

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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“Why do you seek the living
one among the dead?
He is not here,
but he has been raised.”

Luke 24:5-6

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April 21, 2019 • Easter Sunday

Sometimes the story of Easter seems so familiar that we yawn at its old-fashioned quaintness. The “Good News” is, after all, a couple thousand years old. Today, however, our readings remind us that we are a fresh creation in the risen Lord. Today, we marvel at the newness of Jesus. Today, we praise God for the startling way he chooses to unlock eternal life for us.

When Peter speaks in the Acts of the Apostles, he calls Jesus’ cross a “tree.” Peter’s word choice invites us to remember another tree in scripture, the tree from which Adam and Eve selfishly ate the forbidden fruit. That tree in the Garden of Eden brought death to the human race; Jesus’ tree brings life. Peter explains the purpose of our new life: we must believe in Jesus and ask forgiveness for our sins. We must leave behind the selfish disobedience of the tree of death and embrace the way of self-sacrifice Jesus modeled on the tree of life.

WHERE DEATH GOES TO DIE

Another image that Easter makes new for us is the tomb. Cemeteries rarely bring us joy. No one considers a graveyard

the perfect place to celebrate. And yet Jesus’ burial place is the happy location of the disciples’ final conversion to their new way of life. Standing in the tomb where they had placed Jesus’ corpse a few days earlier, Peter and John come to understand the fullness of God’s glory. God’s stunning, life-giving power makes a mockery of death.

This transformation offers hope for our daily lives. Although Christ is risen, human life still faces suffering and heartache. At our lowest moments, we may be tempted to lose faith in God. Easter reminds us that Jesus himself faced the terrors life sends our way and conquered them. When we stand in dark places that feel like our very own tombs, Jesus is with us. The Lord transforms darkest death into new life.

Today’s Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8; Jn 20:1–9

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Masses for the Week

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April 20
8:00 P.M. **HOLY SATURDAY**
Semon & Phyllis Prado
(Danny Prado)

April 21
8:00 A.M. **EASTER SUNDAY**
10:00 A.M. **For all our Benefactors**
For the People

April 22
8:00 A.M. **MONDAY**
Agnes Gardill†
(Tex & Theresa Reynolds)

April 23
8:00 A.M. **TUESDAY**
For Persecuted Christians
(Monica Oanh T. Do)

April 24
8:00 A.M. **WEDNESDAY**
For people with disabilities
(Monica Oanh T. Do)

April 25
8:00 A.M. **THURSDAY**
Bernard Skrzypek†
(Gordon Family)

April 26
8:00 A.M. **FRIDAY**
Inez Rakoski†
(Mark Hitt)

April 27
4:00 P.M. **SATURDAY**
Shad Fromhart†
(Tina Minor)

April 28
8:00 A.M. **SUNDAY**
Craig Madden†
(Betty Key)
10:00 A.M. **Ruth Ann Harrigan†**
(Kitty & Stan Pazyk)



Father That Son and the parish staff wish you a very blessed and happy Easter.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

4/27 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado/Julie Fecat
4/28 8:00 a.m. C. Frame/S. Kent
4/28 10:00 a.m. P. Whitwam/C. McDonald

Altar Servers:

4/27 4:00 p.m. Whitelatch Family
4/28 8:00 a.m. Kent Family
4/28 10:00 a.m. Miller/Blatt

Gift Bearers:

4/27 8:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
4/28 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt
4/28 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of April 22nd

Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Greeters:

4/27 8:00 p.m. Phil & Loretta Remke
4/28 8:00 a.m. Kitty Pazyk & Lottie Durbin
4/28 10:00 a.m. Jenny Ingram

Bingo April 26, 2019

Raffle: John & Sheree Leonard

Kitchen: Sue Church

COLLECTION: April 7, 2019

Envelopes - \$3,715.00
Loose Offering - \$909.00
Xavier Hall - \$396.00
Catholic Relief - \$10.00
Pennies for God - \$15.15
Easter Flowers - \$230.00
Shut-in Project - \$30.00
Attendance - 295

Father That Son will be out of town beginning April 22 and will return on Friday, May 3.

Father Harry Dunn will celebrate morning Mass on Monday, April 22 through Friday April 26. If there is an emergency during these days, please call Father Harry Dunn at 304-639-7088.

From April 27 through May 2 Father Arul Anthony will take emergency calls at 304-281-4644.

Please welcome Father Brian O'Donnell who will be celebrating the weekend Masses on April 27 & 28th.

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: Vicki Regiec, Zelma Imhof, Alice Wise, Joan Lemasters, Patty Kleinedler, Joe Church, Maggie Yeater, Bobby Kleinedler, Chris Colby, Richard Timko; **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick, Rachel Kerekes; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week

for:

Margaret Albertini

Requested by

Alma & Larry Cunningham

THANK YOU to everyone who contributes to the support of St. Francis Xavier Parish: those who work the Fish Fries and the Pierogi Project; those who prepare the Church for Easter, deliver the flowers to the shut-ins, donate baked goods and supplies; and those who donate money. Your dedication and service to the parish is greatly appreciated.

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Education of Seminarians. This annual collection supports our seminarians in their journey to the priesthood in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Funds collected help defray the cost of tuition, books and other materials.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Please consider a donation to the 2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal: "Sowing Seeds of Hope". Your gift is one of the most effective ways we have to carry out the work of the Church: It allows us a way to be generous to both our parish and to the ministries our Diocese supports throughout West Virginia. Last year, 59 families & parishioners contributed \$16,716.00 toward our goal. From this, \$6,696.00 was returned to our parish.

Thank you to the group who scrubbed and polished our church so it was ready for our Easter Celebration: Linda Miller, Teri Porter, Tina Minor, Joanne Ray, Theresa Reynolds, Judy Mysliwicz, Cathy Frame, Libby G. Magnone, Ellen McCormick, Daunel Gump, Carolyn Gordon, Jenny Ingram, Kitty Pazyk, and Cindy Gunto.
Thank you also to Mark & Gina Hedrick for decorating the church for Palm Sunday and Easter.



We are happy to welcome you to our parish today for the Easter Celebration. If you are a visitor, we are glad you are here with us. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish. If you are not registered at St. Francis, please do so! Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and it helps in matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial. Registration forms are available in the Church Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 14 - Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

May 19 - First Communion @ 10:00 Mass

Jun. 9-14 - Praying Pelicans Youth Mission

Jun. 23-28 - Praying Pelicans Youth Mission

Aug. 25 - Parish Picnic

PRAYING PELICANS YOUTH MISSION

This summer two groups of youth missionaries will stay in Xavier Hall while they help out with local organizations. These students will spend time working at the Body and Soul Soup Kitchen, Appalachian Outreach, and working for various churches around Moundsville.

On June 9th, 45 students from Littleton, Colorado will arrive and stay for the week. On June 23rd, 25 High School students from the Summit Country Day Catholic School in Cincinnati will be here for a week.

Please help them feel welcome.



Join us for the
23rd Annual
Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center
Spaghetti Dinner
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Sunday, April 28th
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
125 18th Street, Wheeling

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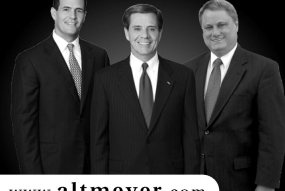
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