



# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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## **Dominica II Quadragesima**

*I Thessalonians 4:1-7; Psalms 24:17-18; Matthew 17: 1-9*

28 February A.D. 2021

## **Second Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 22: 1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18; Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Romans 8:31B-34; Mark 9:2-10*

### **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: \$677.00

### **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.

- 11.Jan.21 Maintenance Labor: PAID\*
- Charles County Property Tax: PAID\*
- Mass linens: PAID\*
- Candlemas candles: PAID\*
- Holy Face relic framing: PAID\*
- Good Friday/Devotional Crucifix: \$38.20\*
- Hall termite note: \$16.20\*
- ParishSOFT annual fee: \$8.00\*
- Maintenance materials \$50.74\*
- Hall septic pumpout \$350.00
- Catechisms/Evangelization materials \$1115.67  
(\*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.

### **Second Sunday of Lent Scriptures**

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**Matt 17:1-9**

At that time, Jesus taketh unto him Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: And he was transfigured before them. And so on.

Homily by Pope St. Leo **the Great**.  
**From a homily on the Transfiguration of the Lord**

Jesus took Peter, and James, and John his brother, and brought them up into an exceeding high mountain apart, and manifested forth the brightness of His glory. Hitherto, though they understood that there was in Him the Majesty of God, they knew not the power of that Body which veiled the Godhead. And therefore He had individually and markedly promised to some of the disciples that had stood by Him **Matth. xvi. 28** that they should "not taste of death till they had seen the Son of Man coming in His kingdom", that is, in the kingly splendour, which is the right of the Manhood taken into God, and which He willed to make visible to those three men. This it was that they saw, for the unspeakable and unapproachable vision of the Godhead Himself which will be the everlasting life of the pure in heart, **Matth. v. 8** can no man, who is still burdened with a dying body, see and live.

### **Baptism Congratulations to Victoria Julianna**

Join in prayers of thanksgiving with the Gwiazda family as we celebrate with them a new member of the Body of Christ on the occasion of her baptism last Sunday.

### **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

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:braun.cait@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**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28 Feb</b>	<b>9:00 am*</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	Intns Emma Hoefler	<b>Dominica II Quadragesima</b>
		<b>5:30 pm</b>	†Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Mar</b>	9:00 am	†Requiem - Lucio Cruz Cisneros	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Mar</b>	NP**	Intns Ruth Heying	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3 Mar</b>	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration/Confessions</i>	
		7:00 pm	Intns Vincent Shoatere	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4 Mar</b>	9:00 am	†David Fiske	S Lucius I
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5 Mar</b>	9:00 am	†Joseph Koles	
		6:30 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6 Mar</b>	9:00 am	Intns	Ss Felicitas and Perpetua
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7 Mar</b>	<b>9:00 am*</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>
		<b>11:00 am</b>	†A Lois Joyce	<b>Dominica III Quadragesima</b>
		<b>5:30 pm</b>	†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](mailto: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

**Bulletin:** Mrs. Caitlin Sanders

**Choir:** Miss Jenni Scarlata

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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](mailto: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.