



# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

*Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland*

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***Dominica Resurrectionis***

*I Cor. 5:7-8; Ps. 117:24 and 1; Mark 16: 1-7*

12 April A.D. 2020

***Easter Sunday***

<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/041220.cfm>

## ***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***

It was recently reported that some of our separated Christian brothers and sisters stated they would “rather die than not go to church on Easter” as a result of coronavirus pandemic limitations on social gatherings. Our Catholic Faith teaches us that we in fact will die forever without Jesus Christ, Who is our Savior because he rose from the dead on the first Easter morning. The Gospels relate that the first disciples discovered the empty tomb but only later found out why upon truly encountering the risen Lord.

Without the grace of forgiveness of our sins, which our Lord shares with us through the Paschal mystery, we could not encounter Him now and share His love through everlasting life.

The reason we go to church, and look forward by making a spiritual Communion until we can be together again, is because of what the Lord does for us at Church: He confers the graces of His life and resurrection in every holy Mass and most perfectly in the Eucharist, His risen Body and Blood. *Happy Easter!*

## **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](mailto: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 the Parents of Helene Muldoon and Joseph J. Muldoon, Jr.**

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, ye have heard the deed of the holy women which had followed the Lord; how that they brought sweet spices to His sepulchre, and, now that He was dead, having loved Him while He was yet alive, they followed Him with careful tenderness still. But the deed of these holy women doth point to somewhat which must needs be done in the holy Church. And it behoveth us well to give ear to what they did, that we may afterward consider with ourselves what we must do likewise after their example. We also, who believe in Him That was dead, do come to His sepulchre bearing sweet spices, when we seek the Lord with the savour of good living, and the fragrant report of good works. Those women, when they brought their spices, saw a vision of Angels, and, in sooth, those souls whose godly desires do move them to seek the Lord with the savour of good lives, do see the countrymen of our Fatherland which is above....

The Again-rising of our Redeemer is a Festival of gladness for us, for us it biddeth know that we shall not die for ever; and for Angels also it is a festival of gladness, for it biddeth them know that we are called to fulfill their number in heaven.

(Homily of Pope St. Gregory, *21st Homily on the Gospels*)

## **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](http://stfrancisbenedict.org)

## **Stewardship**

- **\$7K down payment church/hall oil tanks:** \$2,457
- **Offertory envelopes:** \$474 (“First Offering” envelope intended to defray this expense.)
- **Oyster fest virtual fundraiser** so far: \$2660.00

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.

**The Holy Sweeper Rotation is Currently on Hold**

**- 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 26: Second Collection for Church Missions within the US

**Mass Intentions and Schedule this Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12 Apr</b>	<b>NP *</b>	<i>Pro pópulo/</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13 Apr</b>	<b>NP</b>	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14 Apr</b>	<b>NP</b>	†David Welch
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15 Apr</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Adoration
		<b>NP</b>	†Antonio Parisi
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16 Apr</b>	<b>NP</b>	†Kevin Tettimer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17 Apr</b>	<b>NP</b>	†Wilson J Goldmsith
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18 Apr</b>	<b>NP</b>	†Marian Goldsmith
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19 Apr</b>	<b>NP</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>

<b>Dominica Resurrectionis</b>
Easter Monday/S Hermenegild
Easter Tuesday/S Justin 
Easter Wednesday
Easter Thursday/S Bernadette Soubirous
Easter Friday/S Anicetus
Vigil
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
<b>Dominica in Albis</b>

**\*\* 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.