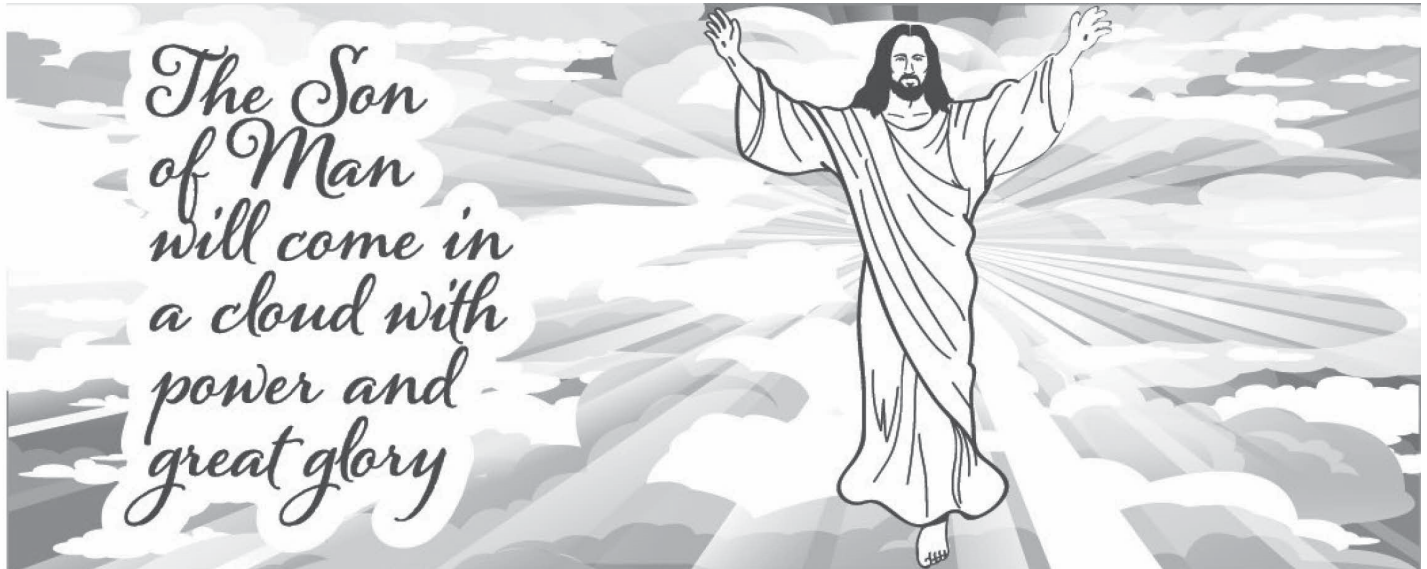


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*Be vigilant
at all times*



December 2, 2018 • First Sunday of Advent

In daily life, it's easy simply to focus on the here and now. Life can be complex and rapidly changing. It's often plenty for us just to get through the day. Yet it seems that in Luke's Gospel today, Jesus is asking his followers, and us too, to widen our focus and see a larger reality.

We are asked to observe not only the routines of daily life, not only the large forces of history acting upon us, but also God bringing forth the birth of a new creation. Jesus asks us to see beyond today's troubles and watch God stirring up hope. We are to more truly see persons in need, those who experience violence, loss, or injustice. We are asked to see beyond the superficial during the Christmas shopping season, and to see Christ as ultimate Gift and gift-giver.

WAITING WELL

Today we begin Lectionary Year C, when the Gospel readings are frequently from the Gospel of Luke. Luke wrote for a community that wrestled with questions about what had happened and what had not (yet) happened. Some in the commu-

nity had anticipated the promised return of Jesus during their lifetimes. In today's Gospel, Jesus does not offer a timetable for his coming, but asks us to watch and wait. We can learn to wait faithfully, not knowing what will happen next, but living in trust. Advent is a time to learn again about waiting well.

Many of the events we most cherish in life involve waiting: the birth of a child, graduation, a new job, retirement. How we receive these events often depends on how well we have waited and prepared. Waiting well is not passive. We often work hard to prepare for life's big events, both externally and in our hearts. We ready ourselves, but allow for surprises. Advent's preparation for Christmas mirrors our many waitings, knowing that God may come into our lives by surprise, without a timetable.

