



*Third Sunday of*  
*Advent*

December 16, 2018

I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.  
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16



*I am not  
worthy  
to loosen  
the thongs of  
his sandals*

**December 16, 2018 • Third Sunday of Advent**

**BEGIN WHERE YOU ARE**

Zephaniah's description of God in today's first reading is quite striking. It is remarkable that after most of the book of Zephaniah paints a dark picture of God's judgment on the "Day of the Lord," we see God singing with joy, partying and celebrating, bursting with love for the Chosen People. Such is God's delight in us human beings.

In the scriptures, there seem to be two kinds of moments when God is especially delighted. First, during creation, when God creates something beautiful: not only the whole universe, but also individual human persons, made in God's image. Second, after times of separation, when God celebrates the restoration of intimacy with God's beloved.

As Paul writes to the Church in Philippi, those on the path of faith might somehow get swept up in God's joy. Because in Christ and through the Holy Spirit, God continually speaks and listens to those in united in faith. We participate in God's delight in creation when we are creative ourselves, when we add to the world's beauty. We also participate when we join in the work of reconciliation and act to heal human divisions and restore relationships.

In today's Gospel, those who listened to John the Baptist's prophetic preaching were quite troubled, and moved to ask "What should we do?" Although John had given dire warnings about what might happen if they did not sincerely repent, he did not suggest drastic actions. He recommended that people begin where they are, and work within their daily circumstances. Share generously. Treat people fairly. Be content with what you have. These were perhaps small steps turning them, in God's time, toward deeper change.

A first step for us might be to learn, however slowly, to listen to God speaking within the context of our lives. We can respond with small concrete actions and perhaps learn what God wishes to say through them. We can then listen anew for the next step.

Today's Readings: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Copyright © 2018, J. S. Paluch Company, Inc., 3708 River Road, Suite 400, Franklin Park, IL 60131-2158 1 800 621-5197. With Ecclesiastical Approval.

**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:**

**Website:** [sfxmoundsville@comcast.net](mailto:sfxmoundsville@comcast.net)  
[sfxmoundsville.org](http://sfxmoundsville.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.

## **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.

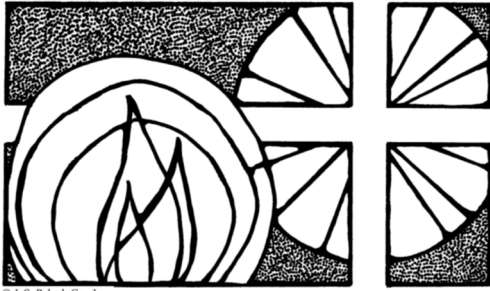
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (C.C.D.):**

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





© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 16, 2018**  
 The King of Israel, the LORD,  
 is in your midst,  
 you have no further misfortune to fear.  
 — *Zephaniah 3:15b*

## Mass Intentions For The Week



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

- 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)*
- DEC. 17 MONDAY**  
**Craig Madden†**  
*(Carol Chambers)*
- DEC. 18 TUESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Mark Joseph Novel†**  
*(Margaret & Jim Williamson)*  
 4:00 P.M. **For the living and deceased prayer  
 group members and their families**  
*(God's Children of Love Prayer  
 Group)*
- DEC. 19 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Ruth Ann Harrigan†**  
*(Chuck & Mary Taskalines)*
- DEC. 20 THURSDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Ingrid Hendrickson**  
*(Her Mom)*
- DEC. 21 FRIDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Connie Crow†**  
*(Jane Klug)*
- DEC. 22 SATURDAY**  
 4:00 P.M. **John A. Helfer†**  
*(Kathryn Helfer)*
- DEC. 23 SUNDAY**  
 8:00 A.M. **Tom Bonar†**  
*(Bonar Children)*  
 10:00 A.M. **John Colucci†**  
*(Cindy Gunto)*

