunday of Lent 5th Sunday of Lent

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10:30 am on WDCW Channel 50, Washington, DC.

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