



# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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**Dominica III Post Pascha**

*I Peter 2:11-19; John 16: 16-22*

3 May A.D. 2020

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

[usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings)

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

I pray that all of you are persevering in keeping the Lord's Day holy at home each week as a family by, for example, watching Mass live and making a spiritual Communion, prayers for which are included in the bulletin each week.

As all of us are praying for a quick return to normal, including our worship at Mass, one curve we don't want to see flatten is your support. Please keep your parish in mind and continue to mail in your financial contributions.

A reminder also Archbishop Gregory has stipulated that our Easter offertory will not be assessed for the diocesan tax this year .

Happy Easter Season and, again, thank you for remaining devoted and prayerful parishioners from afar as we look forward to a swift return to regular parish life.

- Fr Cusick

## **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 Honor or 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: The "Little While"**

From the Holy Gospel according to John

***John 16:16-22***

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: A little while, and now you shall not see me; and again a little while, and you shall see me: because I go to the Father. And so on.

Homily by St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo.

***Tract 101 of John***

This little while is the whole duration of this present world. In the same sense this same Evangelist saith in his Epistle **ii. 18**: It is the last time. The words, because I go to the Father, refer to the first clause of the text, namely, "A little while and ye shall not see Me", and not to the latter clause, that is, and "again a little while, and ye shall see Me".

By His going to the Father He was about to bring it to pass that they should see Him no more. And thus it was that He said, not that He was about to die, and that after His death they should not see Him until He rose again, but that He was going to the Father, which He did when, after that He was risen again and had manifested Himself to them for forty days, He ascended up into heaven.

***Let us pray.***

***Almighty God, Who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, ...***

## **Stewardship**

- **\$7K down payment church/hall oil tanks: \$1,733**
- **Offertory envelopes: \$474** ("First Offering" envelope intended to defray this expense.)
- **Oyster fest virtual fundraiser: \$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.

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**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**

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.

**UPCOMING:**

**May 17:** Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

**Mass Intentions and Schedule this Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3 May NP *</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
			<b>Dominica III Post Pascha</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4 May NP</b>	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	S Monica
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5 May NP</b>	†Leonard De Nittis	S Pius V
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6 May 6:00 pm</b>	Adoration	
	<b>NP</b>	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	S John Before the Latin Gate
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7 May NP</b>	Intns Kim Family	S Stanislaus
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8 May NP</b>	†Jane Johnson	Apparition of S Michael the Archangel
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9 May NP</b>	†Leslie Bush Fisher	S Gregory Nazianzen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10 May NP</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
			<b>Dominica IV 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.