The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

— Psalm 126:3
Today's readings are about those whom society often looks down on, those who are physically disabled, who have been imprisoned. We read about those whose losses are so great that they cannot stop weeping. Hebrews reminds us that even those in the exalted position of priest are themselves beset by weakness. Weakness is at the very heart of the priest's ability to minister to others. Finally it is a blind man, shouting from the side of the road, shushed by those around him, told not to make a scene, whom Jesus sees. His sight is returned because of his faith, and his first choice as a sighted person is to follow Jesus.

The lesson of today's readings is that God is focused on the marginalized, on the outsiders, on those whom we too often try to silence. God is focused on those parts of ourselves, our weaknesses that we try to hide by turning our attention to anything else. The readings are all about the less-than-perfect. They talk about weakness, deep crushing sorrow, brokenness that is part of our humanity, and a strength rooted in the love of God for us despite all of that.

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Success is not measured by strength, wholeness, or power. Success is measured by our weakness, by God's embracing of that weakness and our choice to follow God. The priest has power only because of the weakness that is a part of each person. We are the blind, the lame, the sorrowing. And we are the ones whom God saves and transforms. The blind man in us cries out when decorum would have us be quiet. Our faith cries out for salvation, for wholeness, for redemption, for sight, and we are heard. Our blindness is transformed into sight, and with such vision we see the world as God sees it, broken and beloved.

Today's Readings: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

**WEEKLY SCHEDULES**

**Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:**
- 11/1  6:30 p.m.  L. Whitelatch/ Magnone
- 11/2  6:30 p.m.
- 11/3  4:00 p.m.  Alice Wise/ M. Klug
- 11/4   8:00 a.m.  Rose Hess/ John Hess
- 11/4  10:00 a.m.  C. King/ J. Klug

**Altar Servers:**
- 11/1  6:30 p.m.  Targosky
- 11/3  4:00 p.m.  Whitelatch
- 11/4  8:00 a.m.  Laberdeee
- 11/4  10:00 a.m.  Blatt/ Miller

**Gift Bearers:**
- 11/3  4:00 p.m.  John & Loretta Niemiec
- 11/4  8:00 a.m.  Pete & Judy Mysliwiec
- 11/4  10:00 a.m.  Carolyn Gordon

**Sacristy Cleaners: Week of October 29, 2018**
- Jenny Ingram & Daunel Gump

**Greeters:**
- 11/3  4:00 p.m.  Celeste Evans
- 11/4  8:00 a.m.  Kent Family
- 11/4  10:00 a.m.  Blatt Family

**Bingo November 2, 2018**
- Raffle – Bob & Patty Kleinedler
- Kitchen –

**COLLECTION: October 14, 2018**
- Envelopes - $2,571.00
- Loose Offering - $ 443.00
- Electronic Giving - $ 35.00
- Building Repairs - $ 832.00
- Xavier Hall - $ 60.00
- Memorial Offerings - $ 165.00
- Pennies for God - $ 43.35
- Attendance - 270

**USE OF CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

Thank you to parishioners who use their contribution envelopes. This helps us identify active parishioners. It is helpful to you when requesting Sacraments as well as tax statements.

An alternative is electronic giving. This option is available at our website and is safe and very easy to set up.

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**OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA EVERY TUESDAY BEFORE MASS**

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 28, 2018

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Nov. 1 - All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation
Nov. 2 - Memorial Mass 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 3 - Knights of Columbus Steak Fry
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. 20 - Pick up Holiday Baked goods
Jan 26 - World Youth Day

St. Francis Xavier Memorial Mass
The parish will celebrate Mass on Friday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. to commemorate all those parishioners who entered eternal rest this year (Nov. 2017 through October 2018).

Monica C. Bonar
William Thomas Bonar
Jacob M. Wilson
Joyce (Hare) Labat
Harry Alfred Laing
Ruby Sue “Karen” Laing
Eugene Russell Novel
James E. Regiec, Sr.
John Charles Pollock
Katherine Colline Ott
John Ivan Walters
William Edward Wilson
Doris Jane Pavilkey
Harry Edwin Grimm
Carol E. Fabrizio
Rae Suzette Baker
Patricia Garner
Tony Blatt
Albert Joseph Furline
Ronald S. Kwiatkoski
John E. Burda
Andrew J. Fecat
Josephine Urman Yocum
Steven James Eisenhauer

CONCERT & REFLECTION
National Catholic recording artist Paul Koleske, will present a concert of his inspired music Sunday, November 11 at 1:00 at St. Francis Xavier Church. For additional information go to: www.paulkoleske.com.

Knights of Columbus Steak Fry
Saturday, November 3
Xavier Hall
$25 per person.
Contact Cork Potts at 304-845-2686
or Duane Gump at 304-845-8390

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
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Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 18 at 3 p.m.
St. Jude Church
Featuring many local church choirs (including our own St. Francis Xavier Choir) with a special appearance by the “Singing Shepherds”
Hosted by the Moundsville Ministerial Association

Five Wishes Presentation
Have you made your plan? Research indicates that only 30% of America adults have made sufficient end-of-life plans. This means the establishment of an Advanced Directive (aka Living Will) and a Medical Power of Attorney. 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!

Sisters of St. Joseph 30th (and final)
Spaghetti Dinner and Craft Sale
Sunday, November 4 Noon to 6 p.m.
Mount St. Joseph
137 Mount St. Joseph Rd. Wheeling