



*Second Sunday of*  
***Advent***

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children gathered  
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5



John proclaimed a baptism of repentance

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John the Baptist preached from the desert. The desert not far from Jerusalem is extremely rugged, where steep hills and deep valleys are common across a barren landscape.

John's listeners recognized that the height of hills and the depth of valleys are similar to human attitudes and relationships: heights of personal pride and depths of discouragement and fear.

taking, truly the work of God. Yet God looks for partners in this transformation. John the Baptist, and Jesus afterward, called followers to participate in God's work, and to begin with repentance.

We join in God's earth-moving project by repenting of how we block God's path with resentments and fears. When we are brought low in our lives, we seek God's help, and God will enlist the help of others.

EARTH-MOVING

Transforming the human landscape, like the task of smoothing the desert hills and valleys, is an enormous under-

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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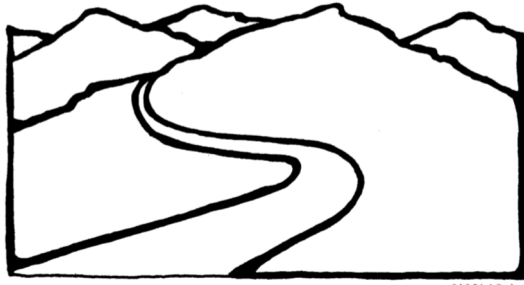
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MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00 a.m.10:00 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Day Mass Schedule:
8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

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



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 9, 2018**  
 God has commanded  
 that every lofty mountain be made  
 low.  
 — *Baruch 5:7*

**Mass Intentions  
 For The Week**



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- 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)*
- DEC. 10 MONDAY**  
**Bernadine & Robert Miller†**  
*(Terri Porter)*
- DEC. 11 TUESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Al Furline†**  
*(St. Francis Pierogi Group)*
- DEC. 12 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **John Burda†**  
*(Joanne Ray)*
- DEC. 13 THURSDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Diane Beucke†**  
*(Veronica DiCola)*
- DEC. 14 FRIDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Craig Madden†**  
*(Larry & Ruth Ann McClland)*
- DEC. 15 SATURDAY**  
 4:00 P.M. **Mary & Fred Nadolski†**  
*(Nadolski Family)*
- DEC. 16 SUNDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Michael Simons†**  
*(Stan & Kitty Pazyk)*  
 10:00 A.M. **For forgotten souls of my family**  
*(Ta Ta Mary)*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULES**

**Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 12/15 4:00 p.m. Julie Fecat/ L. Yoho  
 12/16 8:00 a.m. M. Hitt/ John Hess  
 12/16 10:00 a.m. L. Remke/ P. Remke

**Altar Servers:**

- 12/15 4:00 p.m. Whitlatch  
 12/16 8:00 a.m. Kent  
 12/16 10:00 a.m. Swift/ Miller

**Gift Bearers:**

- 12/15 4:00 p.m. Kay Bossworth & Daunel Gump  
 12/16 8:00 a.m. Pete & Judy Mysliwiec  
 12/16 10:00 a.m. Georgia Pettit

**Sacristy Cleaners: Week of December 10, 2018**

Linda & Butch Miller

**Greeters:**

- 12/15 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado  
 12/16 8:00 a.m. Sherrie Kent  
 12/16 10:00 a.m. Linda Miller

**Bingo December 14, 2018**

Raffle – John & Loretta Niemiec  
 Kitchen – Daunel Gump & Pam Ryan

**COLLECTION: November 25, 2018**

- Envelopes - \$ 2,600.00**  
**Loose Offering - \$ 867.00**  
**Electronic Giving - 35.00**  
**Building Fund - \$ 20.00**  
**Memorial Offerings - \$ 150.00**  
**Pennies for God - \$17.85**  
**Attendance - 298**

Please come help decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 16th after 10:00 mass.

All are welcome to help deliver Christmas flowers to the shut-in members of our parish. Meet at the church at 9:00 am, Saturday December 15.

**Please welcome some of our newly registered parishioners:**

Mike & Abby Lewis, Dale & Susan Whitlatch  
 Brianne Boger, Mary Beth Boger, Brett Nadolski,  
 Deanna Manning, Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley,  
 and Wyatt & Leah O'Neil and family.

Second Collection this week is for:  
 Share in the Care  
 Retirement Fund for Religious

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

**Prayer Request:** Gregory "Chad" Fromhart, Don McCormick, Maggie Yeater, Gina Hoops, Dianne Hill, Miriam Kulavik, Rodney Kerekes, Kimberly Peffley, 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

**ON A MISSION OF LOVE**

Throughout the Mountain State, Catholic Charities West Virginia provides assistance at every state of life for all people in need. Annual contributions to the second collection on Christmas directly impact the amount of assistance and quality of service CCWVa provides in our area. At masses next week, Trish Whitelatch, Program Assistant at the Neighborhood Center in Wheeling, will speak about the importance of your contribution to this collection on Christmas.



**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**  
Friday, December 14  
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

**Why I am Catholic (and you should be too)**

You will find this easy-to-read-and-very-thoughtful book, *Why I am Catholic (and you should be too)* in boxes near the side altars. It is an Advent gift from our parish for our parishioners. We encourage you to read it, talk about it and share it with your family and friends. You are welcome to have one book per family and if we have any left over, you are most welcome to have another!

What a beautiful, fun and delicious celebration we enjoyed at our St. Francis Xavier Feast. Many thanks to Libby Magnone and Sherrie Sullivan for all the beautiful decorations and time spent in preparations. Thank you Loretta Niemiec and parish council for spearheading this lunch and thank you cooks and bakers.

**THANK  
YOU**  
  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**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 18** - Deadline for memorial flowers orders  
**Dec. 20** - Pick up Holiday Baked goods  
**Jan 26** - World Youth Day



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

*The Sanctuary Candle*

beside the tabernacle burns this week

for: **Peggy Howe**

Requested by

*Linda & Butch Miller*



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the families of:

**Ruth Ann Harrigan  
And  
Ray Wojcicki**

May they rest in peace.

**WINNER OF QUILT RAFFLE** Linda Berry  
Thank you to the Seams Sew Snugly Quilt Guild for donating the \$1011 raised by this raffle toward the installation of our new seat cushions.

Thank you for taking the time to help prepare the church for Advent and Christmas. Your dedication is appreciated more than you will ever know!  
God Bless!  
Tex and Theresa Reynolds, Kitty Pazyk, Ellen McCormick, Jonette Holmes, Linda Miller, Libby Magnone, Jenny & Al Ingram, Paula Conners, Julie Anderson, Wayne & Joan Lemasters, Cindy Gunto, Suzanne Artimez, Judy Mysliwicz, Mary Taskalines, Sue Church, Terri Porter, Daunel Gump, Joanne Ray, Ruth Anderson.





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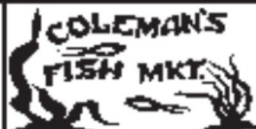


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