

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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XI.IV.MMXXI Dominica in Albis

I John 5:4-10; John 20:19-31

11 April A.D. 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; I John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

From the Pastor

Post dies octo jánuis clausis ingréssus Dóminus dixit eis: "Pax vobis", allelúja, allelúja.



Surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia!

A most joy-filled celebration of the season of Easter to all our families, guests, friends and neighbors.

Look forward to welcoming Fr Woo back next Sunday as I spend some time away.

Father Woo to Speak April 18

Father Woo, a priest of the diocese of Hong Kong, will offer our holy Masses on Sunday, April 18, and after lunch at 12:45 will give a presentation on the state of the Church in China. Please plan to attend.

Congratulations to the Perry Family

We welcome the Perry family, including daughters Amy and Mia, and congratulate Dad Aaron and Mom Merelyn on the sacramentalization of their marriage on Easter Saturday. Beinvenidos!

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.

- Maint/Materials \$693.68*
- Fest Oysters PAID*
- March Comcast PAID*
- March/April Oil/Electric \$1019.10*
- March Health Ins \$1766*

(*Amount changed this week)

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Your Loved One

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday Plenary Indulgence

We may have been forgiven for our sins sacramentally confessed, but we will have to pay for them on earth and, if death strikes too soon, in Purgatory. But this coming Sunday, we have the chance to scrap such debt. It will be Divine Mercy Sunday that, as decreed by the late St. Pope John Paul II, gives us the chance to avail ourselves of Plenary Indulgence- a total remission of purgation owed for sins.

There are two things that can be had this Divine Mercy Sunday: the "special graces" promised by Our Lord Jesus, and the Plenary Indulgence offered by the Church for special devotions to the Divine Mercy

To receive special graces that our Lord promised for Divine Mercy Sunday, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

On the other hand, Plenary Indulgence granted by the Church involves the fulfilment of conditions, including prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, Confession and Holy Eucharist, and the carrying out of the special indulgenced work such as participating in public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday itself.

Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be conferred on the Solemnity of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23: Mary Isabel Paulitz, Aaron and Emily Williams.

First Confessions

Our children must make their First Confession prior to receiving their First Holy Communion, to be conferred on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Please contact Deacon Butkiewicz or Father Cusick to make arrangements.

Why is our church building closed?

For some time now we have noticed cracks in our plaster ceiling. Last Monday an inspection by a plaster restoration and conservation firm recommended by ADW revealed that it has been damaged by age and other factors which endangers its integrity. For safety reasons we are offering holy Mass at the hall. We are pursuing an expedited paperwork process for ADW approval and will make more information available when it is granted. Thanks for your patience.

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Spring Oyster Fest 2021

Current total: \$4,933.00 As of 21 March

Thank you for your generous support!

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

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Irving Chappelear, Dorothy Hume, Robin Magnelli, Fran Ricco, Ray Stublarec, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at cusickk@adw.org 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 April 11 and 18 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:

April 25: Second Collection - Church Missions with the US Pentecost-Confirmation conferred. Corpus Christi-First Communion conferred

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	11 Apr	9:00 am*	Pro pópulo	Divine Mercy Sunday
·	•	11:00 am	†Kevin Tettimer	Dominica in albis
		5:30 pm	†David Welch	
Monday	12 Apr	9:00 am	Intns Walter Shorts	Easter Monday
Tuesday	13 Apr	**	†Wes Beisel	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday	14 Apr	6:00 pm	Visit to the Blessed Sacrament	
•	_	**	†Souls in Purgatory	Easter Wednesday
Thursday	15 Apr	**	Intns Perry Family	Easter Thursday
Friday	16 Apr	**	Lawrence Gavin & Patricia Gavin-Gault	Easter Friday
Saturday	17 Apr	**	†Stephen Maresch	Easter Saturday
Sunday	18 Apr	9:00 am*	Pro pópulo	Third Sunday of Easter
		11:00 am	†B M Perusse	Second Sunday after Easter
		5:30 pm	Intns Elizabeth Ponton	

^{*} 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 **Bulletin:** Mrs. Caitlin Sanders **Choir:** Miss Jenni Scarlata

Director of Liturgy/Secretary: Mr. Stephen Krautle **Hall and Grounds:** Mrs. Donna and Mr. Mark Long

Parish Council President: Mr. Sid Marcus Physical Plant/Maintenance: Mr. Jamie Scarlata

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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.