



Precautions taken due to the recent outbreak of the H1N1 virus, aka the 'swine flu', has significantly affected many church practices. The local Catholic bishops of Baltimore, Washington and Arlington have urged the pastors of every parish to suspend the option of distributing the consecrated wine to the congregation. The use of the common sacred chalice increases the chance of the communicant possibly contracting the virus. We should not look at this action as being overly cautious. A little over 5 years ago the dioceses in Arizona and New Mexico did the same thing when there was a serious outbreak of flu in their region leading to the deaths of many. Although it was suspected that receiving from the common cup might have played a factor in spreading the flu, there was certainly no conclusive evidence of that. However, after a couple of the deaths from the flu virus happened in the same parish, it was understandable why the precaution of banning communion under both species time was enacted.

Last Sunday I had an opportunity to address at the Masses I celebrated the concern about receiving communion under both species. A couple of people have expressed of personally not having the 'feeling' of receiving the fullness of the experience of receiving Jesus unless they receive under both forms. This was actually a very good question that was raised. Is there a difference between receiving under one or both species of the Eucharist?

The simple answer is 'no', there is absolutely no difference in receiving the sacramental graces of the Eucharist whether we received in one sacred species or both. We receive Jesus in the entirety of his real presence (body, blood, soul & divinity) in either species. The church norm is to receive the consecrated host (Eucharistic bread) and it is totally optional to receive the Precious Blood from the common cup. One does not get 'extra' graces by receiving from the cup. The fullness of Christ is received in either form. We do not get 'more' of Jesus or a 'double Jesus' if we elect to receive under both species.

But we need to understand that in order to have a valid celebration of the Mass the Eucharist must have the double consecration of the bread and wine as Our Lord did at the Last Supper. The reason for this is the element of the 'sacrifice'. For the *Sacrifice* of the Mass to be a true sacrifice, it is essential to have the image of the separation of the body from the blood to express a *sacrifice*. In the old Jewish ritual the animals were used as a sacrifice and there was a clear showing of the body being separated from the blood. Jesus perfected this sacrifice by becoming both the priest and the victim for the sacrifice. The dual consecration of the bread and wine shows both the symbolic and the real element of the true sacrifice of Jesus—the separation of the body and blood of Jesus on the cross for our redemption. The apostles were the original priests and were always required to receive under both species as they were to imitate the celebration of the subsequent Masses after the initial one offered by Jesus at the Last Supper. When the Eucharist is administered to the lay faithful, one receives completely the real presence of Jesus even if it is only administered under the one form.

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Church Picnic



Sunday, June 7th
after 12noon Mass

WE WILL PROVIDE
hamburgers, hotdogs, bbq chicken, italian sausages
iced tea, lemonade, beer & wine

YOU CAN BRING
side dish or dessert
or bring a cake for the Cake Contest

Fun for the Whole Family!!!

50-50 raffle, music, talent show,
games for adults and children,
moonbounce, dunk tank & more!

Volunteers or questions -
call Alicia 338-6381 or Ray Latka 703-777-7365

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO HELP WITH
FOOD PLANNING. THANK YOU!**

I also have an important announcement for those who suffer from wheat allergy and cannot receive the Eucharistic bread. Please contact the parish or me immediately so that we can make arrangements for you to receive the Eucharist at Mass through the use of an individual special communion cup.

And there is one typo correction from last Sunday's bulletin. The correct web link for the issue regarding blessing at communion is www.adoremus.org (and not 'adoremos').

Your Shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante

Next Week's Second Collection is for our diocesan Retired Priests. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served so faithfully over the years. Currently there are 14 retired priests who served our diocese and an additional 16 diocesan priests who are anticipated to retire within the next 10 years. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU FOR HAITI ITEMS The newly confirmed 8th grade class that collected items for Haiti pediatric patients was able to give them to parishioner Vern Conoway for delivery to Haiti in the spring and summer. The boxes included books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, underwear, socks, crayons, pens, pencils, soap and 50 handmade washclothes. Mr. Conoway will be taking a group of parish teens with him to Haiti this summer to work on special projects. Thank you for your generosity and please pray for our group of parishioners who will travel there as well as the Haitians they will be helping.

POP Fund Seeks Parishioner Ideas on New Groups to Gift

Did you know that since 2001 St. Francis de Sales Parish has donated more than \$172,000 to groups serving the poor in our local community as well as on every continent? This incredible generosity has happened because 5% of the weekly offertory collection is set aside in a Preferential Option for the Poor (POP) Fund, from which these gifts are made.

