Fear the Lord, your God, and keep throughout the days of your lives, all God’s statutes and commandments.

Deuteronomy 6:2
The readings are fairly simple and straightforward. Do just these two things—love God with your whole self and love your neighbor as yourself—and you will be saved. Deuteronomy and the psalm emphasize the importance of loving God with our whole selves. Hebrews reminds us that Jesus loved us as he loved his Father and so he offered himself for our sins. Mark says that loving God completely must also be accompanied by loving our neighbor. Jesus loved his Father with his whole soul, his whole mind, his whole strength. The love between God and Jesus makes them one. Everything hinges on the completeness and the inclusiveness of that love.

LOVE

We all love rules to measure our actions and assure us that we have done enough. Today we are given two rules that offer us none of that. These rules require us to focus only on love: love of God and love of neighbor.

There are not seven or ten. There are just two. You must love God but you must do it with your entire being. Everything you are must be focused on and reflect loving God. And then you must love your neighbor. The first is key to the second.

Unless we understand how God loves both the lovable as well as the unlovable, we will never be able to love ourselves or any other creature or creation as God loves them all. The Gospels remind us that Jesus sought the broken, the marginalized, the unwanted to teach us how God loves. If everything about you is about loving a God who created and redeemed you, then you love as God loves. If you love as God loves, you recognize the weakness in yourself and in the world yet you still love that broken self and broken world as its Creator does. That is the only measure of success that matters.

Today’s Readings: Dt 6:2–6; Ps 18:2–3, 4–4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23–28; Mk 12:28b–34

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Sat. 3:30 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 Office.
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4, 2018
You shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.
— Deuteronomy 6:5

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:
11/10 4:00 p.m.   Danny Prado/Mary Taskalines
11/11  8:00 a.m.   C. Frame/ S. Kent
11/11 10:00 a.m.   Larry Freeland/ S. Vargo

Altar Servers:
11/10  4:00 p.m.  Frizzell
11/11 8:00 a.m.  Kent
11/11 10:00 a.m.  Swift, Miller

Gift Bearers:
11/10 4:00  p.m.  Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
11/11 8:00  a.m. Mark Hitt
11/11 10:00  a.m.  Georgia Petit

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of November 5, 2018
Linda & Butch Miller

Greeters:
11/10 4:00 p.m.   Dave Evans & Phil Remke
11/11 8:00 a.m.   Lottie Durbin & Bridget Scarbin
11/11 10:00 a.m.  Jenny Ingram & Cindy Gunto

Bingo November 9, 2018
Raffle – Diane Barker
Kitchen – Kathleen Naegele

COLLECTION: October 21, 2018
Envelopes - $ 2,257.00
Loose Offering - $ 970.00
Electronic Giving - $ 35.00
Building Repairs - $ 155.00
Memorial Offerings - $ 125.00
Pennies for God - $ 6.50
Attendance - 284

FREE MOVIE
Paul, the Apostle of Christ
Starring Jim Caviezel
2 screenings:
Wednesday November 14 at 9:00 a.m,
& Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Church Basement

Second Collection this week is for
SUPPORT OF MILITARY CHAPLINS

Second Collection November 10-11 is to support
Catholic Charities’ recovery efforts related to recent
natural disasters that have occurred across the
Country.
**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

**Prayer Request:** Jim Lawther, Craig Madden, Ray Wojcicki, Donald Reynolds, Mark Joseph Novel, Joe & Helen Cuchta, Christy Klug, Kimberly Peffley, Patty Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Don McCormick, Chris Colby, Richard Timko; **Home-bound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Gladys Holmes, Thelma Gittlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Joe & Helen Cuchta.

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**The Sanctuary Candle**
beside the tabernacle burns this week for Ruth Ann Harrigan
Requested by Carolyn Gordon & Kathleen Naegele.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Nov. 11** - Concert & Reflection 1:00
**Nov. 13** - Five Wishes Presentation 6:30 p.m.
**Nov. 15** - Pick up Holiday Baked goods
**Nov. 18** - Community Thanksgiving Service
**Dec. 2** - St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration
**Dec. 9** - Communal Penance Service 4:00 p.m.
**Dec. 20** - Pick up Holiday Baked goods
**Jan 26** - World Youth Day

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**Five Wishes Presentation**
**Sign up in Church Vestibule**
On Tuesday evening, **November 13**, please consider joining the St. Francis Xavier and St. Jude communities in a thoughtful discussion of the essential end-of-life questions experts contend everyone should answer for themselves. This 90 minute session will be held at 7 PM in the newly renovated St. Francis Xavier basement. Individuals age 18 and over are encouraged to attend. There is **no cost** to participate. Doors open at 6:30 PM for fellowship and a fantastic coffee and dessert bar. Please join us!

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St. Jude Church
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2018 - 2019 Appalachian Alumni Institute Lecture

**Pope Francis and Climate Change**
Given by Dr. John Glaser, WJU class of 1966
Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Recital Hall in the CET building
Wheeling Jesuit University
Free and open to the public

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**Thank You**
I would like to extend my sincere thanks for all your prayers, visits, meals, cards and good thoughts. I am on the mend but will still take any prayers you can send my way, and I will do the same for you. God Bless.
- Maggie Yeater

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**Calling all children:**
Would you like to join us for Christmas fun? We need lectors, singers, actresses, and actors to help the Parish celebrate Jesus’s Birth. Please call Lottie or the Parish office.

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**Quilt Drawing**
Chances $5 each or 5 for $20
Tickets can be purchased from the office or call Alma Cunningham 304-280-4474
Proceeds benefit St. Francis Xavier Parish

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**Fish Fry**
Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry
Friday, November 9 in Xavier Hall. 11 to 5
Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Pierogi, Macaroni & Cheese, Drinks, Homemade Desserts
Workers and baked goods are needed!
Contact Greg Green 304-238-3621 or Cork Potts 304-845-2686

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**Holiday Baked Goods Sale**
Order nut bread, nut cookies, apple butter, and pierogies for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Use the order form in this bulletin or call 304-845-5565