### WEEKLY SCHEDULES

#### Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

- 12/22 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans/ C. McDonald  
 12/23 8:00 a.m. C. Frame/ S. Kent  
 12/23 10:00 a.m. Paula Whitman/ Larry Freeland  
 12/24 4:00 p.m. Frizzell, Miller Family/ Taskalines  
 12/24 10:00 p.m. Paula Whitman/ Mark Helfer  
 12/25 10:00 a.m. Rose Hess/ John Hess

#### Altar Servers:

- 12/22 4:00 p.m. Frizzell  
 12/23 8:00 a.m. Laberde  
 12/23 10:00 a.m. Blatt, Targosky  
 12/24 4:00 p.m. Miller/ Frizzell/ Swift  
 12/24 10:00 p.m. Kent Family  
 12/25 10:00 a.m. Whitelatch Family

#### Gift Bearers:

- 12/22 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec  
 12/23 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt  
 12/23 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

#### Sacristy Cleaners: Week of December 17, 2018

Joe Pavilkey

#### Greeters:

- 12/22 4:00 p.m. Phil Remke  
 12/23 8:00 a.m. Sherrie Kent/ Kitty Pazyk  
 12/23 10:00 a.m. Blatt Family

#### Bingo December 21, 2018

Raffle: John & Sherrie Leonard  
 Kitchen: Kathleen Naegele

#### COLLECTION: December 2, 2018

**Envelopes - \$ 3,532.00**  
**Loose Offering - \$ 1,165.00**  
**Electronic Giving - \$35.00**  
**Building Fund - \$ 40.00**  
**Xavier Hall - \$517.00**  
**Memorial Offerings - \$ 35.00**  
**Pennies for God - \$ 6.62**  
**Attendance - 277**

#### Holiday Baked Sale Pickup

Thursday, December 20  
 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Church office will be closed Christmas Week.  
 We will reopen on Thursday, January 3.

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

**Prayer Request:** John Mercer, Gregory "Shad" Fromhart, Don McCormick, Maggie Yeater, Gina Hoops, Dianne Hill, Miriam Kulavik, Kimberly Peffley, Bobby Kleinedler, Chris Colby, Richard Timko; **Homebound:** Rodney & Rachel Kerekes, 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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA  
ANNUAL APPEAL**

We are all one in the Body of Christ and we must care for the suffering within the Body. Please support the good works that Catholic Charities West Virginia is doing on your behalf for the poor and suffering.

When you are thinking about presents this year, think about what Jesus would want for His birthday...

**He told us what He wants:**

— **Love one another.** Take care of the poor, the elderly, the widows and orphans, and the sick. Surely that would be the best birthday present we could give the One that gave everything for us!

Contributions may be made online at [www.catholiccharitieswv.org](http://www.catholiccharitieswv.org), or mailed to 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, or put in the second collection on Christmas.

**Mass and Christmas Carols  
Moundview Nursing Home**

On Tuesday, December 18 at 11:00 A.M. Father That Son will celebrate Mass with the Catholic residents at Moundview Nursing Home. Come join him at Mass and sing Christmas Carols with the residents..

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Dec. 24 4 P.M. Children's mass  
Dec. 24 10:00 P.M. Christmas Eve mass  
Dec. 25 10 A.M. Christmas mass  
Dec. 31 4 P.M. New Year's Eve  
Jan. 1 10 A.M. New Year's Day

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Dec. 16** - Decorate Church for Christmas 11:00  
**Dec. 18** - **Mass and Christmas Carols at Moundview Nursing Home** 11:00  
**Dec 18** - Deadline for memorial flower orders  
**Dec. 20** - Pick up Holiday Baked goods  
**Jan 26** - World Youth Day

**If you are wondering why you don't see piles of white socks in the vestibule this Advent....**

Traditionally our parish has collected socks to give to the prisoners at Christmas. A few years ago the Moundville Ministerial Association began helping with this project. This year our parish provided gift bags. Our CCD students with the help of a few parishioners decorated the bags. If you have left socks for prisoners - thank you! These socks will be given to those in need who request aid from our parish throughout the year.

**RELATIVES AS PARENTS**

Coming to Wheeling  
February 2019

This program is open to all relatives (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) raising a child of a family member.