Parishioner nominations are now being accepted for Spring 2009 gifts. If you know of an organization striving to lessen the hardships of the poor that might benefit from a POP Fund gift, please submit your written nomination to the church office. Nominations should include a suggested donation amount; a description of the organization and the parishioner's personal connection to the group; and a brochure or web site information for the organization. Nominations are due in the church office by May 19.

IHM CONFERENCE The 8th Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary National Home School and Parent Conference will be held at the Dulles Expo & Conference Center on Friday, June 12 (9am-9pm), and on Saturday, June 13 (9am-4:30pm). Admission is free. Many Catholic vendors and curriculum providers will be participating. For more info: www.ihmconference.org or 540-636-1946.

Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With ...

The Deployed: Major Karl M. Wojtkun, Capt. Andrew Kellner, 2LT Brendan McCormick, LTC Michael F. Goodnow, Sr. Arm Yonatan Holz, Arm 1stC Brian Rickert, SSGT Sara Wiest

The Sick: Norma O'Grady, Hannah Brown, Albert Cippel, Grover 'Corky' Corcoran

The Deceased: Fr. Michael C. Kelly, Isabella Hayes Isaacs, Chase Harrison, Maria Keran, Patricia Evelyn Weaver, Charlotte Wells, Robert Saunders, Miriam Moore, Stephanie Jackson, William Leonard, Andrew Michael Wilson, Janet Law, Jose Vera Tudela, James Emmet Lanaghan, Samuel Phillips, William Cooper



LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD'S

We all have friends or family members who have fallen away from the Church, loved ones who are searching for answers about their Faith, who want to increase their knowledge and understanding, but don't know where to begin. Now you can reach out to these people by offering them a wonderful learning tool, a Lighthouse Catholic Media CD. People can deepen their understanding of the Faith when they listen to inspiring talks given by some of the best Catholic speakers in the world. Some of you have already started listening to these CDs. In fact, this program has been so popular that we have been adding new titles to our display. The Lighthouse CDs are in a display case in the narthex. Take the CDs you find interesting and then pass them on to someone else. If you can afford to make a \$3 donation, we will use it to purchase more CDs. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry.

ATTENTION SCOUTS! If your son or daughter has earned a Catholic Scouting award please contact Marilyn Gugliotta at 338-2712 or 6gugs@comcast.net to arrange to have it presented at an upcoming Mass.

DO YOU HAVE AN OLD AND BATTERED FLAG?

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting American Flags that need to be retired on May 16 and May 17 after all the Masses. The Knights will also be selling new American Flags that weekend. The old flags will be retired in a ceremony with the Boy Scouts at Our Lady of Hope Church in Potomac Falls on Memorial Day. You may leave old flags in the Narthex.

Western Loudoun Relay for Life LIFE IS A CELEBRATION

May 30th and 31st

Heritage High School, Leesburg

Please join the St. Francis team,

Walking in Faith. One day. One night.

One community. There are several ways you can be a part of our team – you can become a team member and relay with us, you can donate money to the team via either the team website (easiest,) or cash or check to a team member, you can purchase raffle tickets for a Redskin quilt with over 50 signatures of past and current team members and coaches, or you can buy flowers from us after Mass on Mother's Day. For more information, please contact Sheila Cowling at 571-216-3024 or e-mail Sheila@flythrough.com. To access the team website, you will find a link on the St. Francis website, or Google: Western Loudoun Relay for Life, go to Teams and choose team Walking in Faith.



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The Year of St. Paul

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:4-6).



Special Needs First Holy Communion - May 16

Let us join in prayer and thanksgiving for our five special needs students who will be receiving the holy Eucharist for the first time at the 9am Saturday Mass on May 16. There will be a reception to follow. All are invited to join in this very special celebration!

Thank you to all who helped make the celebration of First Holy Communion very special for our First Communicants and their families.

We would like to thank our 1st grade families for hosting the receptions. And we are especially grateful for our catechists who gave of their time and talents in careful preparation of our parish children for First Holy Communion.

May Crowning, TODAY! Sunday, May 10 immediately following the 12:30pm Mass. The children of our parish are invited to honor our Blessed Mother in a May Crowning. The children will join in a procession from the Church to the statue of Mary in the back garden singing hymns and placing flowers before Our Lady. All children who participate are asked to bring a flower from home. Any First Communicants who participate are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion attire. Please join us in this great Marian tradition.

