



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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Dominica in Palmis

Phil. 2:5-11; Ps. 72 and 24:1-3; Matthew 26:36-75 and 27:1-54

5 April A.D. 2020

Palm Sunday

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/040520.cfm>

From the Pastor

Our spiritual lives and the priority of salvation continue no matter what is happening in the world, whether pandemic disease or other disturbances. Sensible precautions to stay healthy amid the spread of a novel virus are something we should be practicing on a continuing basis. Perhaps we can gain a better sense of the precious good of our health in this crisis that has upended many lives and families financially and psychologically.

But we need not find our Faith disturbed. Perfect love of God casts out fear. Serenity in the midst of tribulation is a sign of the Lord's power at work in our lives through the gift of Faith by which we love Him and others.

During this period increased time at home presents an opportunity to spend more effort on our spiritual good. Prayer is always first, but spiritual reading, Scripture, and other good books can strengthen and increase our Faith.

We can also devote time to teaching our children the Faith. There is no lack of materials to support home schooling on line.

God bless and keep you and your families

A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to possess Thee within my soul. Since I am unable now to receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as being already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never permit me to be separated from Thee.

A SHORTER ACT

I believe that Thou, O Jesus, art in the Most Holy Sacrament! I love Thee and desire Thee! Come into my heart. I embrace Thee; oh, never leave me!

Men's Group Forming

Contact Justin Rison at justin.rison@outlook.com to indicate your interest and availability for participation in a men's group to meet at least monthly for faith, discussion, and fraternity here in Benedict. You can also reach Justin at (240) 216-0404.

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.

Sunday Sermon

Dearly beloved brethren, the jubilant and triumphal day which ushereth in the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is come; even that day for which we have longed so much, and for whose yearly coming the whole world may well look. Shouts of spiritual exultation are ringing, and suffer not that we should be silent. It is indeed hard to preach often on the same Festival, and that always meetly and rightly, but a Priest is not free, when we celebrate so great and mysterious an outpouring of God's mercy, to leave his faithful people without the service of a discourse. Nay, that his subject-matter is unspeakable should in itself make him eloquent, since where enough can never be said, there must needs ever be somewhat to say. Let man's weakness, then, fall down before the glory of God, and acknowledge herself ever too feeble to unfold all the works of His mercy. We may jade our emotions, break down in our understanding, and fail in our speech it is good for us, that even what we truly feel in presence of the Divine Majesty is but little, (compared to the vastness of the subject.)

(From the Sermons of Pope St. Leo the Great. *Second on the Passion of the Lord.*)

Online Giving through Paypal

Please snail mail your weekly offertory to SFDS, PO Box 306, Benedict MD 20612. Online giving is also now possible on the parish website with Paypal/Credit/Debit at stfrancisbenedict.org

Stewardship

- **\$7K down payment church/hall oil tanks:** \$2,732
- **Offertory envelopes:** \$474 ("First Offering" envelope intended to defray this expense.)
- Oyster fest virtual fundraiser so far: \$2600.00

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.

2020 Jubilarian Mass

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass, held Sunday, June 28, 2020, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more information or to register for the Mass, please contact the parish office. The deadline to register is Friday, May 15.

“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 Chappellear, 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 29 and April 5

Stephen Krautle

- 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:

- April 10: Second Collection for Holy Land Collection
- April 26: Second Collection for Church Missions within the US

Mass Intentions and Schedule this Week

Sunday	5 Apr NP *	<i>Pro pópulo/</i>	Palm Sunday
		Intns Boehmler Family	Dominica di Palmis
Monday	6 Apr NP	Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	7 Apr NP	Intns Carolyn Parson	
Wednesday	8 Apr 6:00 pm	Adoration	
	NP	Intns Kim Family	S. Julie Billiard
Thursday	9 Apr NP	Margaret Welch	Holy Thursday
Friday	10 Apr NP	No Mass - Good Friday Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified	
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	11 Apr NP	Dusty Welch	Easter Vigil
Sunday	12 Apr NP	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	Dominica Resurrectionis



**** Mass in English *No public Mass until further notice - per indication of Archbishop Gregory**

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
- Hall and Grounds:** Mrs. Donna and Mr. Mark Long
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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.