



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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Dominica infra Octavam Ascensionis

I Peter 4:7-11; John 15:26-27 and 16:1-4

16 May A.D. 2021

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

From the Pastor

In this month of May we turn in a more intense way to Our Lady, Mother Mary, for her help. Our Church and our world are in deep need of hearing the call of God to faith, prayer and the moral life which God commands. Mary's example always leads us to follow her Son more faithfully and perseveringly. Take up the daily rosary again this month if you have fallen away from this most effective prayer for continuing the graces of the Eucharist throughout the week.



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

Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady's first appearance to the children at Fatima occurred on May 13 and continued each month on that day until October with the miracle of the sun. Of her many consoling messages and warnings perhaps these words are most comforting for us:

“Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”

Along with recitation of the rosary daily, Mary urged us to do penance for poor sinners.

On the Ascension

Dear beloved brethren, our Saviour is gone up from us into heaven, but let us not be troubled on earth. Let only our heart be there with Him, and we shall have peace here. Let us in heart thither ascend with Christ in the mean while, and when that glad day which He hath promised cometh, our body will follow. But we must know, my brethren, that there are some things that cannot ascend with Christ pride cannot, nor covetousness, nor brutishness no one of our diseases can ascend thither where our Healer is. And, therefore, if we would follow our Healer, we must needs leave our diseases and sins behind us. All such things tie us down, as it were, with bands, and hamper us in the meshes of a net of sins but, with God's help, we will say with the Psalmist: "Let us break their bands asunder," *ii. 3*, that we may be able honestly to say to the Lord: "Thou hast loosed my bonds, I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving." *cxv. 16, 17*. St Augustine

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND for Catholic Communication Campaign and Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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 Materials \$459.46
- Maintenance Labor April \$750.00
- Church, liturgy supplies \$285.69
- Utilities \$246.00*

(*Amount changed this week)

Dedicate 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.

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.

Vocation Prayers for Stephen Krautle

Our sacristan is on a month stay with the Oratorian priest community in Cincinnati to further his vocational discernment. Please pray in these days that Stephen will understand and follow the Father's will for his life, possibly for priestly formation as a member of their apostolate. Thank you for your role in his formation here through prayer and encouragement. Jamie Scarlata is currently in training to take on some of Stephen's duties as we prepare for his possible entrance there later this summer.

Planned Work on Our Ceiling and Church

Join us for a meeting after the 11 am Mass to get info and ask questions about the plan to repair our ceiling and restore the interior plaster of our church walls and apse.

Thank you for your continued prayers through the intercession of our Our Lady of Fatima and your generous financial gifts. See reverse of bulletin for financial info.

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

Ceiling and Church Plaster Repair

Current total raised:

\$4,585.00

Estimated Loan Amount:

\$57,000.00

Estimated total cost:

\$243,000.00

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 May 16 and 23

Scarlata 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:

Pentecost - Confirmation conferred

Corpus Christi - First Communion conferred

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	16 May	9:00 am* <i>Pro populo</i>	Ascension of the Lord
		11:00 am †BM Perusse	Dominica infra Octavam Ascensionis
		5:30 pm †Patrick Landers	
Monday	17 May	9:00 am †Souls in Purgatory	S Paschal Baylon
Tuesday	18 May	** †Blanche Hammack Fiora	S Venantius of Camerino
Wednesday	19 May	6:00 pm <i>Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions</i>	
		7:00 pm Intns David Ponton	S Peter Celestine/S Pudentiana
Thursday	20 May	9:00 am Conversion of Joe Biden	S Bernadine of Siena
Friday	21 May	9:00 am Anniv Richard & Mary Cusick	
Saturday	22 May	9:00 am End to Communion in the hand	Vigil of Pentecost/S Rita of Cascia
Sunday	23 May	9:00 am* <i>Pro populo</i>	Pentecost Sunday
		11:00 am Intns Blessed Virgin Mary	Dominica Pentecostes
		5:30 pm Intns Susan Skinner	

* 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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Choir: Miss Jenni Scarlata

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Mass and Sacrament Schedule

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

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

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

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.