

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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## APRIL 21, 2024

### 4th Sunday of Easter

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

##### Weekends:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

##### Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.



#### STAFF:

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#### REGISTRATION CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be registered at the parish office. Please update your information when you move.

THE REJECTED  
STONE HAS  
BECOME THE  
*cornerstone.*

PSALM 118

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby. ♥

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion

or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir, LPi

APRIL 20 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Mary Stees †  
Chuck & Mary  
Taskalines

APRIL 21 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. James "Sonny"  
Hewitt †  
Christina Lavenski

10:00 a.m. James Shutler †  
Mary McCray

APRIL 22 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

APRIL 23 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased  
Members of the  
Skrzypek Family  
Carolyn Gordon

APRIL 24 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Dawn Warble Donofe †  
Warble Family

APRIL 25 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Joe Church †  
Ellen McCormick

APRIL 26 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Bob Shutler †  
Patty Shutler

APRIL 27 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Loretta Saporito †  
Jerry & Lottie Durbin

APRIL 28 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Lewis Melchiori †  
Kathleen Melchiori

10:00 a.m. Carole Coleman †  
Frances Conner



**THE SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, April 20-21, is to support recovery efforts for flood victims in the Ohio Valley. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, support and donations.



**PRAYER SERVICE  
TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF BENWOOD  
MINE DISASTER**

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston invites the public to a special prayer service at 4pm on Sunday, April 28, at Mt Calvary Cemetery, 1685 National Road, Wheeling, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Benwood Mine Disaster.

The event will honor the lives of 119 men and boys, who were killed as a result of two explosions within the Wheeling Steel Coal Mine in Benwood on April 28, 1924.

While the miners were from the surrounding communities on both sides of the Ohio River, the majority were immigrants from Poland, Greece, Italy, Hungary, Russia, Serbia, Croatia, Lithuania, and Ukraine. Notably many were also Catholic, belonging to St. John Parish in Benwood and St. Ladislaus in South Wheeling.

The memorial on April 28, 2024 will take place at the Mt. Calvary site where the largest mass burial in Wheeling ever took place. In all, 72 miners are buried at the Catholic cemetery. There are 65 buried at the mass grave, where the gravesite service was conducted in three languages. Seven other miners were buried in other areas. Victims of the disaster, including those miners who were burned beyond recognition, were buried in a mass grave at Greenwood Cemetery across the street.

All are welcome to unite in prayer as we recognize the loss of these brave men who died in the Benwood Mine Disaster.

*"We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord." -Corinthians 5:8*

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
beside the tabernacle burns this week for **Stephanie Phillips Eddy**♥

 **Eucharistic Adoration** is every Wednesday from 8:30-10am.

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Karen Rich Eisenhauer**. Karen was a member of the Parish Finance Council and initiated a parish scholarship fund. She was a longtime member of Saint Francis Parish. May her soul enter into God's peace and eternal rest.

**OFFERINGS: APRIL 7**

Envelopes	\$	2,546.00
Loose Offering	\$	391.00
Xavier Hall	\$	469.00
Church Repair	\$	20.00
Diocesan Collection	\$	10.00
Easter	\$	100.00
Candles	\$	16.00
Memorial Gifts	\$	155.00
Online Giving	\$	465.20
Holy Land	\$	10.00

Attendance 240

**SCHEDULES: APRIL 27-28**

**Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 pm: **D. Evans/J. Fecat**

8:00 am: **L. Remke/P. Remke**

10 am: **D. Zacherl/P. Whitwam**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Please Volunteer**

**SACRISTY**

**J. Anderson/R. Bertrand**

# NEWS & COMMUNITY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 30 10am	Chair Yoga with Emily in Xavier Hall
Wednesday, May 1 11:30am	Line Dancing with Lottie in the church basement
Wednesday, May 1 1:30-2:30pm	Line Dancing for Beginners with Lottie in the church basement
Friday, May 3 6pm	Bingo every Friday in Xavier Hall
Sunday, May 5 3:30pm	First Confession
Sunday, May 19	First Holy Communion
Saturday, June 1 4pm	Confirmation



## ARE YOU READY TO GET DOWN AND DIRTY?

Do you have a green thumb? Do you LOVE to play in the dirt? Please join us as we beautify the church's outdoor property. Father Sebastian would love to add some color and clean up surrounding areas for the upcoming season.

