

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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## APRIL 28, 2024

### 5th Sunday of Easter

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

##### Weekends:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

##### Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.



#### STAFF:

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#### REGISTRATION CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be registered at the parish office. Please update your information when you move.

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every

branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir

**APRIL 27 SATURDAY**

4:00 p.m. Loretta Saporito †  
*Jerry & Lottie Durbin*

**APRIL 28 SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Lewis Melchiori †  
*Kathleen Melchiori*

10:00 a.m. Carole Coleman †  
*Frances Conner*

**APRIL 29 MONDAY**

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

**APRIL 30 TUESDAY**

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased  
Members of the  
Kwiatkowsiki Family  
*Carolyn Gordon*

**MAY 1 WEDNESDAY**

8:00 a.m. Jerry Trembush †  
*Jane Klug*

**MAY 2 THURSDAY**

8:00 a.m. Joseph Grampa †  
*Kim & Bill Yurisko*

**MAY 3 FRIDAY**

8:00 a.m. David Evans ♥  
*Celeste Evans*

**MAY 4 SATURDAY**

4:00 p.m. Judy Patrello †  
*The Patrello Family*

**MAY 5 SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Carmina Oakland †  
*Mary Ruth Whorton*

10:00 a.m. Ashley Miller †  
*Linda Miller*

**OFFERINGS: APRIL 14**

Envelopes	\$	2,826.00
Loose Offering	\$	501.00
Church Repair	\$	620.00
Xavier Hall	\$	25.00
Memorial Gifts	\$	70.00
Online Giving	\$	240.40
Attendance		240



**MOTHERS DAY IS SUNDAY,  
MAY 12.**

**DID YOU KNOW:** Mother's Day was founded by Anna Jarvis from Grafton, WV. Anna's mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, taught Sunday school at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton for a quarter of a century. In 1876, when Anna was 12 years old, her mother taught a school lesson on "Mothers of the Bible," ending the lesson with a prayer calling for the establishment of a day to celebrate mothers.

Daughter Anna said, "This heart-rending, agonizing prayer burned its way into my mind and heart so deeply, and it never ceased to burn. I could never forget it."

Mrs. Jarvis died May 9, 1905. On her mother's grave, daughter Anna pledged to honor her mother's final wish stating, "The time and place is here and the someone is your daughter, and by the grace of God, you shall have a Mother's Day."

On May 10, 1908, the sleepy coal town of Grafton, WV celebrated the first Mother's Day and it didn't take long for others to catch on. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day the second Sunday of May in 1914. The International Mother's Day Shrine is located in historic downtown Grafton, and is one of only 16 National Historic Landmarks in West Virginia. The special day honoring mothers is now celebrated around the globe.

You can celebrate the leading mothers in your life by giving them a spiritual bouquet card. Cards are available in the vestibule and in the church office. Mothers will be honored in a special way at Mass on Mother's Day.



***"Mothers hold their children's  
hands for a while, but their hearts for-***



WITH HEARTFELT  
**SYMPATHY**

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of  
**Anna Mae Veronis-Holliday.**  
Anna Mae was called to rest at age 91. For many years, Anna Mae was a great force behind Saint Francis' parish pierogi making group. May her soul enter into God's eternal peace and rest.

**THE NEXT SAINT VINCENT  
DEPAUL MEETING** is Tuesday,  
April 30 at 6pm in the church  
basement.  
All are encouraged to attend.

**SCHEDULES: MAY 4-5**

**Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 pm: **Danny Prado/  
Mary Taskalines**  
8:00 am: **L. Whitelatch/S. Kent**  
10 am: **L. Niemiec/L. Yoho**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Please Volunteer**

**SACRISTY**

**Linda & Butch Miller**



## NEWS & COMMUNITY

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 30 10am	Chair Yoga with Emily in Xavier Hall
Wednesday, May 1 11:30am	Line Dancing with Lottie in Xavier Hall
Wednesday, May 1 1:30-2:30pm	Line Dancing for Beginners with Lottie in Xavier Hall
Friday, May 3 6pm	Bingo every Friday in Xavier Hall
Friday, May 3	First Friday
Saturday, May 4	First Saturday
Sunday, May 5 3:30pm	First Confession 
Wednesday, May 15 6:30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the basement
Sunday, May 19	First Holy Communion
Saturday, June 1 4pm	Confirmation 

**CAMP CARLO: DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP**, is a youth summer camp, hosted in Huttonsville, WV. This Catholic Summer Camp is an opportunity for youth to grow their faith while having fun outdoors. The camp offers hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, rock wall climbing, crafts, swimming and of course spiritual enlightenment through the Eucharist, confession and prayer.



Youth Camp Dates:

- June 30-July 6
- July 7-July 13
- July 14-July 20
- July 21-July 27

Register today at [campcarlowv.org](http://campcarlowv.org)



**IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?**

Join Sister Marita for trainings on Sundays at 11am and/or

Mondays at 6pm in the church basement. Trainings will last approximately 45 minutes.

**SNACK PROVIDED!**



Lottie is looking for volunteers for our annual May procession on Mother's Day...stay tuned. ☺

**The Miraculous Medal Perpetual Novena** is prayed every Tuesday before Mass.



**THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** is an annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on Thursday, May 2. People of all faiths are encouraged to turn to God in prayer and meditation as we pray for our nation.

Learn more at [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).

**THE MARSHALL COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE** will be hosted at John Marshal on Friday, May 31 from 5-10pm.

Lottie will be selling luminaries for our parish relay team in the back of church for the next 2 weeks. \$10/bag.

For questions or to join the relay team, call Lottie at 304-845-4011.



### Prayer REQUESTS

**Recently Sick:** Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Sage Rich, Lois Frey, Kathy Patrello, Bob Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David & Anastasia Yeater, George Zacherl, Brian Hill, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Angela Montesano, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Eleanor Smith, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro.

**Homebound:** Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Rachel Kerekes, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori.

**Nursing Homes:** Suzy Lunau, Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Earl Richards, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yaney, Deanne Ferraro.



**Rosary Procession**

All are invited to join us in praying the Rosary in procession for our Church, our world, and our families.

**Monday, May 13**  
MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**7:00 pm**

Procession begins at ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH and ends at the CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH



### 20/20 VISON SERIES: A YEAR WITH THE SAINTS

Join Sr. Martha Gomez, Director of the Office of Consecrated Life, on April 29 via Zoom at 7pm for an enlightening presentation on life and legacy of Saint Mary Euphrasia. St. Mary Euphrasia was the foundress of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepard Congression. RSVP: Anna Marie Troiani: [atroiani@csjoseph.org](mailto:atroiani@csjoseph.org)