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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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.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

7th and JEFFERSON STREETS, MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA. 26041
Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the Parish House 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 (C.C.D.):

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





First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018
I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the
land.
— *Jeremiah 33:15*

Mass Intentions For The Week



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- DEC. 1** **SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **John Burda†**
(*Danny Prado*)
- DEC. 2** **SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Living and deceased members of
the Patrello family**
(*Cathy & Roger Frame*)
10:00 A.M. **Al Furline†**
(*The choir*)
- DEC. 3** **MONDAY**
Natale & Alex Ducci†
(*Sandina Leonard*)
- DEC. 4** **TUESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Martha Hitt†**
(*Mark Hitt*)
- DEC. 5** **WEDNESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Louise & Chester Berry†**
(*Bill & Theresa (Lewis) Vermeulen
& Family*)
- DEC. 6** **THURSDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Al Furline†**
(*Mr. & Mrs. Charles Taskalines*)
- DEC. 7** **FRIDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Leroy Hitt†**
(*Mark Hitt*)
4:00 P.M. **Vigil Mass for
Immaculate Conception
For our parishioners**
- DEC. 8** **SATURDAY**
9:00 A.M. **Mass for Immaculate Conception**
For healing of the sick in our parish
4:00 P.M. **Vigil Mass for Sunday**
Joe & Ellen Curia†
(*Curia Family*)
- DEC. 9** **SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Peace in Families**
(*Ta Ta Mary*)
10:00 A.M. **Prado & Skvarka Families**
(*Phil Skvarka*)

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

12/8 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado/Mary Taskalines

12/9 8:00 a.m. T. Wise/S. Kent

12/9 10:00 a.m. C. McDonald/ J. Klug

Altar Servers:

12/8 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

12/9 8:00 a.m. Laberde

12/9 10:00 a.m. Targosky/ Swift

Gift Bearers:

12/8 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

12/9 8:00 a.m. Dan & Lori Laberde

12/9 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of December 3, 2018

Julie Anderson & Ruth Anderson

Greeters:

12/8 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans

12/9 8:00 a.m. Kent Family

12/9 10:00 a.m. Joe & Jonna Kuskey

Bingo December 7, 2018

Raffle – Bob & Patty Kleinedler

Kitchen – Jenny Ingram

Sunday Lectors: Please pick up your workbooks
for 2019 in the sacristy.

COLLECTION: November 18, 2018

Envelopes - \$ 2923.00

Loose Offering - \$ 1128.00

Electronic Giving - \$ 35.00

Building Fund - \$ 35.00

Memorial Offerings - \$ 25.00

Pennies for God - \$ 7.50

Attendance - 321

NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND
December 8-9

Kroger earnings for August 1 through October 31
\$234.17
38 Households

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Don McCormick, Maggie Yeater, Gina Hoops, Dianne Hill, Miriam Kulavik, Rodney Kerekes, Ray Wojcicki, Kimberly Peffley, Patty Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Chris Colby, Richard Timko; **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Joe & Helen Cuchta

The Sanctuary Candle
beside the tabernacle burns this week

for: **Frank Ross**

Requested by

Duane & Daunel Gump



Immaculate Conception
Holy Day Masses:
Friday, Dec. 7 @ 4:00
Saturday, Dec, 8 @ 9:00 A.M.

THE SHUT-IN PROJECT

Correction: We have 52 members of our shut-in community (not 25 as mentioned last week). If you are able to help distribute gifts to them, please meet in the church lot on Saturday, December 15th at 9:00 A.M.. If you are able to help financially with the parish shut-in project, you may put an envelope in the basket marked "shut-in project". For more information call Mary Taskalines at 304-845-7326 or Loretta Remke at 304-845-9594

Our local chapter of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** offers its heartfelt thanks to those who contributed to its Thanksgiving Day Collection (\$1075) and to everyone who continues to support its efforts with prayers and donations throughout the year.

Don't forget we are still collecting canned goods for the needy in our area for Christmas. A container can be found in the vestibule for donations.

Holiday Baked Goods Sale

We are accepting orders for nut bread, nut cookies, apple butter, and pierogis for Christmas. Use the order form in this bulletin or call 304-845-5565.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dec. 1** - Christmas Church Cleaning 9 a.m.
- Dec. 2** - St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 9** - Communal Penance Service 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14** - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- Dec. 15** - Deliver Christmas Flowers 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 16** - Decorate Church for Christmas 11:00
- Dec. 20** - Pick up Holiday Baked goods
- Jan 26** - World Youth Day



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of:

Mark Joseph Novel

May he rest in peace.



Communal Penance Service
Sunday, December 9, at 4:00
St. Francis Xavier Church
Homilist: Father Tom Patronek



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Friday, December 14 in
Xavier Hall. 11 to 5
Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw,
Pierogi, Macaroni & Cheese, Drinks,
Homemade Desserts
Workers and baked goods are needed!
Contact Greg Green 304-238-3621 or
Cork Potts 304-845-2686

MOUNDSVILLE: AN AMERICAN STORY

The Strand Theater will hold a premiere of the film *Moundsville: An American Story* on Friday, December 7th at 7 p.m. Many of our parishioners are featured in this full length documentary that chronicles much of our community's past and present— while speculating on its future. Two Pittsburgh filmmakers have spent the past year working on this project which was underwritten by the Pittsburgh Arts Council. They will be available for questions following the film. Everyone is invited to attend. Admission \$5

**2nd ANNUAL LADY KNIGHTS
HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMP**

Basketball drills, skills and games. Practice dribbling, passing, shooting and more!
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Grades 5-8: 12:30 to 2:30
Cost: \$25; Register by December 14



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