



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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Second Sunday after Easter

I Peter 2:21-25; John 10:11-16

18 April A.D. 2021

Third Sunday in Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; I John 2:1-5A; Luke 24:35-48

From the Pastor

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



Please join me in welcoming Father Woo as he visits us this Sunday and Monday while I spend some time away this week.

The Archdiocese has notified us that they will consider our proposal for ceiling repairs at their next scheduled meeting on 13 May, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Let us all fervently invoke her maternal intercession that t we may receive a favorable outcome.

Thank you to Father Woo

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

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: \$188.68*
- March/April Oil/Electric: \$754.10*
- March Health Ins.: \$1655*

(*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.

St Thomas Aquinas on Reverence toward the Eucharist

“Because out of reverence towards this sacrament, nothing touches it, but what is consecrated; hence the corporal and the chalice are consecrated, and likewise the priest’s hands, for touching this sacrament. Hence it is not lawful for anyone else to touch it except from necessity, for instance, if it were to fall upon the ground or else in some other case of urgency.”

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church
Summa Theologica

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, and Justin Perusse.

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.

ADW Jubilee Mass 2021

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year’s Mass will be held Sunday, June 27 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing and the Mass will be live-streamed. To receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate or to register to attend the Mass, please contact the parish office before May 14, 2021.

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.

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

**Spring Oyster Fest
2021**

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

*Thank you for your generous
support!*

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Irving Chappellear, Dorothy Hume, Robin Magnelli, Frances 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.

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:

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	18 Apr	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Third Sunday of Easter
		11:00 am †B M Perusse	Second Sunday after Easter
		5:30 pm Intns Elizabeth Ponton	
Monday	19 Apr	9:00 am Intns Michael Ponton	
Tuesday	20 Apr	** †Wes Beisel	
Wednesday	21 Apr	6:00 pm <i>Visit to the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		** Special Intention BT	S Anselm
Thursday	22 Apr	** Intns Jackie and Rick Fiora	Ss Soter & Caius
Friday	23 Apr	** Souls in Purgatory	S George
Saturday	24 Apr	** †Stephen Maresch	S Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Sunday	25Apr	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Fourth Sunday of Easter
		11:00 am †John Gorska	Third Sunday after Easter
		5:30 pm †Wes Beisel	

* 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.

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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.