

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER,
FOR HE MAKES THE SUN RISE ON THE BAD AND THE GOOD.

MATTHEW 5:44-45

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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Today's first reading concludes in classic Levitical style: "I am the LORD." Over and over again, the book of Leviticus punctuates its paragraphs with that simple statement: "I am the LORD." Relentlessly repeating that phrase, the word of God reminds us that God is the LORD—and we are not. We did not construct the world; we did not create ourselves. Remembering our status as mere creatures comes as a shock to us at times, especially when we flex and pose as masters of our own tiny universes. On the other hand, knowing we are "merely" God's beloved children can free us. When we accept that God is the source and summit of all wisdom, we approach life with a growing stillness, an openness to God's powerful action in the world.

HOLY AND PERFECT

Our openness to God's powerful action helps us understand Jesus' words in today's Gospel, when he demands that we become "perfect." Most of us shudder at the thought of having to be perfect. The idea of achieving perfection seems

impossible, frankly. But, just before despair sets in, we recall that we are merely creatures. If God wants us to be "holy" and "perfect," as today's readings emphasize, then God will provide all we need to chip away at our imperfections. If we nurse a hateful grudge against someone and cannot imagine being free of the resentment, God can help. If we harm our own bodies through bad habits, the holy Spirit can strengthen our resolve and transform our daily behavior. If we long for advantage over others, if we are disgusted by the thought of loving "unworthy" people, if we overwhelmingly prefer comfort and stability over the wildness of lavish generosity—Jesus Christ, King of glory, can convert our timid hearts. These transformations take time, patience, and prayer. Sitting quietly to reflect over today's readings is an excellent kind of prayer, and an inspiring way to begin.

Today's Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

2/26 8:00 a.m. M. Hitt/C.Frame
2/26 7:00 p.m. C. McDonald/J.Klug
2/29 4:00 p.m. A. Wise/Libby Magnone
3/ 1 8:00 a.m. T. Wise/S.Kent
3/ 1 10:00 a.m. L. Niemiec/L. Yoho

Altar Servers:

2/29 4:00 p.m. Whitelatch
3/ 1 8:00 a.m. Kent
3/ 1 10:00 a.m. Miller

Gift Bearers:

2/29 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick
3/ 1 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan
3/ 1 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

Sacristy Cleaners:Week of February 24, 2020

Latrishia Whitlatch & Charlotta Durbin

Greeters:

2/29 4:00 p.m. Yong Ae Lee Potts & Terri Porter
3/ 1 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke
3/ 1 10:00 a.m. Butch & Linda Miller

Bingo: February 28, 2020

Raffle: Diane Barker

Kitchen: Sue Church

A note for Ministers: If you are unable to serve at your scheduled Mass, please find a substitute.

COLLECTION: February 9, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 3044.00
Loose Offering	\$ 574.00
Building Repairs	\$ 998.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 60.00
Latin America	\$ 5.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 55.00
Pennies for God	\$ 3.06

Attendance - 276

The Collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Kroger Community Rewards
for Nov. 1 through Jan 31:
\$234.46 with 44 households participating

FEB. 22 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**
(Tex & Theresa Reynolds)

FEB. 23 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **Ray Yocum†**
(Yocum Family)
10:00 A.M. **John D. & Debbie Curia†**
(Curia Family)

FEB. 24 MONDAY
8:00 A.M. **Ann Lewis & The deceased members of the Lewis Family†**
(Teresa Vermeulen)

FEB. 25 TUESDAY
8:00 A.M. **The intentions of the Prado Family**
(Jane Klug)

FEB. 26 WEDNESDAY
8:00 A.M. **Sister Kathy Schiffer CSJ†**
(Jane Klug)
7:00 P. M. **Joseph Jim Novel†**
(Annette Hackathorn)

FEB. 27 THURSDAY
8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Phillips Eddy†**
(Norman & Barbara Vilkoski)

FEB. 28 FRIDAY
8:00 A.M. **Catherine Pellerin**
(Jane Klug)

FEB. 29 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Stephanie Phillips Eddy†**
(Chester & Charlotte Nadolski)

MAR. 1 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **John & Dorothy Wayman†**
(Bob & Margaret Shutler)
10:00 A.M. **Scott Minor†**
(Tina Minor)

Wednesday, February 26
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
8:00 A.M. - Mass with distribution of ashes
12:00 Noon - Brief Prayer Service with distribution of ashes
7:00 P.M. - Mass with distribution of ashes

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

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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.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Prayer Request: Connie Howard, Ronnie Hill, Eleanor Smith, Katherine Peligrin, Christine McDonald, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Joanne Potts, Tex Reynolds, Bobby Kleinedler. **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bertie Gaughenbaugh, Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Ron Jaworski.

Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of:
Phyllis Langmeyer
May she rest in peace.

A NOTE FROM BISHOP BRENNAN

I wish to thank your parishioners for the most enjoyable time I spent with you all when I visited your parish. Along with the Mass, the lunch and the skit were a delight and I thank you also for the beautiful jacket you gave me. Now I'm an honorary parishioner!

May God bless your people as you strive to be "salt for this earth and light for the World."

*Gratefully in Christ,
+Mark Brennan*

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Carmen Marie Mangino
Born February 12, 2020
Daughter of Dillon and Cassandra Mangino
and sister of Dominic



St. Francis Xavier Church.
Stations of the Cross
Every Friday of Lent at 6:30 p.m.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN

Is God calling you to a life of heroic sacrifice? Have you ever thought about being a Priest of Jesus Christ? The Diocese is hosting its second annual discernment retreat for men 18+ years and older discerning the diocesan priesthood on March 6-8 at Priest Field Pastoral Center. If you or someone you know is open to the priesthood, you do not want to miss this opportunity. Contact Rick Teachout in the Vocations Office today at 304-233-0880 or sign up on wvpriests.org!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday
Feb. 26 - Fish Fry (Ash Wednesday)
Feb. 28 - Fish Fry (Lenten Friday)
Feb. 28 - 6:30 Stations of the Cross
Feb. 29 & Mar. 1 - Gifts from the Holy Land sale
Mar. 4 - 11:00 Community Taco Fiesta Cooking Class
Mar. 4 - Noon Ecumenical Lenten Service
First Christian Church 1200 3rd St.
Mar. 6 - Fish Fry
Mar. 6 - 6:30 Stations of the Cross

Busacca Scholarship Applications are in the Church vestibule for students wishing to attend Wheeling Central High School

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week
for:

Deceased Members of the Skrzypek Family
Requested by *Carolyn Gordon*

GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

On February 29 and March 1 we will have a display of beautiful handmade olive wood carvings from the Holy Land. The sales from these carvings will support our fellow Christians who live there. These proceeds are a major source of income for families struggling to remain in the Holy Land.

MOUNT CALVARY CEMETARY

The monthly First Friday Mass will be celebrated at the Bishops' Chapel located in **Mt. Calvary Cemetery**, Wheeling, at 5:30 p.m. on March 6th. Also, please remember that clean-up at the cemetery starts on March 1st and ends on March 15th. Please remove everything including keepsakes.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER / KNIGHTS FISH FRY



We have fish fries Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th and every Friday during Lent. We need donated desserts, volunteers, and customers!

Make a date, bring a friend.

EAT, DONATE, VOLUNTEER
Delivery available: 304-845-7080

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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