



# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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Dominica VI Post Epiphaniam

14 November A.D. 2021

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## From the Pastor

*I've just completed our annual October headcount stats for the Archdiocese. As I'm sure you've noticed, we've grown. We now average 192 souls at Mass every Sunday, a decided jump from attendance average of 159 under fear of illness last year. Thank you for your faithfulness to our most important prayer of the holy Mass on the most important day of the week, our Sunday celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.*

*"Pray always."*

## November Prayers for the Holy Souls

Participate in our daily prayer of holy Mass for the souls in purgatory during November by enrolling your deceased loved ones. Use the envelopes you will find in the pew pockets and drop them in the collection basket.

## Precepts of the Church

You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

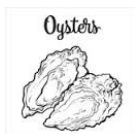
You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.

You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.

You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

## Oysterfest Thank you

Thanks to all of our parishioners who supported our Fall Oysterfest in any way. We had an exceptional turnout, filling the hall with guests. Please know of our gratitude for those who cleaned and prepped the hall, gave financial and culinary support, fried, cooked, baked, and shucked. With your generous help we raised \$4065.00.



## Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Military KIA

Dedication of the sanctuary lamp each week to honor or recognize the living or deceased. Offering \$25 and proceeds help defray the cost of candles.

## The Sunday Holy Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Matt 13:31-32**

At that time, Jesus said to the people a parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. And so on.

Homily by St. Jerome, Priest at **Bethlehem**.

**Book II Comment. on Matth. xiii.**

The kingdom of heaven is the proclamation of the Gospel, and that knowledge of the Scriptures, which leadeth unto life, and whereof it is said to the Jews: The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. **Matth. xxi. 43** Therefore is this kingdom like to a grain of mustard-seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. By the man that sowed it in his field, many understand to be meant the Saviour, because He is the Sower That soweth in the souls of believers; others understand every man that soweth good seed in his own field, that is, in himself and in his own heart. Who is he that soweth, but our own mind and soul, which take the grain from preaching, and by nourishing it in the soil, cause it to sprout in the field of our own breast? The preaching of the Gospel is the least of all doctrines. He that preacheth, for his first lesson, God made man, Christ dead, and the stumbling-block of the Cross, receiveth at first but little credit. Compare such teaching as this with the doctrines of the Philosophers, with their books, their magnificent eloquence, and their rounded sentences, and thou shalt see how the grain of the Gospel, when it is sown, is the humblest of all seeds. that the branches of the Gospel tree, which groweth from the grain of mustard-seed, are the diverse developments of doctrine, on which the birds above mentioned find resting-places.

## Traditional Men's Confraternity in Formation Begins Saturday, November 20th

The Confraternity, a monthly men's fraternal opportunity formed along traditional Catholic lines, will meet next Saturday, November 20th following 9 am Mass. Please let Jamie Scarlata know if you're interested. His email is always on the back of the bulletin.

## SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Priests of the Archdiocese Retirement Fund

The number of retired priests in the Archdiocese of Washington have increased significantly within the last ten years. 100% of your gift goes towards providing medical care and housing for our retired priests as well as funding the retired priest pension fund. Please be generous.

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

## Stewardship

### Last Sunday:

Offertory: \$2332.10  
Parish use/restricted:  
\$1005.40  
Maintenance labor/supplies:  
\$385.00

*-Thank you for your generosity*

## 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:

- ProLife prayers every second Saturday of the month, 10-11 am, at Waldorf Planned Parenthood, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602
- **December 12: Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious**

## Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14 Nov</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	†Souls in Purgatory	<b>Dominica VI Post Epiphaniam</b> <b>Thirty-second Sunday</b>
		<b>9:00 am*</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	
		<b>11:00 am</b>	†Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15 Nov</b>	9:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	S Albert the Great
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16 Nov</b>	**	†Souls in Purgatory	S Gertrude
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17 Nov</b>	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration/Confessions</i>	S Gregory Thaumaturgus
		7:00 pm	†Souls in Purgatory	Ddctn Bscls S Peter & S Paul
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18 Nov</b>	9:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	S Elizabeth of Hungary
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19 Nov</b>	9:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	S Felix of Valois
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20 Nov</b>	9:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	<b>Dominica XXIV/Ultima Post Pentecosten</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21 Nov</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	†Souls in Purgatory	<b>Thirty-fourth Sunday</b>
		<b>9:00 am*</b>	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	
		<b>11:00 am</b>	†Souls in Purgatory	

\* Mass in English \*\*Father away - no public Mass

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email [meitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com](mailto:meitl.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

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## Mass and Sacrament Schedule

**Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays** 8 am & 11 am

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

**Holy Days:** 8 am, 7 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](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 also at <https://www.stfrancisbenedict.org/registration-form/>. You may email it, return it to Father, or drop it in the collection basket.

**Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound:** Irving Chappellear, Dorothy Hume, Ray Stublarec, Neal Sullivan, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Daniel Rodriguez, Paul Custer

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at [cusickk@adw.org](mailto: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](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 in our lives through the Church. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are asked to contact the parish office.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before children can receive first sacraments.

## Holy Sweepers for the weeks of November 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. If you would like to be a Holy Sweeper, please email Caitlin Sanders at [braun.cait@gmail.com](mailto:braun.cait@gmail.com).