Next VBS Planning Meeting - Wednesday, May 13 at 10am or 7pm. All returning, new, and prospective volunteers are invited to join us as we continue in preparation for this summer's VBS, K4J Summertime Blast, Jesus in the Eucharist.

HEY CATECHISTS!

Let's celebrate the end of another successful year of Religious Education!



Wednesday, June 17 at 7pm @ the pavilion ~ Bring the whole family!

TEEN FAITH NEWS



TEEN MASS - at 6pm every Sunday, All welcome-please bring friends. Teens are welcome to sit in the front left 3 rows of church.

Next Workcamp meeting will be Sunday, May 17th.

No Youth Night - Sunday, May 10th. Happy Mothers Day!

Spring Retreat - Thank you Matt Bowe, Kevin Bills, and Chris Treado for all the hours of preparation and for joining us on the retreat. The youth of the parish are truly blessed by your presence.

Golf Tournament - Thanks to all those who sponsored or played in the Charity Golf Tournament. All the Workcampers really appreciate your generosity.

Service Group - Tuesday, May 12th, We will be making dinner for the Homeless Shelter. Call or e-mail for details if you would like to help.



J.A.M. Field trip - On Saturday May 16th 3pm-11pm, we have a special J.A.M. trip planned. We will be going down to JP11 in Dumfries for a Middle School Bash with *special guest, Chris Stefanick*. All Middle Schoolers are invited and need to sign up before May 9th. Parents, we will need drivers for this event.

Jane Treado Youth Director
540-338-6381 or Janedhs78@aol.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

You can help make this the best VBS ever
SUMMERTIME BLAST

won't be a success without you!

We are recruiting new volunteers now; please sign up to help and enjoy a fun, faith-filled week with the children of our parish. Pick up a volunteer form in the Narthex and return it to the RE office.

All rising 7th and 8th graders can earn service hours by helping with VBS

VBS is JULY 13-17 - 9am - 12noon

Questions? Contact
Melissa m.gobs@saintfrancisparish.org or
Janice j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org

A VBS NURSERY IS PROVIDED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS WITH BABIES THRU 4YEAR OLDS
We hope to see a lot of new volunteers!

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Sat., May 9

9:00 am

Easter Weekday

† Fr. Michael C. Kelly

Sat., May 9

5:00 pm

Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter

† Sara Fitzgerald

Sun., May 10

7:00 am

5th Sunday of Easter

† Rev. Stanley Slivonik

8:30 am

† Mary Agnes Thompson

10:30 am

† Esther Samonte Madrid

12:30 pm

People of the Parish

6:00 pm

† Bill Hayes

Mon., May 11

6:30 am

Easter Weekday

Michael Osowski

9:00 am

† Christopher diZefalo

Tue., May 12

6:30 am

Easter Weekday

† Lily and † Alex Petrovsky

9:00 am

† Ellie and Jeanine McCaffrey

Wed., May 13

6:30 am

Easter Weekday

Michael Osowski

9:00 am

Corky and Mary Jo Corcoran

Thurs., May 14

6:30 am

Easter Weekday

Michael Osowski

9:00 am

† Wallace and † Helen Slivonik

Fri., May 15

6:30 am

Easter Weekday

Michael Osowski

12:00 noon

In Thanksgiving for the Eucharist

Sat., May 16

9:00 am

Easter Weekday

† Fr. Michael C. Kelly

Sat., May 16

5:00 pm

Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

† Gary Rutzel

Sun., May 17

7:00 am

6th Sunday of Easter

In Thanksgiving

8:30 am

† Mary Bergeron

10:30 am

Richard McCaffrey

12:30 pm

People of the Parish

6:00 pm

† Barbara Balut

PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS: 5/3/09

Offertory - this week	\$ 17,962
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 298,503
2nd Collection - Building Fund	\$ 1,353

This Week

Wed., May 13 Padre Pio Cenacle - after 9am Mass
"Living Life in the Spirit" - 6:30pm
Charismatic Prayer Group - 7:30pm
 Oratory Room

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

5th Sunday of Easter

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.
 - 1 John 3:18

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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May Envelope Project

During the month of May, the parish office will be doing some Spring Cleaning in an attempt to update our parish database and go green! The office is requesting that everyone who is currently receiving offertory envelopes to please put them in the collection basket whether or not they contain an offering.



We are trying to reduce the number of mailings to people who no longer participate in the parish. For those who take advantage of the electronic giving program, we already have your information so you will not need to do anything.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19