

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



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**MARCH 13, 2022** | Second Sunday of Lent



Transfiguration of Christ  
Giovanni Bellini (circa 1430–1516)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: IT IS GOOD WE ARE HERE

Jesus guided Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray. There Jesus was transfigured before them — showing his glorified self with his face changing in appearance and his clothes becoming dazzling white. As if the sight of their transfigured friend and master were not enough, suddenly standing alongside Jesus were Moses and Elijah. These men represented the law and the prophets — Moses, one of the greatest of the lawgivers, alongside Elijah, one of the greatest of the prophets.

How could the three apostles not doubt what their eyes observed? The mystical works of our unfathomable God are often unexplainable and even inconceivable, yet that does not make them any less

magnificently true! We were not witnesses to Jesus transfigured upon the mountain, but we glimpse his glory as we gaze upon him in the Eucharist. We behold an ordinary wafer of bread, our senses fight to accept what we cannot see, and we ask whether Jesus is truly present before us.

Peter, James, and John—followers, disciples, and friends of God incarnate—were now privileged to stand in the presence of the living God in all his heavenly glory. Jesus asked them to hold everything they had witnessed in their hearts until the appropriate time to share. Because the Apostles and countless disciples witnessed, believed, and shared, we too can now hold fast to our hope in the joyful faith that the One we behold in the Eucharist is Jesus.

During our Lenten journey, we also are shown the glory of God and given an outpouring of grace. As we participate in Mass or visit Jesus in the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit will help us see Who appears before us if we quiet our hearts and listen. Regardless of our circumstances or whatever we lack in understanding our faith — God is always with us, especially when in the presence of the Eucharist.

Although Peter may have been slightly off in his assessment of the situation that day, he did get one thing right, “Master, it is good that we are here.” Master, it is very good, you are here!

*Excerpted & edited from LPi Connect Reflection by Allison Gingras.*



<b>MAR 12</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>Frank Curia†</b> <i>Curia Family</i>
<b>MAR 13</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>In gratitude to George Smithberger</b> <i>Sr. Mary Ann Spangler</i>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Dennis Romanoski†</b> <i>Suzanne &amp; Bruce Artimez</i>
<b>MAR 14</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Anna Anderson†</b> <i>Julie &amp; Ruth Anderson</i>
<b>MAR 15</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Deceased members Maxwell Family†</b> <i>Pam Maxwell</i>
<b>MAR 16</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Jim &amp; Cathy Iaconis†</b> <i>Margaret E. Kendrach</i>
<b>MAR 17</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Donna Whitwam†</b> <i>Kathleen Patrello</i>
<b>MAR 18</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Philip E. Patrello†</b> <i>Kathleen Patrello</i>
<b>MAR 19</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>For mothers and children forced to flee their homes.</b>
<b>MAR 20</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
8:00 a.m.	<b>For 2020 Jubilarians of HM Sisters</b> <i>Sr. Mary Ann Spangler</i>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Veronica Morgan†</b> <i>Cindy Gunto</i>

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Weekends:</b>	<b>Weekdays:</b>
Saturday - 4 p.m.	Monday - Friday
Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.	8 a.m.
	<b>Holy Days:</b>
	8 a.m., 7 p.m.

**Youth Lead Parish in Support of Ukraine**



Compassionate support for the people of Ukraine set the tone during last weekend's 10 a.m. Mass.

A group of our parish youth crafted flags and sunflowers to process to Mary's altar in an expression of spiritual giving.

The children also handed out to congregants packets of sunflower seeds and a prayer for peace and justice in Ukraine.

The sunflower, the national flower of Ukraine, symbolizes motherhood and peace and has now become a symbol of unity.



The modern-day meaning of the country's flag is "freedom above bread" or, in other words, freedom above anything material. Our youth especially wish to spiritually connect with the children of Ukraine and ask everyone to consider making a donation to help.

The following organizations are among those listed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as being well established within Ukraine:

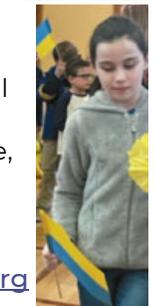


**Voices of Children:** A charitable foundation based in Ukraine that is helping children overcome the psychological and psychosocial consequences of armed conflict. VOC also is helping in the evacuation process.

