



# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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*In Purificatione Beatæ Mariæ Virginis*

*Mal. 3: 1-4; Psalm 47: 10-11 and 9; Luke 2: 2-32*

2 February A.D. 2020

**The Presentation of the Lord**

*BDW page 889; Latin-English Mass prayers: blue hymnal p. 13*

## From the Pastor

Christ is our light. We celebrate the saving truth He sheds upon our lives, destroying the darkness of sin which threatens our eternal Life and happiness with Him. We will bless candles and carry them in procession once again this Candlemas to celebrate our Faith in Him.

Join us every Sunday at the hall after 11 am Mass for brunch. All are welcome.

You will find we are now using the houseling cloth on the altar rail when you come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please place your hands underneath the cloth as you wait for Father to come to your location along the rail.

Please help us keep a beautiful church looking worthy by carrying candles in such a way as to minimize drippings. *Laudatur Iesus Christus!*

## New Votive Offering Boxes

You will notice that we have restored the original votive offering boxes for our candle stands. Please fold bills to fit them through the coin slot on the front of the stand and your offerings will fall inside the new boxes until collected for inclusion with the offertory count on Sundays. You may have noticed that we also have a safe in the back of church with a door into which you can deposit offertory envelopes or other items anytime as necessary.

## Stewardship

Processional candles: \$82.48

Offertory envelopes: \$591 ("First Offering" envelope for purpose of defraying this expense.)

Fabric for Lent/All Souls paraments: PAID

7K down payment church/hall oil tanks: \$5,092.00

To designate a gift please place your check or cash in a plain envelope labeled with your offertory number or your name, the amount enclosed, and which expense you are designating. If using a check, please also include your offertory number and the designated expense in the memo line. Thank you!

## Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Your Loved One

A \$25 contribution dedicates the lamp each week to the memory or intentions of a family member or loved one. Contributions will help to defray the cost of altar and votive candles.

## From a Sermon of S. Sophronius (A.D. 638)

In honor of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light.

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This, then, is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

The true light has come, the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world. Let all of us, beloved, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendor.

## 2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

It's time to prayerfully consider your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal. Next weekend, brochures with FAQs will be available to help inform your giving. You may also visit the Appeal website at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org). The Annual Appeal supports more than 60 programs that benefit countless people and families in the Archdiocese, including within our own parish and community. 100% of your contribution will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

### 2020 Schedule

February 8 & 9	Announcement Weekend
February 15 & 16	Commitment Weekend
February 22 & 23	Follow-Up Weekend

## Waldorf Pro-Life Prayer February 8

Join other pro-lifers in prayer from 10 am-11 am at Planned Parenthood in Waldorf, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602, on the second Saturday of each month, and next on February 8, to peacefully protest unjust, unlawful killings which take place there. We will be praying for permanent closure of this and every Planned Parenthood in our nation.

**"Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church" is now on Facebook. "Like" us today!**

**REGULAR MONTHLY BILL AND OFFERTORY COMPARISON**

**NUMBERS COMING SOON**

ASSESSMENTS  
HEALTH CARE  
PROPERTY INS/CATH STANDARD  
FUEL OIL  
WIFI HOTSPOT  
INTERNET/PHONES  
ELECTRIC STREETLIGHT  
ELECT/AC HALL  
ELECT/AC CHURCH  
ELECT/AC RECTORY  
SECURITY SYSTEM  
PAYROLL  
PAYROLL TAXES  
RETIREMENT ADW MATCHING  
PENSION/LIFE INS  
PRIEST FOOD  
PASTOR RETREAT  
ADW PRIEST CONVOCATION  
MISC. PARISH/RECTORY EXP  
BANK FEES  
WATER BILL  
**EXPENSE TOTAL**  
**OFFERTORY TOTAL**

*Thank you for your generous support.*

**Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound:** Betsy Behne, Irving Chappelle, Harold Gardiner, Dorothy Hume, Linda Javorski, Ray Stublarec, Miles & Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at [mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com](mailto:mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com) to arrange for him to visit any homebound, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

**Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation Classes**

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church at Easter or to be confirmed next Spring will be offered at the rectory on Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45 and from 7:30-8:45 pm.

Classes are also offered in partnership with Sacred Heart Parish in LaPlata every Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm.

**Children's Faith Formation**

Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence through the Church in our lives. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are welcome to enroll children for classes at the hall on Sundays at 10 am. Email Donna at [markboat55@yahoo.com](mailto:markboat55@yahoo.com).

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before enrolling children.

**Holy Sweepers for the Weeks of February 2 and 9**

**Scarlata Family**

**- We are seeking additional families to join the Holy Sweepers -**

Holy Sweepers are the families and individuals who graciously keep our church clean and tidy. They clean once a week, for a two week period, on a rotating basis. The more Holy Sweepers in the rotation, the more time between each assignment.

If you would like to be a Holy Sweeper, please email Caitlin Sanders at [braun.cait@gmail.com](mailto:braun.cait@gmail.com). Thank you for prayerfully considering this service to our parish.

**UPCOMING:**

February 8-9: Archdiocesan Appeal Announcement Weekend

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2 Feb</b>	<b>9:00 am**</b> <i>Pro pópulo</i>	<b>Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b> Reparation to Hearts of Jesus & Mary- <b>Purification of the BVM</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3 Feb</b>	9:00 am †Poor Souls in Purgatory	S Blaise
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4 Feb</b>	NP* Intns Fiona Snook	S Andrew Corsini
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5 Feb</b>	6:00 pm Adoration/Confessions/Benediction	
		7:00 pm †Ruth Buck	S Agatha
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6 Feb</b>	9:00 am †Thomas A Garland	S Titus
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7 Feb</b>	9:00 am †Poor Souls in Purgatory	S Romuald
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8 Feb</b>	9:00 am †Allen Lee Burton	S John of Matha
		5:30 pm** Deployed military/families	Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9 Feb</b>	<b>9:00 am**</b> <i>Pro pópulo</i>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b> Intns David & Chelsey LeFleur	<b>Dominica V post Epiphaniam</b>
		** Mass in English *No public Mass - Father away	

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email [mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com](mailto:mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com), stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

**Staff**

**Director of Liturgy/Secretary:** Mr. Stephen Krautle  
**Hall and Grounds:** Mrs. Donna and Mr. Mark Long  
**Offertory Records/Bulletin:** Mrs. Caitlin Sanders  
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**MASS AND SACRAMENT SCHEDULE**

**Sunday...** 9:00am \*\* Traditional Latin 11:00am  
**Weekday Masses in Latin:** See schedule in bulletin.  
**Saturday...** 9:00am and Vigil of Sunday 5:30pm\*\*  
**Holy Day Masses:** 8:00am , 6:00pm\*\* and, 7:00pm  
**Confessions** offered prior to all weekend Masses

**Baptisms and Marriages:** By appointment 6 months in advance.  
**Bulletin Deadline:** Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to [braun.cait@gmail.com](mailto:braun.cait@gmail.com) or call the rectory 301-274-3416. **New Parishioners: Welcome!** Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church, and return it to Father or drop it in the collection basket.