This new program is offered by Catholic Charities and is open to all. You will learn about:

- Finding resources for your child
- Food and Nutrition
- Navigating the school system
- Technology and social media
- Dealing with childhood trauma
- Self-care and stress management
- Budgeting

The program will provide:

- Transportation
- Interactive child care
- Meal
- Other incentives

Space is limited! Sign up by Jan. 15  
Contact Diana Bell at 304-639-0086  
[dbell@ccwva.org](mailto:dbell@ccwva.org), or stop by the  
Neighborhood Center at 125 18th Street

Program will be held at the  
Catholic Charities Center  
2000 Main Street Wheeling



# Funeral Homes & Crematory

Since 1847

www.grisellfuneralhomes.com

Connie E. Grisell, Licensee in Charge \* Elliott G. Grisell, Director

- \*Moundsville
- \*New Martinsville
- \*Bellaire
- \*Clarington
- \*Sardis
- \*Bethlehem



From the WLP Vault  
comes the Bible Story of Christmas  
featuring 8 Classic Christmas Carols  
and a reading of the Gospel of  
Luke 2: 4-20 by Bing Crosby!  
Also available on vinyl.



Photo Courtesy of  
Bing Crosby Enterprises

800-566-6150

Visit [WLPmusic.com](http://WLPmusic.com) to purchase your copy - CD \$10.00

## catholicmatch® West Virginia



[CatholicMatch.com/myWV](http://CatholicMatch.com/myWV)



### Lutes & Kirby Vance Chapel

1020 S. 10th St., W.Va.  
800-835-3560

"The Pre-Arrangement  
Funeral Home"



[www.altmeyer.com](http://www.altmeyer.com)



232-2321

Robert Contreras, Sr. - President



(304) 232-8510

### Protecting Seniors Nationwide

Medical Alert System



\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly

- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608



Consider  
Remembering  
Your Parish in  
Your Will.  
For further information,  
please call the Parish Office.



### HART'S MINI-STORAGE

Rt. 88 at Garving Lane

845-4974

- 5 X 10
- 10 X 10
- 10 X 20
- 10 X 30

Security Deposit Required  
Call for Rates

### ONE PARISH

Download Our Free App or Visit  
[MY.ONEPARISH.COM](http://MY.ONEPARISH.COM)

Grow in your faith,  
find a Mass, and  
connect with your  
Catholic Community  
with OneParish!



### Catholic Cruises and Tours

Brian or Sally, coordinators

860.399.1785  
an Official Travel  
Agency of America  
of the USA  
CST 211290-20

[www.CatholicCruisesAndTours.com](http://www.CatholicCruisesAndTours.com)

### Saint Margaret Sunday Missal

An ideal companion  
for personal prayer.

In Stock & Ready to Order Today.  
CALL OR ORDER ONLINE. \$39.95



800-566-6150 • [www.wlpmusic.com](http://www.wlpmusic.com)

### If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!

- ✓ Ambulance Solutions as Low as \$19.95/month
  - ✓ Police ✓ Fire
  - ✓ Friends/Family
- FREE Shipping  
FREE Activation  
NO Long Term Contracts



CALL NOW! 800.809.3352

MDMedAlert  
Subsidiary of WesBanco



The Below SMS Used  
As Shown GPS  
Location Not Guaranteed

GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection  
Nationwide, No Land Line Needed  
EASY Set-up, NO Contract  
24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA



By all accounts, better.  
[www.mdmalert.com](http://www.mdmalert.com)  
A WesBanco Member BNC



Is the Lord  
Calling  
You?

Call Fr. Dennis Schuelkens  
in the Vocations Office of the  
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.  
(304) 233-0880 Ext. 442.  
[www.wvpriests.org](http://www.wvpriests.org)

Get this  
weekly bulletin  
delivered by  
email - for FREE!

Sign up here:

<https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx>

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



## AUTO CHOICE



RT 7 BELLAIRE



RT 2 MOUNDSVILLE