[voices.org.ua/en/](http://voices.org.ua/en/)

**Save the Children:** A century-old foundation working in the hardest-to-reach places. **Save the Children** goes where many others can't to provide food, water, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, and cash aid to children of war in Ukraine, Afghanistan—anywhere conflicts imperil the well-being of children.

[www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)



*Thank you to everyone who photographed our children!*

**Prayer REQUESTS**

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Mary Yanen, Raymond Pennybacker

**Recently Sick:** Bobby Kleinedler, Sami Wilson, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Annalyn Liette, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Debbie Hand, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Bob Shutler.



**STUDENTS FROM ST. THOMAS**

More University Parish at Bowling Green State University in Ohio came last week to Moundsville to serve our community through the Praying Pelicans mission. We were pleased to see them at 10 a.m. Mass and enjoy some fellowship with them following! It is exciting to see young people serve others as Christ's hands and feet.

**OUR ELEVATOR IS WORKING!**

Refurbishment is complete. Our elevator is safe and reliable — but because of it's age and style, it has some quirks. Please see Father for instructions before you use it. He's become an expert on the topic!

**SCHEDULES MARCH 19 & 20**

**LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **M. Hitt / M. Taskalines**  
 8:00 a.m. **C. Frame / S. Kent**  
 10:00 a.m. **L. Freeland / L. Yoho**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Please volunteer**

**SACRISTY**

**Linda Miller & Butch Miller**

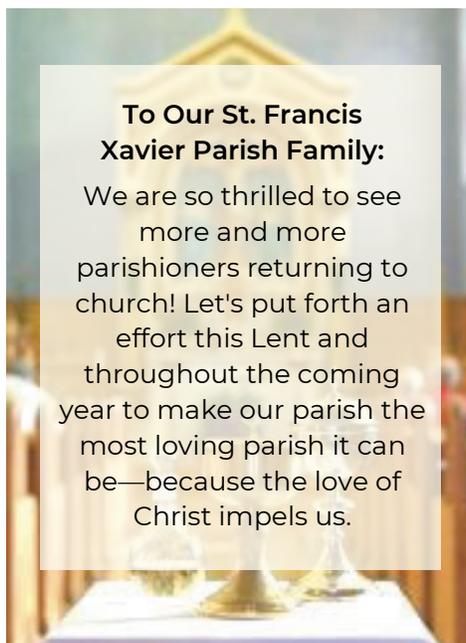
**OFFERING FEB. 27, 2022**

Envelopes	\$2,793.00
Loose Offering	\$429.00
Church Repair	\$32.00
Xavier Hall	\$2.00
<b>OTHER COLLECTIONS:</b>	
Diocesan	\$12.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$2.00
Memorial Fund	\$145.00
Online Giving	\$630.40
Attendance	197

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)  
**THANK YOU**

**IT'S TIME TO DECORATE  
 ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR**

Be sure to start bringing your items this weekend to decorate St. Joseph's altar for his feast day March 19. Cookies, fruits, breads, (please wrap and label food) flowers, figurines, and pictures are some of the common decorations. There also will be a box nearby the altar for donations to the poor or to purchase candles honoring St. Joseph. Candles cost \$5.



**To Our St. Francis  
 Xavier Parish Family:**  
 We are so thrilled to see more and more parishioners returning to church! Let's put forth an effort this Lent and throughout the coming year to make our parish the most loving parish it can be—because the love of Christ impels us.



**A SPECIAL SECOND  
 COLLECTION WILL**

be taken up next weekend to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association.

This fund provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please be generous to our retired priests.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
 (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**CALENDAR**

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY FISH FRIES</b> Xavier Hall
Fridays During Lent 6:30 p.m.	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
Wednesday A.M. March 9	<b>EXODUS: CALLED TO FREEDOM</b>
Thursday P.M. March 10	<b>10-week Bible Study</b> Church Hall
Wednesday March 16 5:30 p.m.	<b>FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING</b> Parish Office
Sunday March 27	<b>PENANCE SERVICE</b> Fr. Naegele Speaker
Friday April 8	<b>LIVING STATIONS WITH PARISH YOUTH</b>
<b>CAMP CARLO EARLY-BIRD RATE DEADLINE THURSDAY - JUNE 1</b> <a href="http://CampCarlowv.org">CampCarlowv.org</a>	
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	<b>LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE</b> VFW Moundsville



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 to Jan. 31, 2022**  
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 community-rewards](http://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards)

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact local law enforcement or confidentially contact W.Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) and select "Accountability" for additional reporting methods.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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