Get ready to roll up your sleeves on Tuesday, April 23 after 8am Mass and let's get started! If you have gardening tools, shovels, gloves, etc. please bring them.

## Prayer REQUESTS

**Recently Sick:** Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Sage Rich, Lois Frey, Kathy Patrello, Bob Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David & Anastasia Yeater, George Zacherl, Brian Hill, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Angela Montesano, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Eleanor Smith, Anna Mae Veronis-Holliday, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro.

**Homebound:** Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Rachel Kerekes, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori.

**Nursing Homes:** Suzy Lunau, Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Earl Richards, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yaney, Deanne Ferraro.



**THE MARSHALL COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE** will be May 31 from 5-10pm at John Marshall. The St. Francis Relay team will be selling luminaries: \$10/bag. Forms are in the vestibule or call Lottie 304-845-4011.



### ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

Is your child interested in becoming an altar server?

Join Sister Marita for trainings on Sundays at 11am and/or Mondays at 6pm in the church basement. Trainings will last approximately 45 minutes.



### SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. To honor mothers, you may wish to give them a Spiritual Bouquet. The cards and envelopes are in the vestibule. You can place your offering in the offertory basket or drop it off to the office. This is a beautiful way to honor the leading matriarchs in your life on this special day.

Report suspected child sexual abuse to local law enforcement or confidentially to Child Protective Services at 880-352-6513. You may also report suspected cases of abuse by diocesan personnel or volunteers by calling a Bishop's designee: 888-434-6237.

## NEW BUS ROUTE COMING TO MOUNDSVILLE

Trial run from May 6-November 2. Rates are affordable and monthly passes available. Visit [www.ovrta.org](http://www.ovrta.org) for more info.

### Moundsville Trial Run Bus Schedule

Ohio Valley Regional Transit Authority (OVRTA) has teamed up with the City of Moundsville to begin a trial bus run. The temporary route timetable is shown below.

May 6, 2024 through November 2, 2024  
Monday through Saturday

Intermodal Center	7:45	9:15	10:45	12:15	1:45
WVU Reynold's Hospital	7:55	9:25	10:55	12:25	1:55
Wal-Mart	8:03	9:33	11:03	12:33	2:03
Goodwill	8:07	9:37	11:07	12:37	2:07
7th & WV2	8:10	9:40	11:10	12:40	2:10
7th & Poplar	8:14	9:44	11:14	12:44	2:14
Jefferson Avenue/Ruttenbergs	8:18	9:48	11:18	12:48	2:18
DMV	8:23	9:53	11:23	12:53	2:23
Kroger	8:27	9:57	11:27	12:57	2:27
DMV	8:30	10:00	11:30	1:00	2:30
Jefferson Avenue/Ruttenbergs	8:35	10:05	11:35	1:05	2:35
7th & Poplar	8:39	10:09	11:39	1:09	2:39
7th & WV2	8:43	10:13	11:43	1:13	2:43
Goodwill	8:46	10:16	11:46	1:16	2:46
Wal-Mart	8:49/8:59	10:19/10:29	11:49/11:59	1:19/1:29	2:49/2:59
WVU Reynold's Hospital	9:05	10:35	12:05	1:35	3:05
Intermodal Center	9:15	10:45	12:15	1:45	3:15

#### Rates

Base Fare \$1.30

Age 65+/Disabled/Medicare Fare 0.65¢

\*All-day discount fare and pass users are required to show a valid OVRTA/EORTA photo ID.\*

#### Monthly Bus Pass

Regular \$42.00

Special/Student \$21.00



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