

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



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APRIL 24, 2022 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Caravaggio - The Incredulity of Saint Thomas

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: SEEING THE NEED

Sometimes, it may be hard to remember that we live in Jesus' victory over sin and death, we are not waiting on it. And we, who have not seen and yet believe, are truly blessed (John 20:29), as Jesus so compassionately proclaims to Thomas in today's Gospel.

Jesus showed his Apostles great mercy, even after they abandoned him in his greatest hour of need. Only St. John the Evangelist (along with some of the women) remained at the foot of the

cross. However, Jesus' greeting as he stands among the Apostles is not a chastisement but instead, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). Jesus demonstrates the limitless power of his mercy as he breathes the Spirit upon them, conferring the authority to forgive sins.

St. Thomas, sometimes called "Doubting Thomas," is the only Apostle missing during this incredible encounter with the Risen Christ. He

struggles to believe, he requires physical evidence to open his eyes to the Truth.

Is that not still true today, a suspect world where so many struggle to believe? Like Thomas, who proclaimed "My Lord and My God," when Christ reveals himself, the world must move away from temporal explanations that keeps it from embracing the Savior they so desperately need — who longs to be in communion with them.

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APRIL 23 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m.

APRIL 24 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Dawn Donofe†

*Patti Warble & Donofe Children*

10:00 a.m. Lewis Melchior†

*Kathleen Melchiori & Family*

APRIL 25 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Skrzypek Family

*Carolyn Gordon*

APRIL 26 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Mark Joseph Novel†

*Bob & Theresa (Novel) Baker*

APRIL 27 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Semon Prado†

*Jane Klug*

APRIL 28 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. William Kendracht†

*Grecula Family*

APRIL 29 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Kwiatkowski Family†

*Carolyn Gordon*

APRIL 30 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m.

MAY 1 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

*To the family and loved ones of Joanna Bierce, our heartfelt condolences.*



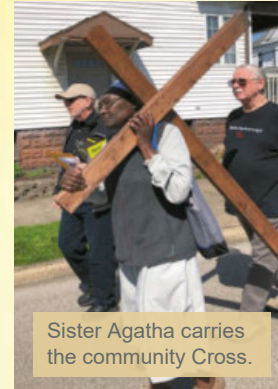
HOLY WEEK MOMENTS



Good Friday



The Singing Shepherds together again at our Good Friday ecumenical service.



Sister Agatha carries the community Cross.



Good Friday Adoration of the Cross.



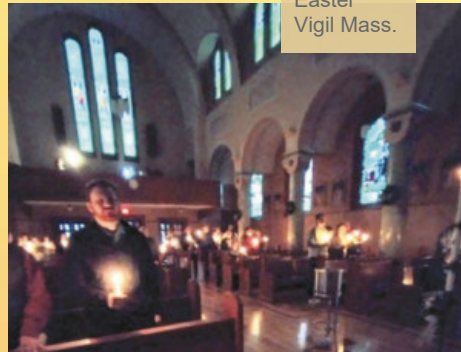
Candlelight devotion to begin Easter Vigil Mass.



Preparing for Vigil.



Samantha Rosser enters into the full faith of the Church during Easter Vigil.



Our onetime missionaries Pablo and Debra send Easter wishes — and a view of their baby Belén's baptism.

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, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Annalyn Liette, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Bob Shutler, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Suzy Lunau

**CALENDAR**

Wednesdays and Thursdays	EXODUS BIBLE STUDY Church Hall
CAMP CARLO EARLY-BIRD RATE DEADLINE THURSDAY - JUNE 1 <a href="http://CampCarlowv.org">CampCarlowv.org</a>	
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville
Tuesday May 10 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL Church Hall
Thursday & Friday June 16 & 17	TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA., to SEE DAVID
Wednesday June 22 — Sunday June 26	W.VA. OBSERVANCE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

**SCHEDULES APRIL 30 & MAY 1**

**LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 4:00 p.m. Alice Wise / Libby Magnone
- 8:00 a.m. Trisha Whitelatch  
/ Sherrie Kent
- 10:00 a.m. Loretta Remke  
/ Phil Remke

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 4:00 p.m. Please Volunteer
- 8:00 a.m. Kent Family
- 10:00 a.m. Please Volunteer

**SACRISTY**

Linda Miller and Butch Miller

**OFFERING APRIL 10, 2022**

Envelopes	\$3,452.00
Loose Offering	\$330.00
Church Repair	\$810.00
Xavier Hall	\$50.00
Diocesan	\$25.00
Easter Flowers	\$220.00
Easter	\$180.00
Memorial Gifts	\$155.00
Online Giving	\$225.40
Attendance	260

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**May Baby Shower Returns at SFX**

The Gabriel Project mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish is resuming its May Mother's Day Baby Shower, a month-long opportunity to help replenish items they give free to clients in Marshall County.

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two years of age and under. You can help our parish mission assist families by donating cash or items listed on this week's bulletin insert. Donations can be brought to Masses any weekend in May or to Xavier Hall any Thursday that Gabriel Project is open throughout the year from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Donation bins will be in the church vestibule.

**THE OPUS MUSIC CLUB IS GIVING**

a free concert Sunday, May 1, in remembrance of venerated Marshall County musician and educator Reva Icard. The concert titled "Come to the Music" will begin at 2 p.m. at John Marshall High School.

**CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY**

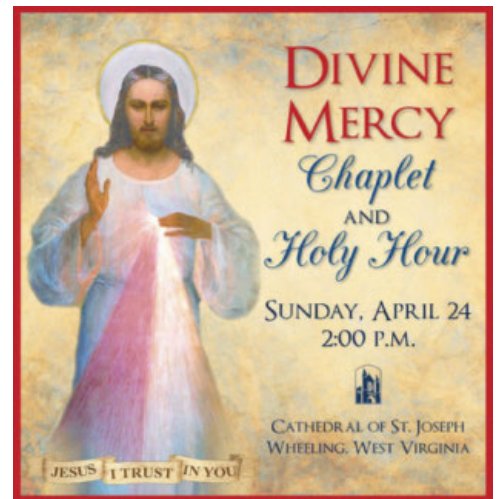
Partners with the diocese to offer free, non-credit courses for catechists and those involved in parish ministry. To register and browse the courses collection, visit [www.pathlms.com.cdu](http://www.pathlms.com.cdu). Use code CU20DIOCESE for free tuition.

**FR. SATEESH WILL BE AVAILABLE**

for Reconciliation during Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Hour at St. Joseph Cathedral April 24. However, because of the large number of people in attendance at last year's Divine Mercy Sunday, please consider Reconciliation at your own parish according to its schedule, if at all possible.

**ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER**

invites everyone to attend **MOUTH - It's Difficult to Eat Crow.** The virtual session is Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m. This is the fourth installment of the 20/20 Vision Series "One Body, Many Parts." The series is to help participants find clarity, vision, and purpose in their lives. Contact Anna Maria at [atroiani@csjoseph.org](mailto:atroiani@csjoseph.org) to reserve your spot. Sessions are \$15 each.



- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):** Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or by 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 school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.
- 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 update information when you move or change phone numbers.



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