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Dominica III Quadragesima

Ephesians 5:1-9; Psalms 9:20 and 4; Luke 11: 14-28

7 March A.D. 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11; I Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

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.

Spring Oysterfest: March 20

Please take a flyer with you after Mass for inviting friends and family. Funds raised: \$777.00

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.

- Good Friday/Devotional Crucifix: PAID*
- Hall termite note: PAID*
- ParishSOFT annual fee: PAID*
- Maintenance labor 1 Mar: \$390.00
- Hall septic pumpout PAID*
- Catechisms/Evangelization materials \$610.67*
(*Amount changed this week)

Chesterton Academy Opening

You are invited to an info meeting about a new high school, The Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's, on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7-8:30pm, St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church, Hollywood, MD (and on Zoom)

Chesterton Academy Offers:

- Strong Catholic Identity, including daily Mass and the oath of fidelity to the magisterium of the Catholic Church for faculty - Affordable Tuition - Classical Liberal Arts Education with an integrated curriculum rooted in the faith - Successful Model, with 28 schools in the US and abroad - A Formational School focused on truth, beauty and goodness and the development of virtue, character and joyful souls - Reclaiming athletics towards camaraderie and fun

For more information and Zoom link, visit:
<https://www.ChestertonStMarys.org>

Gospel for Third Sunday of Lent

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke
Luke 11:14-28

At that time, Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb: and when he had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke: and the multitudes were in admiration at it. And so on.

Homily by the Venerable Bede, Priest **at Jarrow.**
Bk. iv, 48 on Luke xi

We read in Matthew **xii. 22** that the devil, by which this poor creature was possessed, was not only dumb, but also blind; and that, when he was healed by the Lord, he saw as well as spake. Three miracles, therefore, were performed on this one man; the blind saw, the dumb spake, and the possessed was delivered. This mighty work was then indeed wrought carnally, but it is still wrought spiritually in the conversion of believers, when the devil is cast out of them, so that their eyes see the light of faith, and the lips, that before were dumb, are opened that their mouth may show forth the praise of God. But some of them said: He casteth out devils through Beelzebub, the chief of the devils. These some were not of the multitude, but liars among the Pharisees and Scribes, as we are told by the other Evangelist.

Prayer for Those Entering the Church

Emily and Aaron Williams are currently undergoing instruction in the Catholic Faith as they look forward to entering the Church at the Easter vigil, at which time they will join their daughter Mary, already baptized, as members of the Body of Christ. Each year in Lent we accompany those everywhere who will enter the Church during the Paschal celebration through Baptism or Profession of Faith. Please include them in your prayers and sacrifices.

Waldorf Pro-Life Prayers - March 13

Join other pro-lifers 10-11am at Planned Parenthood in Waldorf, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602, on the second Saturday of each month, next on March 13th, to peacefully protest unjust, unlawful killings which take place there. We will be praying for the permanent closure of this and every Planned Parenthood in our nation.

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.

"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.

Holy Sweepers for the weeks of March 7 and 14

Percich 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.

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

UPCOMING:

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services: March 14

Oysterfest: March 20, 12-3, hall

Second Collection - the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land: April 2

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	7 Mar	9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	Third Sunday in Lent
		11:00 am	†A Lois Joyce	Dominica III Quadragesima
		5:30 pm	†Souls in Purgatory	
Monday	8 Mar	9:00 am	†Francis Saltysiak	S John of God
Tuesday	9 Mar	NP**	Intns Ponton Family	S Frances of Rome
Wednesday	10 Mar	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration/Confessions</i>	
		7:00 pm	†Joseph Bastinelli	Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste, Armenia
Thursday	11 Mar	9:00 am	†Sam Fink	
Friday	12 Mar	6:00 pm	†William McMurtrie	St Gregory the Great
		6:30 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
		Saturday	13 Mar	Intns Joann and RIP Richard Estes
Sunday	14 Mar	9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	Fourth Sunday in Lent
		11:00 am	†Martin P Joyce, Sr	Dominica IV Quadragesima
		5:30 pm	†Souls in Purgatory	

* 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

Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 11:00am, 5:30pm

Weekdays: Mon 9am, Wed 7 pm, Thurs-Sat 9 am

Holy Days: 8:00am, 7:00pm

English: Sundays 9 am, Holy Days 6 pm

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.