



# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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**Dominica in Albis**

*I John 5:4-10; John 20: 19-31*

19 April A.D. 2020

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/041920.cfm>

## ***Surréxit Dóminus vere, Allelúja!***

Alleluia! "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

I hope that these days of the Easter octave have brought blessings in the gift of new life through the Resurrection of the Lord.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, your notes of encouragement and your generous contributions. It has been edifying to see your love for Our Lord and your continued support of His work which continues through our parish at all times, including such as now when we cannot physically join Him and each other at holy Mass as we desire.

Archbishop Gregory has stipulated that our Easter offertory will not be assessed for the diocesan tax this year. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity note "Easter gift" on the memo line of your check and/or you can use your Easter offertory envelope to indicate this assessment free option.

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 Catherine Currie McGeogh**

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: Easter Octave Day**

The Feast of this day is the end of the Paschal solemnity, and therefore it is today that the Newly-Baptized put off their white garments: but, though they lay aside the outward mark of washing in their raiment, the mark of that washing in their souls remaineth to eternity. Now are the days of the Pass-over, that is, of God's Passing-over our iniquity by His pardon and remission; and therefore our first duty is so to sanctify the mirth of these holy days, that our bodily recreation may be taken without defilement to our spiritual cleanness. Let us strive that our relaxation may be sober and our freedom holy, holding ourselves carefully aloof from anything like excess, drunkenness or lechery. Let us try so to keep in our souls their Lenten cleansing, that if our Fasting hath left us aught yet unwon, we may still be able to seek it.

At discourse concerneth all them which are committed unto my spiritual charge; but, nevertheless, since the first happy week of your Sacramental life draweth this day to a close, I address myself in especial to you who are the new olive-plants of holiness round about the Table of the Lord, **Ps. cxxvii. 4**, to you, who have but a little while been born again of water and the Holy Ghost, **John iii. 5**, to you, O holy generation **1 Pet. ii. 9** to you, O new creation, **Gal. vi. 15**, to you, the excellency of my dignity, **Gen. xlix. 3**, and the fruit of my labour, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and my crown, all ye who now stand so fast in the Lord. **Phil. iv. i**. To you I address the words of the Apostle **Rom. xiii. 12**. Behold! the night is past! the day is come! Cast off therefore the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying: but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

— St Augustine

## **Stewardship**

- **\$7K down payment church/hall oil tanks:** \$1,833
- **Offertory envelopes:** \$474 ("First Offering" envelope intended to defray this expense.)
- **Oyster fest virtual fundraiser** so far: \$2710.00

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 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.

**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>19 Apr NP *</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i> †John Gorska	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> <b>Dominica in Albis</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20 Apr NP</b>	†Richard Estes	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21 Apr NP</b>	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	S Anselm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22 Apr 6:00 pm NP</b>	Adoration †Morris Goldsmith	Ss Soter and Caius
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23 Apr NP</b>	†Peter Pinto	S George
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24 Apr NP</b>	†Rachel Cecchini	S Fidelis of Sigmaringen
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25 Apr NP</b>	Intns James & Regina Brown	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26 Apr NP</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Dominica II Post Pascha</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 sjkrautle@gmail.com
- Hall and Grounds:** Mrs. Donna and Mr. Mark Long markboat55@yahoo.com
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- Parish Council President:** Mr. Sid Marcus somarcus1@verizon.net
- Choir:** Mrs. Pam Gavin 301-884-8869 and gammypammy1@gmail.com

**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.