SECOND SUNDAY
OF Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekends: Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:
8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Parish
7th and JEFFERSON STREETS, MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA. 26041
Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Sat. 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. - or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
By appointment. Contact the Parish House at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (C.C.D.):
Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:
Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish House.
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2017  

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.  
-Mark 1:3

OLS OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL  
NOVENA EVERY TUESDAY BEFORE MASS

Pope Francis  
God’s world is a world where everyone  
feels responsible for the other, for the good  
of the other.

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist/Lectors:
12/16 - 4:00 p.m. Julie Fecat & Mary Taskalines  
12/17 - 8:00 a.m. Rose Hess & Sherrie Kent  
12/17-10:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Jonna Kuskey

Altar Servers:
12/16 - 4:00 p.m. Blatt & Frizzell  
12/17 - 8:00 a.m. Laberde Family  
12/17- 10:00 a.m. Miller & Swift

Gift Bearers:
12/16 -  4:00 p.m. Don & Ellen McCormick  
12/17 -  8:00 a.m. Harrigan Family  
12/17 -  10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Secty Cleaners: Week of December 11th
Joie Pavilkey

Greeters:
12/16-  4:00 p.m. Daunel Gump, Joan Lemasters,  
Dave Evans  
12/17 -  8:00 a.m. Kent Family  
12/17-  10:00 a.m. Jane Klug, Joe & Jonna Kusky

Bingo: December 15, 2017  
Raffle - Bob & Patty Kleinedler  
Kitchen - Daunel Gump

COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 26, 2017
Envelopes - $2,500.00  
Church Renovation - $200.00  
Human Development - $20.00  
Loose Offering - $589.00  
Pennies For God - $10.16  
Attendance - 322
Thank you for your offering. It is with your  
continued support that we will accomplish our  
goals. Whatever you give to the Lord, He will  
return to you a hundred fold.”

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- 322
**Prayer Request:**
Father Rick Shoda, Jan Martin, Toni Smith, Joanne Potts, Family of Anthony & Jill Stromeyer, Danny Holmes, Patty Kulavik, David Stine, Calvin Crow, John & Joanne Bierce, Kim Walsh, Susan Morris Vasey, Ellianna George, Joe Church, Josh Mathias, Andrew Wasko III, Ray Dague.

**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Al Furline, Doris Murphy.

**Nursing Home:** Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Thelma Gitlin, Gladys Holmes.

**Note:**
In order to keep prayer requests current, requests will remain for four weeks after which they will be removed. They may be resubmitted after the fourth week.

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**St. Francis Xavier Parish Family offers our prayers and sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Tom & Monica Bonar.**

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**The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week**
In Memory of Peggy Howe
Requested by Butch & Linda Miller

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**Important Dates**
Confirmation will be held at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Msgr. Annie will be the celebrant.

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**Advent Penance Service December 17, 2017**
St. Francis Xavier & St. Jude Penance Service will be held at St. Jude Parish in Glen Dale on December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be collecting canned goods for the needy in our area. Baskets will be distributed for Christmas. A basket can be found in the vestibule. Please be generous, your donations will be greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**
Dec. 16 Delivery of Flowers to Shut-ins @ 9am
Dec. 17 Decorate Church for Christmas After the 10 am Mass
Dec. 17 Penance Service 6:30 @ St. Jude
Dec. 19 Mass at Mound View Nursing Home 11:00am

Please consider contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund for our Shut-Ins. (Thank you, Mary Taskalines and Loretta Remke for once again organizing this worthy project!) “A Donation For Our Fellow Parishioners Who Can Rarely if Ever Get to Mass as Easily as They Once Did.” Please put your donation in any of the collection baskets on any Sunday and mark your envelope “Christmas Shut-in Project”

If anyone would like to help work on the Christmas project for the shut-ins… the date is Sat., Dec 16 at 9 a.m. in the basement of the rectory.

**IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN** when many of us wish to remember our loved ones with a donation to the *Christmas Flower Fund*. If you would like to make a contribution, please complete the form found in vestibule and return it with your donation in a white envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” Please place your donation in the collection basket, or mail to or drop off at the Parish Office. Forms are also available in the church office and the vestibule.

**Deadline for Donation is December 18, 2017**

**The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be held on Friday, December 15th from 11 am to 4 pm in Xavier Hall. Please remember we need donations of desserts, supplies and volunteers. For more information call Greg Green at 304-238-3621. Donations can be dropped off at the church office.**

**The Mid-Atlantic Congress** is a conference that takes place annually with the intention of *forming Catholic leaders for faith-filled service*; it is a unique and dynamic conference designed specifically for today’s Catholic pastoral and administrative leaders. This year’s event is in Baltimore February 15-17. Our Diocese will cover registration fees and our parish will cover accommodation. You can find information at www.midatlanticcongress.org, or please call the parish office.
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— Isaiah 40:3