



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica I Quadragesima

2 Cor. 6:1-10 ; Ps 90:11-12; Matthew 4:1-11

1 March A.D. 2020

First Sunday in Lent

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From the Pastor

“My son, when you come to serve God, prepare your soul for temptation.” – Ecclesiasticus 2:1

In the Holy Gospel, Our Lord goes out to the desert to be tempted by the devil for forty days. Saint Francis de Sales warns us to note that He was led into the desert *by the Spirit*; not by his own choice (according to His human nature) but according to the will of His heavenly Father. It is important not to *seek out* temptation, for those who love danger will surely perish in it; but to prepare oneself with spiritual weapons against those temptations which will surely come. And what are these weapons? Prayer and fasting. Through fasting we restrain our desires for licit things, so as to be able to reject more easily that which is illicit, and by prayer we unite ourselves more fully with the Divine Will, which is our sanctification and our triumph over the wiles of the evil one.

Annual Spring Oyster Fest: March 28, 2020

The Annual Spring Oyster Fest at St. Francis de Sales Hall in Benedict, Maryland will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, from 12 to 3 pm.

Tickets are \$25 at the door. Reserve a table for six and one person eats free. Family rates are available.

The menu is all you can eat including Oysters - fried, scalded, and raw at our outdoor bar - Shrimp, Ham, and Homemade side dishes.

The event will also feature cake sales and a silent auction.

For more information please call (301) 274-3416 or email cusickk@adw.org

Training: Service on the Altar for Men and Boys

Training for all current and prospective members of the Society of Saints Aloysius and Alphonsus (SSAA) altar boy society will be held on the first Saturday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass. All interested boys and men are invited to please contact Jamieson Scarlata at 1619surfer@gmail.com

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.

Wisdom from the Rule of Saint Benedict

“The celebration of Matins and Vespers must certainly never transpire without the superior concluding the complete Lord’s Prayer while all the rest listen. This is done because of the thorns of quarreling that often spring up.” – Rule of Saint Benedict

Saint Benedict directs that, at the conclusion of the major hours of the Divine Office, the superior is to recite the Lord’s Prayer aloud as the monks bow in silence and unite their hearts and minds to the words prayed over them by that single voice who speaks for all in saying the words of the Our Father. Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian Faith and is, perhaps, one of the greatest gifts that Christians can offer the world, which is so often bent on revenge and vengeance.

“Thorns of quarreling” can arise anywhere and at any time, at home or at work, at school or at play, but so, too, can the Lord’s Prayer arise from our lips and in our hearts to remind us of the Lord’s admonition and invitation: forgive that you may be forgiven. Thus may we be cleansed of our sins; thus may we be disciples who offer the Lord’s gift of cleansing and forgiveness. (Reflection for the First Week of Lent, from *A Lenten Journey with Jesus Christ and Saint Benedict* by Father John R. Fortin O.S.B.)

Prayer: First Sunday of Lent

O God, Who dost every year purge thy Church by the Fast of Forty Days, grant unto this thy family, that what things soever they strive to obtain at thy hand by abstaining from meats, they may ever turn to profit by good works.

Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R. Amen

Stewardship

Processional Candles: PAID

Offertory envelopes: \$574 (“First Offering” envelope intended to defraying this expense.)

\$7K down payment church/hall oil tanks: \$3,798

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!

2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

THIS WEEKEND: Follow-Up Weekend

“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, Dorothy Hume, Linda Javor-ski, 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 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.

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

Holy Sweepers for the Weeks of March 1 and 8

Susanna Marcus

- 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. Thank you for prayerfully considering this service to our parish.

UPCOMING:

Weekend of March 14 & 15: Second Collection for the Church in the Developing World
Saturday, March 28: Spring Oyster Fest, Hall, 12 - 3 pm

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday	1 Mar	9:00 am** <i>Pro populo</i>	First Sunday in Lent
		11:00 am Holy Father Pope Francis	Dominica I Quadragesima
Monday	2 Mar	9:00 am †Poor Souls in Purgatory	Lenten Feria
Tuesday	3 Mar	NP* †Deceased ADW Priests	Lenten Feria
Wednesday	4 Mar	6:00 pm Adoration	S Casimir
		7:00 pm †Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Thursday	5 Mar	9:00 am †Deceased AMS Priests	Lenten Feria
Friday	6 Mar	9:00 am †Deceased MSMS Priests	Ss Perpetua and Felicitas
		7:00 pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	7 Mar	9:00 am †Deceased ADW Deacons	S Thomas Aquinas
		5:30 pm** Deployed military/families	Vigil
Sunday	8 Mar	9:00 am** <i>Pro populo</i>	Second Sunday in Lent
		11:00 am †A Lois Joyce	Dominica II Quadragesima

** 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, 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
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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 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.