



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica IV Quadragesima

Galatians 4:22-31; Psalms 121:1 and 7; John 6: 1-15

14 March A.D. 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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.

THIS WEEKEND: Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Needed: Spring Oysterfest Food Donations

We are in need of breads for the St Joseph Table, sides and salads. Please sign up in church to help.

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.

- Maintenance labor 1 Mar: \$54.00
- Catechisms/Evangelization materials \$455.67*
- Feb Electric \$296.87
- Feb Maint Materials \$151.07

(*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.

Laetare Sunday Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to John

John 6:1-15

In that time, Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw the miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And so on.

Homily by St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo.

24th Tract on John

The miracles which our Lord Jesus Christ did were the very works of God, and they enlighten the mind of man by mean of things which are seen, that he may know more of God. God is Himself of such a Substance as eye cannot see, and the miracles, by the which He ruleth the whole world continually, and satisfieth the need of every-thing that He hath made, are by use become so common, that scarce any will vouchsafe to see that there are wonderful and amazing works of God in every grain of seed of grass. According to His mercy He kept some works to be done in their due season, but out of the common course and order of nature, that men might see them and be astonished, not because they are greater, but because they are rarer than those which they lightly esteem, since they see them day by day.

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.

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>

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

**Spring Oyster Fest
2021**

**Current total:
\$1,150.00**

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:

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	14 Mar	9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	Laetare Sunday
		11:00 am	†Martin P Joyce Sr	Dominica IV Quadragesima
		5:30 pm	†Souls in Purgatory	
Monday	15 Mar	9:00 am	Intns David Ponton	
Tuesday	16 Mar	NP**	Intns James P. Garland	
Wednesday	17 Mar	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration/Confessions</i>	
		7:00 pm	Intns Patricia Garland	S Patrick
Thursday	18 Mar	9:00 am	Brothers Brent & Henry, Congr Oratory	S Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday	19 Mar	9:00 am	Intns Bridget Touhey	S Joseph
		6:30 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday	20 Mar	9:00 am	Intns Sue Barry	
Sunday	21 Mar	9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	Fifth Sunday in Lent
		11:00 am	†B.M. Perusse	Dominica V 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.