

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

*Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to
believe because you
have seen me?
Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed.”*

John 20:29



April 28, 2019

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Our Gospel reading today depicts the disciples in a terrifying moment. They have locked their doors, huddling together in safety at a time when the Lord has transformed the entire course of human events. Jesus has risen from the dead. He has destroyed death and unlocked eternal life. But who can fully grasp all of this? Not even Thomas, one of the twelve devoted companions of Jesus, understands what has happened. Those of us who have never faced maltreatment for our faith can only imagine the disciples' panic. Unimpeded by their bolted doors, Jesus visits his frightened friends. His appearance must have been shocking, since he says to them "Peace be with you" not once, but twice. If the disciples hoped Jesus would come back to them, they might have wished he would appear as a victorious leader or glorious king. Instead, he comes as they have known him and most need him: as a companion, and he brings with him the eternal peace of God. They might have wanted a bodyguard; instead he gives them peace.

AT LEAST A SHADOW

God knows what we need far better than we ourselves know. Jesus offers peace to the disciples—twice. He knows they must soon leave the security of locked doors. Shortly he will fill them with the gift of the Holy Spirit and rely on them to lead the community—and the world—into a new baptism, a new communion. At that moment in the locked room, the disciples see only threats to their lives. Jesus sees their fearful hearts and gives them what they need: peace. We see how Peter is transformed. Instead of hiding in shadows, he becomes a source of healing and light; his very shadow draws people into the mystery of God's power. Jesus' gift of peace makes a real difference in our lives. We can ask every day for more peace, in our hearts and in our world.

Today's Readings: Acts 5:12–16; Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24;
Rev 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19; Jn 20:19–31

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Masses for the Week

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April 27 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Shad Fromhart†**
(Tina Minor)

April 28 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **Craig Madden†**
(Betty Key)

10:00 A.M. **Ruth Ann Harrigan†**
(Kitty & Stan Pazyk)

April 29– May 3: NO MORNING MASS AT SFX
Morning mass, Monday through Friday will be held at St. Jude in Glen Dale at 8:00 A.M.

May 4 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Virginia Harbison†**
(Suzy Lunau & Family)

May 5 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Francis Xavier Parish**

10:00 A.M. **Mike Dugas†**
(Jack & Donna Grayhem)

Father That Son will be out of town beginning April 22 and will return on Friday, May 3.

From April 27 through May 2 Father Arul Anthony will take emergency calls at 304-281-4644.

Please welcome Father Brian O'Donnell who will be celebrating the weekend masses on April 27th & 28th.

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.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

5/4 4:00 p.m. Julie Fecat/L. Yoho

5/5 8:00 a.m. T. Wise/ L. Remke

5/5 10:00 a.m. Loretta Niemic/P. Whitwam

Altar Servers:

5/4 4:00 p.m. Whitelatch Family

5/5 8:00 a.m. Laberdee

5/5 10:00 a.m. Blatt/ Targosky

Gift Bearers:

5/4 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick

5/5 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan

5/5 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of April 29th

Latrisha Whitelatch & Charlotta Durbin

Greeters:

5/4 4:00 p.m. Gina & Mark Hedrick

5/5 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin

5/5 10:00 a.m. Sally Vargo & Sue Church

Bingo May 3, 2019

Raffle: Rick Targosky

Kitchen: Daunel Gump

COLLECTION: April 14, 2019

Envelopes - \$2,707.00

Loose Offering - \$1,174.00

Building Repairs - \$1,154.23

Xavier Hall - \$145.00

Pennies for God - \$6.48

Attendance - 327



Parish Council Meeting
Monday, May 13
at 6:30 P.M.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

Let us welcome Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives. In this way we will draw His transforming power upon all creation.

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Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

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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 SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Jim Ali, Vicki Regiec, Zelma Imhof, Alice Wise, Joan Lemasters, Patty Kleinedler, Joe Church, Maggie Yeater, Bobby Kleinedler, Richard Timko; **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick, Rachel Kerekes; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.



The Opus Music Club annual Spring Concert will be **We Gather to Sing** held on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at 2 PM. The event will be held at the First Christian Church on Third Street in Moundsville. There is no charge for admission, but a free-will offering will be collected at the end of the concert to help provide scholarships for prospective music students in Marshall County.

In addition to Choral performances the concert will feature several solos.

THANK YOU



Thank you to Greg Green, Cork Potts and all the Knights of Columbus and Parish volunteers who helped make this year's Lenten Fish Fries a big success. Thanks also to those who donated baked goods and to all who came and enjoyed a meal. Fish fries will resume in the Fall. Stay tuned.

PIEROGIES!



We will be making pierogies May 13 and May 14. Additional volunteers are more than welcome! If you can find time to help, please call Sherry @ 304-845-3848. She will fill you in on the details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 13 & 14 - Pierogi making
May 13 - Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
May 19 - First Communion @ 10:00 Mass
Jun. 9-14 - Praying Pelicans Youth Mission
Jun. 23-28 - Praying Pelicans Youth Mission
Aug. 25 - Parish Picnic



Gabriel Project Baby Shower

Once again, St. Francis Xavier Parish will sponsor a **Baby Shower during the month of May** to benefit the Moundsville Gabriel Project housed in Xavier Hall. A list of items needed is in this week's bulletin. Donation containers will be in the Church vestibule the month of May.



Mother's Day is May 12th this year. One way to honor your mother is to give her a spiritual bouquet in which she will be remembered at Mass here at St. Francis Xavier on Mother's Day weekend. You can find spiritual bouquet cards in the vestibule and the offering can be returned anytime before Thursday, May 9th.

Mother's Day became a national holiday in 1914 after being founded in Grafton, WV. Catholics have been celebrating mothers since the early days of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering. Also known as Mothering Sunday, it naturally evolved into honoring mothers as well. For Catholics, devotion to Mary in the month of May gives deeper meaning to Mother's Day. Mother's Day allows us an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge every act of maternal love - both physical and spiritual - that we have been blessed to receive.

We also have a limited quantity of votive candles available for \$5 each. Please drop an envelope with your name, phone and payment in the collection if you would like one. Please pick up your candle(s) before mass on Mother's Day weekend and process as a group to place the candle(s) on Mary's altar.

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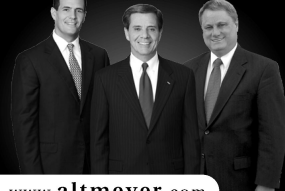
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