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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ordinary Form)

Extraordinary Form Readings: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1, 4-8 ; Gradual: Psalm 121, 1 and 7 ; Gospel: Matthew 9, 1-8

The CATHOLICISM Project



St. Francis de Sales Adult Formation Ministry presents: Fr. Robert Barron's groundbreaking program as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting formational program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

Adult Formation Schedule details

When: Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7, 14; Jan. 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15.

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. (Light fare and beverages will be served.)

For planning purposes please register with Sam Oliver at 301-274-3825 or email him at ministries@stfrancisdesalescc.org.

November is the month of All Souls



Mass will be offered every day in November for the repose of all the souls of the faithful departed. If you would like to enroll family members or others to be remembered by name at the altar during the month please use the envelopes placed in the pews. An offering is customary as a way of participating in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration Monthly



Saint Margaret Mary revealed that the Lord asked her and those who love Him to spend an hour in prayer on Thursdays in memory of His suffering in the Garden of Olives and to ask mercy for sinners. On the Thursday evenings preceding the First Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart devotions, and Benediction concluding at 8:00p.m. **Next date is 3 Nov.**

Ever Considered the Priesthood?



Donald Cardinal Wuerl invites you to a Men's Discernment Dinner on Oct. 23, 2011 from 4pm—8pm at St. Peter Church in D.C. The evening includes Holy Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with the Cardinal and other young men from the Washington, D.C area. For more information contact Rev. Carter Griffin at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

DC 'HOOD vs. St. John Vianney All Stars



Entertainment for the whole family! Catch the popular DC Hood basketball team play in or area on Friday Oct. 21, 2011. Fr. Greg Shaffer started a basketball team of priests and seminarians called the DC 'Hood (as in the priest-'HOOD) to promote vocations. Admission is by donation at the St. John Vianney Family Life Center 105 Vianney lane Prince Frederick. The doors open at 6:15pm game time is 7pm. For more information visit www.sjvflc.us or contact Joann Scanlan at 410-414-9099x2.

Helpers Needed - Living Nativity



The event will be held each Saturday of Advent, December 3, 10, and 17 from 1-4 at Spider Hall Farm. Volunteers can help with sewing, crafts, painting, carpentry..., players are also needed to stand in as Mary, Joseph, Wise men, Angels, Shepherds, and Innkeeper. All ages are welcome. Come join the fun! Contact Mrs. Altman at 410-535-5941 or 215-696-8776 to sign-up or for more information.

Second Annual White Mass

The Second Annual White Mass honoring the gifts of persons with special needs will be held on Sunday, October 23, 11:30am, at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew Please contact Peg Kolm, mkolm@adw.org, or 301-853-4560 for questions.



MCITL: Meeting Christ in the liturgy.

We have in our own day an abundance of conflicts between Church and state. Is a matter political or religious? If it's deemed political, many believe, the Church should have nothing to say. Attempts to muzzle God go back to the beginning of salvation history. The prophets were put to death for speaking God's truth long before the Pharisees and Herodians tried to entrap and silence Christ.

The abortion issue, many say, is a political issue, and therefore a matter for Caesar alone. Men of God, it is said, should be silent. Human life, in fact, is a moral issue, and when the laws of men are immoral and attack the laws of God and the sacredness of human life, than Godly men should shout from every rooftop, priests should preach from every pulpit, every believing man and woman should speak out and protest. "Render...to God the things that are God's." All human life is sacred, from the hands of the creator: "For thou didst form my inward parts, thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise thee, for thou art fearful and wonderful, wonderful are thy works!" (Psalm 139) When Caesar's laws are an abomination before God, then it is Caesar who must change.

Whether opposing the culture of death or any tyranny of the political order, the Christian gives first allegiance to the laws of God.

"The citizen is obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel. Refusing obedience to civil authorities, when their demands are contrary to those of an upright conscience, finds its justification in the distinction between serving God and serving the political community. 'Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' (Mt 22:21) 'We must obey God rather than men.' (Acts 5:29)

'When citizens are under the oppression of a public authority which oversteps its competence, they should still not refuse to give or to do what is objectively demanded of them by the common good; but it is legitimate for them to defend their own rights and those of their fellow citizens against the abuse of this authority within the limits of the natural law and the Law of the Gospel.' (Gaudium et spes, 74) (CCC 2242)

(Visit MCITL daily at mcitl.blogspot.com for teachings from the Catechism paired with the Scriptures of holy Mass for every day of the week.)

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory: \$2,918.00
Poor Box: \$5.00
Votive: \$19.00
Pamphlets: \$0
Donations: \$50.00

Funds raised at the Spaghetti Dinner were used to pay the yearly copier fee. Thank you!

Mar 2011—Aug 2011
Average monthly expenses \$14,861
Average monthly income \$13,412

*Thanks to our Counters and
To all for your generous support.*

Congratulations!



Best wishes and prayers for Courtney Freeland and Kyle Knichel as you prepare for your wedding day.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

You will see changes in the schedule for EMHCs which were needed in order to follow Church norms. The Church has been calling for some time for priests and deacons, the ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, to distribute the Sacrament in ordinary circumstances such as at our weekend Masses. We are asked only in cases of extraordinary need to call for the assistance of EMHCs which we will continue to do on weekends following First Fridays when we have Communion under both species.

Did you know?



You too can share your good news right here in the bulletin. Weddings, anniversaries, births, accomplishments, promotions...please share these life events with your parish family through bulletin announcements. Send your information to bulletin@stfrancisdesalescc.org or drop a note in the collection basket.

Stewardship



If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider registering and using envelopes for regular support of the parish. Forms are available at the back of the church. We also offer the option of electronic transfer of funds once a month on the 1st or 15th direct from your bank account to ours. Please let Father know if you are interested in more information.

“Whose sins you forgive”

Father Cusick is offering the opportunity for the sacrament of Confession prior to all weekend Masses. This sacrament of God's forgiveness is necessary in cases of serious, or mortal, sin in order to prepare to receive the Lord in the Holy Eucharist worthily which includes, for example, omitting to attend Sunday Mass for a less than grave reason.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Holy Sweepers for the Week of October 16, 2011

Billie Jo & Jessica Short

Schedule for October 22

Lectors
Mary Ellen Romney
Mike Novy

Altar Servers
Nick Fulcher

Schedule for October 23

Lectors
John McHale
Ed O'Rourke

Altar Servers
Pete Freeland

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday</i>	16 October	9:00am	<i>Pro pópulo</i>
		11am	Ida Peerdeman
<i>Monday</i>	17 October	(not public)	Intns M Greiber
<i>Tuesday</i>	18 October	(not public)	Intns M Greiber
<i>Wednesday</i>	19 October	8:00am	†Rose Houser
<i>Thursday</i>	20 October	8:00am	† Rose Houser
<i>Friday</i>	21 October	8:00am	† Rose Houser
<i>Saturday</i>	22 October	8:00am	†Rose Houser
		5:30pm	Deployed Military/Families

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email pastor@stfrancisdesalescc.org, 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.

MASS AND SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday....8:00am EF*
Vigil.... 5:30pm OF
Sunday.....9:00am Ordinary Form (OF)
11:00am Extraordinary Form (EF) - Latin 1962
Weekday Masses: 8:00am Wed, Thu, Fri*, (OF)
Holy Day Masses: 8:00am and 7:00pm
Confessions: Confession offered prior to all weekend Masses.

Baptisms: Sundays by appointment
Marriages: By appointment 6 months in advance
Bulletin Deadline: Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to bulletin@stfrancisdesalescc.org 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 the rectory.

* First Fri & Sat no a.m. Mass while Father is away on reserve drill