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LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST
CONTROL YOUR HEARTS,
THE PEACE INTO WHICH
YOU WERE ALSO CALLED IN ONE BODY.

COLOSSIANS 3:15



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2019

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Families come in all shapes and sizes. When asked to describe your family, you might begin by telling people about a parent, sibling, or extended family members. You might even describe what you have learned from a genealogical study. You are unlikely, however, no matter how wonderful your family may be, to describe your family as “holy.” And yet, this is our primary call. Each of us as people of God, and each of our families, is called to be holy. We are called to live as God’s people in the world, to communicate God’s love and presence through the way that we live together and in relationship with others. Every family, no matter what their circumstances, is called to be a holy family. Even Mary, Joseph, and Jesus faced challenges and trials. And yet they rose to the occasion, listened to and followed God’s will, and were assured of the love of the Lord through it all.

LISTEN TO YOUR ANGEL

Have you ever found yourself at a crossroads? One direction may be momentarily advantageous or easy, another more

challenging but right or good. It is not always easy to know which direction to choose. Discerning our path of life necessarily involves prayer, the guidance of others whom we trust, and the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us. The example of the Holy Family is that they followed the will of God, trusting in God’s abiding presence even when they knew that doing so involved risk and uncertainty. Mary trusted the voice of the angel, although the message was beyond comprehension; Joseph listened to the voice of the Lord in dreams and proceeded, assured of God’s guiding spirit in the midst of troubling circumstances. This is what our families must do as well. Being Christian people in today’s world is not always easy, even when we know it is right. This is the meaning of holiness. This is what it means to be a holy family.

Today’s Readings: Sir 3:2–6, 12–14; Ps 128:1–2, 3, 4–5; Col 3:12–21 [12–17]; Mt 2:13–15, 19–23

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DEC. 28 SATURDAY
 4:00 P.M. **Joyce Drake†**
(Cork & Joanne Potts)

DEC. 29 SUNDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Eddy†**
(Robert Kinnick Family)

10:00 A.M. **For the People**

DEC. 30 MONDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Deborah DePiero†**
(Robin Targosky)

DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
 4:00 P.M. **Catherine & Edward Lawther**
(Marlene Lawther)

JAN. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Solemnity of Mary

10:00 A.M. **For the People**

JAN. 2 THURSDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Eddy†**
(Joanne Ray)

JAN. 3 FRIDAY
 8:00 A.M. **James B. Gardill†**
(Tex & Theresa Reynolds)

JAN. 4 SATURDAY
 4:00 P.M. **Ruth Ann Harrigan†**
(Harrigan Family)

JAN. 5 SUNDAY
 8:00 A.M. **Diane Klem†**
(Christine Drake)

10:00 A.M. **Ronald Taylor†**
(Mike & Connie Veronis)

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

1/4 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado/J. Fecat
 1/5 8:00 a.m. Rose Hess/S. Kent
 1/5 10:00 a.m. L. Freeland/L. Remke

Altar Servers:

1/4 4:00 p.m. Whitelatch
 1/5 8:00 a.m. Laberdee
 1/5 10:00 a.m. Menendez/King

Gift Bearers:

1/4 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
 1/5 8:00 a.m. Dan & Lori Laberdee
 1/5 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of Dec. 30, 2019

Judy Mysliwicz & Kitty Pazyk

Greeters:

1/4 4:00 p.m. Dave & Celeste Evans
 1/5 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin
 1/6 10:00 a.m. Kuskey Family

Bingo: January 3, 2020

Raffle: John & Sheree Leonard

Kitchen: Jenny Ingram

COLLECTION: December 15, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 2729.00
Loose Offering	\$ 626.00
Building Repairs	\$ 120.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 45.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 525.00
Shut-in Project	\$ 10.00
Pennies for God	\$ 2.83
Attendance - 298	
CSA Goal: \$19,070	Raised: \$10,970

If you would like to make an end of the year gift to St. Francis Xavier for 2019 tax purposes, please be sure to write or date your check by December 31, 2019.

No matter what your individual situation, we pray that you consider sharing the gifts God has entrusted to all of us. Each of us can do something good - even if we can't claim a donation for tax purposes. Donate a lightly used winter coat to someone that is hungry or alone, donate a new toy for an impoverished child, deliver meals to the homeless, visit a nursing home or offer a smile to a lonely neighbor. Never underestimate the difference that we can make in the life of another and in the life of the parish, not just during this time of year but throughout the year!

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:

sfxmoundville@comcast.net

Website: sfxmoundville.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 SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Prayer Request: Joe Novel, Sara Walters, Georgia Pettit, Diane Young, Joanne Potts, Mike Davis, Tex Reynolds, Norma Holmes, Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Dave Williams, Bobby Kleinedler, Barbara Harris, Joe Church.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Ron Jaworski.

Christmas Decoration Crew

We would like to thank the following parishioners who helped decorate the Church for Christmas: Mark & Gina Hedrick, Dillon Mangino, Kyle Pytlak, Libby G. Magnone, Sue Church, Cindy Gunto, Daunel Gump, Judy & Pete Mysliwicz, Cathy Frame, Mary Taskalines, Ellen McCormick, Dave Papula, Tony Novel, John Harrigan, Linda Miller, Eric Miller, Joanne Ray, Mary Britt, Mike Patrello, Jane Klug, and Susan Board.

May they know the Joy and Peace of the Lord at Christmas and always!

Having Faith in West Virginia

Our Diocese has rolled out a new website titled **FaithInWV.org**. The webpage is dedicated to showcasing the works of Catholics across the Mountain State who embody our faith. You can read a story about what an Eagle Scout did to help out his parish in Huntington; or about 81 year old Mary Henderson from South Charleston and her Purls of Wisdom knitting ministry; or see how Janet Ryan Benzo from St. Anthony's in Wellsburg developed the parish Friday Friends program that provides weekend meals to hungry children.

Most importantly, you too could be featured on this page!

If you know of an exceptional Catholic in West Virginia, or a group you feel is an example of FaithInWV, please email Joyce Bibey at jbibey@dwc.org. Or just call her: 304-233-0880

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 30** - 11 –2 Parish youth bowling party
- Jan. 1** - Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation
- Jan. 2** - Mass at Cameron Nursing Home
- Jan. 2** - Discipleship and Drafts
7:00 pm Generations Restaurant
- Jan. 10** - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- Jan. 12** - 10 am Mass with the Bishop
- Jan. 15** - 10 am Bereavement Group
- Jan. 16** - 11 am Cooking Series
- Jan. 21** - Mass at Moundview Nursing Home
- Jan. 22** - 6:30 p.m. Parish Council

Protecting our Environment - A New Year Resolution

Pope Francis reminds us that “we need to pray as if everything depended on God’s providence, and work as if everything depended on us.”

He warns us: “We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.” And he urges us to take personal responsibility for the future of our planet.

In this spirit, let’s take on the challenge of minimizing the use of plastic and Styrofoam in our parish this year.

We can’t leave trash for our children and grandchildren to take care of (Sometimes it’s hard enough for us to get them to make their beds!) Let us resolve to make an effort in whatever small ways we can, to leave clean mountains and streams for those future travelers of our winding and beautiful country roads.

We Can work on this together!

March for Life Bus Trip

THE 47th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 24th commemorates the 1973 Supreme Court legalization of abortion, which has resulted in the deaths of over 61 million innocent, unborn children. Please join this March to help us rededicate ourselves to stopping this culture of death.

If you wish to join a bus trip to the march, please contact Mrs. Heather Bise at the Diocese at 304-233-0880 (ext. 311)

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.



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