



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica I Quadragesima

II Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalms 90:11-12; Matthew 4: 1-11

21 February A.D. 2021

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9: 8-15; Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

From the Pastor

Prayer, along with fasting and almsgiving, is one of the three great works of Lent meant to spur our conversion of life and anticipation of Easter. Praying together strengthens our bonds as one family in the Lord.

Join us this Lent on Wednesdays for Confession and Adoration at 6 pm followed by Mass and on Fridays for Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm followed by a simple soup supper at the hall.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Oysterfest at the hall on Saturday, March 20th from 12-3 pm this year featuring a Saint Joseph's Table.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

for the Church in the Developing World

Spring Oysterfest: March 20

Please take a flyer with you after Mass for inviting friends and family. Funds raised: \$485.00

Stewardship

To designate a gift that stays within the parish 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 on the memo line. Thank you.

- Mar/Apr Fuel Oil and Jan Electric: PAID*
- 11.Jan.21 Maintenance Labor: \$63.13
- Charles County Property Tax \$338.54*
- Mass linens \$11.00*
- Candlemas candles \$35
- Holy Face relic framing \$67.70*
- Good Friday/Devotional Crucifix \$78.21*
- Hall termite note \$416.20
- ParishSOFT annual fee \$708.00

(*Amount changed this week)

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory Of "Your Loved One's Name Here"

Dedication of the sanctuary lamp each week to honor or recognize the living or deceased. Proceeds help defray the cost of altar and votive candles.

Sunday Scriptures

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matt 4:1-11

In that time, Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards he was hungry. And so on.

Homily by Pope St. Gregory the Great.

16th on the Gospels

Some persons are accustomed to question what Spirit it was of which Jesus was led up into the wilderness, on account of the words a little farther on, "Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city" and again, "The devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain". But in truth, and without any searching, we may very fitly take it that we are to believe it was the Holy Ghost Who led Him up into the wilderness; His own Spirit led Him where the evil spirit found Him to tempt Him. When however it is said that He, God and man, was taken up by the devil either into an exceeding high mountain or into the holy city, the mind shrinketh from believing, and the ears of man tingle to hear it. Yet these things we know not to be incredible, when we consider certain other things concerning Him.

An Offering to the Holy Face on Tuesdays

Eternal Father, we offer Thee, through the hands of Mary, the Holy Face of Jesus, Thy Son, and the entire generous holocaust of all that we are, in reparation for so many sins that are committed, and especially for offenses against the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

We make this offering in a particular way, so that Priests, by the holiness of their lives, may show the world the adorable features of the Divine Countenance shining with the light of truth and of love, for the triumph of the Church, and for the spread of the Kingdom.

Amen.

-Blessed Maria Pierina De Micheli

Welcome Baby Victoria Juliana Gwiazda

Born Tuesday, February 16th, and weighing 7 lbs 11 oz, to parents Shannon and John Gwiazda. Victoria will join us as a new member of the Body of Christ with her baptism following 11 am Mass. The family invites everyone for a celebration with cake at the hall lunch today.

"Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church" is now on Facebook. "Like" us today!

**Christmas Offertory
2020**

\$8440.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Irving Chappelle, Dorothy Hume, Robin Magnelli, Ray Stublarec, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Carolyn Parson, Ruth Anne Carr.

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 are scheduled by our faith formation director Aaron Percich. Email him to start formation: aaron.percich@comcast.net. Pick up a copy of the weekly Wanderer Newspaper available in church and see the "B" section for a basic adult catechetical resource.

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 asked to contact Deacon Butkiewicz to enroll children in weekly home lesson support at jbutk@gmail.com.

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

Service on the Altar

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

Holy Sweepers for the weeks of February 21 and 28

Long Family

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:

Wednesdays: Adoration/Confessions, 6 pm Mass 7 pm
Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services: March 14
Oysterfest: March 20, 12-3, hall

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	21 Feb	9:00 am*	<i>Pro populo</i>	First Sunday in Lent
		11:00 am	†Barbara Mary Perusse	Dominica I Quadragesima
		5:30 pm	†Christopher Garrette	Dominica I Quadragesima
Monday	22 Feb	9:00 am	Reparation Sacred/ImmacHearts	Chair of S Peter at Antioch
Tuesday	23 Feb	NP**	Universal Church	S Peter Damian
Wednesday	24 Feb	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration</i>	
		7:00 pm	Intns Joann/RIP Richard Estes	S Matthias/Ember Wednesday
Thursday	25 Feb	9:00 am	Intns Ruth Heying	
Friday	26 Feb	9:00 am	Intns Kevin Wells	Ember Friday
		6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	27 Feb	9:00 am	Intns Kevin Wells	S Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows/Ember Sat.
Sunday	28 Feb	9:00 am*	<i>Pro populo</i>	Second Sunday in Lent
		11:00 am	Intns Emma Hoefler	Dominica II Quadragesima
		5:30 pm	†Souls in Purgatory	Dominica II Quadragesima

* Mass in English ** Father away; no public Mass

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

Bookkeeper: Mr. Dennis Haspert

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Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Sunday: 9:00am*, Traditional Latin 11:00am, 5:30pm

Weekday TLM Masses: See schedule in bulletin

Saturday: 9:00am; (Vigil by appt)

Holy Day Masses: 8:00am, 6:00pm* & 7:00pm

Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

*Mass in English

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.