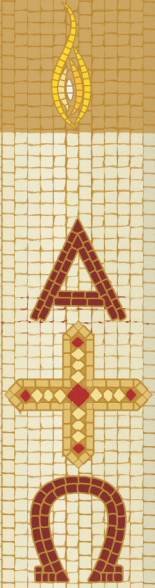


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APRIL 19
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SECOND
SUNDAY OF

Easter

Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."

JOHN 20:19

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Most of us have had the misfortune of missing something important simply by being absent, and then hearing about what happened. In today's reading, unique to John's Gospel, Thomas is the only apostle who was not around when Jesus appeared to his friends for the first time after his death and resurrection. They were frightened and grieving, not knowing what would happen to them. Remember, they found themselves to be fugitives, seemingly guilty by association with a criminal executed by government officials. Suddenly, Jesus was with them, beaming peace and mercy to his fragile followers. What joy! What a shock, too!

We will never know why Thomas had left their hiding place. All we know is that he returned to wild stories about Jesus being alive after dying a brutal death. He must have thought that the other apostles in their grief had a shared delusion of what they wished were true. When Thomas finally saw Jesus, he gave what is considered the most profound profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" In his tender mercy, Jesus ministered to Thomas by helping him to see for himself.

WE WALK BY FAITH

But what of us? The early Christian community could only trust the words of these same apostles, the ones Thomas couldn't believe, when they preached Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Who could believe what they said? The Holy Spirit, breathed upon the disciples in that first encounter, emanated so powerfully from them that they were able to convene seemingly utopian communities of faith. Filled with "divine mercy," their lives became an evangelization to the world.

And this is how we too are sent out, like the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit and bearing the Lord's peace and mercy to a troubled, suffering world. The wounds of Jesus are very real today in the needy and broken. May we always work to bind up those wounds wherever we find them.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

Father That Son will celebrate Mass for your intentions at St. Francis Xavier Church.

MON. 4/20 Judy Patrello† (Patrello Family)
 TUE. 4/21 Frank & Jenny Novel† (Robert & Theresa (Novel) Baker)
 WED. 4/22 Agnes Gardill† (Tex & Theresa Reynolds)
 Tom & Louise Wise (Family)
 THU. 4/23 Judy Patrello† (Patrello Family)
 FRI. 4/24 Sylvia Valdez† (Norman & Barbara (Vilkoski))
 SAT. 4/25 Stephanie Eddy† (Gary & Chris Clough)
 SUN. 4/26 Norma Holmes† (Jim & Diana Barker)



When you drive by the church you will see white ribbons on our church doors. They are a sign of hope to let you know we miss you, pray for you and wait for you until the glorious day when we can gather to worship together again.

LESSONS FROM THE PAST

Julian of Norwich lived in the 14th century during the time of plague, poverty, and famine. In isolation, her life was falling apart and she almost died. In her suffering she met the loving and compassionate Christ and trusted him completely. People would come later to seek her spiritual counsel and she helped a lot of people in pain. She would tell them: "All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well." She herself fully experienced fear, anxiety and loss. In the darkest time of her life, she touched the unconditional Love of God She knew and experienced the Risen Christ, who gave her hope.

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION April 5, 2020:

Envelopes	\$ 4065.00
Building Repairs	\$ 120.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 190.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 15.00
Holy Land	\$ 80.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 125.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 800.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 150.00

Thank you to all of you who have continued faithfully sending in your church envelopes. We are deeply grateful for your support and for helping to make St Francis Xavier Church a parish that cares. May God continue to bless you. We pray that everyone remains safe and healthy.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR CONFESSION IN THE CURRENT PANDEMIC?

When we do not have access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation because of social distancing or when the priest is not available, the Catechism of Catholic Church (1452), teaches us to express a sincere desire for forgiveness & perfect contrition, and, as soon as possible, confess to a priest when we are able to do so.

ACCESS TO BULLETINS

We are not mailing the bulletin to everyone because of the expense. However, if you know of anybody in our parish who is having trouble accessing our bulletin on line, please call the office and we will mail it to them. We can also email it to you directly if you prefer.

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

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

Church Office Phone: 304-845-1593

Church Hall Phone: 304-845-9238

Xavier Hall Phone: 304-845-7080

Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

Parish Office Email:

sfxmoundsville@comcast.net

Website: sfxmoundsville.org

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 am, 7:00 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Prayer Request: Helen Remke, Joseph Grampa, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Ronnie Hill, Connie Howard, Eleanor Smith, Catherine Pellerin, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Tex Reynolds, Bobby Kleinedler. **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes.

Nursing Home: Bertie Gaughenbaugh, Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Ron Jaworski.



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of:

Constance Joan Tweedlie
On the Journey home to God

She was the daughter of the late Andrew Tweedlie and Rose Blatt Smith. Her kind and innocent spirit touched more people than we will ever know. Her life mattered and she was loved by many. May the peace of God be with her family as they mourn for her.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chris and Rita Lyons on the birth of their son:

Lincoln Oliver Lyons
born April 9th

Grandparents: Rick and Robin Targosky

THANK YOU

Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for their donation of \$500 in addition to the proceeds from their brief but popular Lenten Fish Fries of \$4972.36.

Thank you to **Gina and Mark Hedrick** who came to the church early on Easter morning to create the wonderful display of Easter Flowers on our front steps. They returned when the weather was turning bad to reposition them inside the Church vestibule where we can still view them through the glass doors.

Thank you to all those who contributed towards Easter Flowers. The donations for shut-ins will be used for flowers and delivered to them at a later date.

Thank you to **John Harrigan and Joyce Fromhart** for cleaning Xavier Hall.

A PRAYER FOR OUR UNCERTAIN TIMES

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

- by Fr. Michael Graham, S.J.

How to stay calm amidst the Covid-19 Storm:

Ground yourself in science; for facts, check Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); limit your consumption of the news; stay connected with friends & family by phone, text, email and FaceTime; practice self-care and encourage others (prayer, meditation, exercise daily, healthy diet, sleep, avoid alcohol/drugs); limit caffeine (it heightens anxiety & irritability); fight helplessness by finding purpose (choose things you can control: shift negative thoughts into positive); let your faith be a beacon of hope (in addition to prayer and online Mass, memorize a phrase or a sentence from scripture to bring you inner peace, for example: 1 Peter 5:7 *Cast all your anxieties on God, because God cares for you.*)

Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, contact local law enforcement, or contact WV Child Protective Services: 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese, contact this diocesan number: 888-434-6237.

