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The kingdom of heaven

is like a treasure
buried in a field,
which a person finds
and hides again,
and out of joy
goes and sells
all he has and
buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



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Jesus is speaking in parables and offers three different images for the kingdom of heaven. Remember that popular line from a phone commercial: “Can you hear me now?” Jesus is trying to teach and basically says, “Do you understand me now? Do you get it now? Then let me explain it another way.” He is shedding light on just how very important his mission is, that the kingdom of God is the most important thing, and that we must make every choice, every effort to strive for it. To use a sports metaphor, Jesus is telling us we must not look for immediate satisfaction, but we must “play the long game” because in the end, this is the only thing that really matters.

GIVING UNDERSTANDING TO THE SIMPLE

This message again seems very countercultural. We live in an age of instant gratification. Consumer debt is

at an all-time high. Houses get bigger and bigger and more luxurious. Instead of saying “I can’t afford a new car,” people stretch payments out over six or seven years in an attempt to afford the unaffordable. Today we are called to put it all in perspective, to follow the “pearl of great price,” to put all things aside that we might seek the kingdom of God and reach our heavenly goal, our salvation. This may require a paradigm shift and making radical changes in our lifestyle, in how we spend our time, our money, our energy, how we define what is important to us. May each of us find the wisdom of Solomon to guide us in making the right choices.

Today’s Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76–77, 127–128, 129–130; Rom 8:28–30; Mt 13:44–52 [44–46]



Discernment

Seminarian-in-Waiting Sends SFX Parishioners Warm Greetings

Hello St. Francis Xavier Parish.

I am Thomas Andrews, and I will be residing at your parish rectory starting the week of Aug. 1.



I am excited to be with you for this next year--in a way coming home! I attended St. Francis Xavier School and graduated from Bishop Donahue High School in 2011. After attending W.Va. Wesleyan College, I moved to Alexandria, Va., where I worked as a realtor and later as an antiques appraiser/senior downsizing specialist for an auction gallery outside the Washington D.C. area. I also love to cook and read during my free time.

While living at St. Francis, I will be attending Franciscan University to take theology courses in anticipation to enter Mount St. Mary's Seminary for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of this church and attending St. Francis Xavier, where I served altar for fathers Ronan Deegan and Al Driesch. Father Al was an especially wonderful role model for what a priest should be: humble, kind, and always happy to serve his parishioners. I look forward to getting to know you as I discern my vocation to the priesthood and grow in my spiritual life under Fr. That Son's guidance. I would appreciate your prayers as I take this next step in life.

Newsletter Will Share Vocations Journeys

The Diocese's Vocations Office will introduce new seminarians to the Catholic faithful of West Virginia in its newsletter *The Calling*, which will be featured in *The Catholic Spirit* print and electronic editions beginning Aug. 7. The first newsletter will feature a piece about becoming a priest in today's age by Father

Brian Crenwelge, director of vocations for the Diocese. The goal of *The Calling* is to share the news, programs, and events of the Vocations Office. It also will provide men who may be called the opportunity to learn more about the priests and seminarians of the Diocese and their experiences.

- JULY 25 SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **Mary Rose Ebert†**
(Bob & Patty Shutler)
- JULY 26 SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Philip Salcines†**
(Cecilia Salcines)
- 10:00 A.M. **Novel Family Members Living & Deceased**
(Tony & Dee Novel)
- JULY 27 MONDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Theresa Myer†**
(Charles & Mary Taskalines)
- JULY 28 TUESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Frank & Jenny Novel†**
(Bob & Theresa (Novel) Baker)
- JULY 29 WEDNESDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Theresa Myer†**
(Jane Klug)
- JULY 30 THURSDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Theresa Reilly Myer†**
(Pete, Judy, & Beth Mysliwicz)
- JULY 31 FRIDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Bob Yeater†**
(Maggie Yeater)
- AUG. 1 SATURDAY**
4:00 P.M. **Members of the Raymond & Padula families†**
(Family)
- AUG. 2 SUNDAY**
8:00 A.M. **Betty Lewis & Deceased Members of the Rakoskie Family**
(Theresa Vermeulen)
- 10:00 A.M. **Pat Kleinedler†**
(Jean & Gregg Smith)

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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 parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):
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 Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR OUR
PARISHIONERS
& FRIENDS**



Prayer Request: Jim Campbell, Joseph Grampa, Ronnie Hill, Eleanor Smith, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Jim Ali, Wanda DeTemple, Sue Riffle, Jane Klug, Patty Kudlak-Kettler.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro.

Nursing Home: Ron Jaworski, Bill Tennant, Helen Remke, Bertie Gaughenbaugh, Barbara Meyer.

SPECIAL REMINDERS

* If you would like prayers, either public or private, call or e-mail the office or contact Father. We know this is a particularly difficult time for some of our young families and many senior members of our parish. Please let us know if or how we can support you. Remember: we have a lot of experience praying for people.

LECTORS

Aug. 1 4:00 p.m. **D. Evans**

Aug. 2 8:00 a.m. **M. Hitt**

10:00 a.m. **C. Kesselring**

WEEKLY OFFERING JULY 12, 2020

Envelopes:	\$2,555.00
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Memorial Offerings:	\$100.00
Pennies for God:	\$30.85
Attendance	119

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THE SUMMER SHOWER

for the Gabriel Project mission at St. Francis Xavier is nearing its end, but there is still time to help replenish items for the mission's clients and their babies.

The shower list continues to be posted on our website with the bulletins. Monetary donations also are needed to purchase items that must be provided new.

Donation items can be left at church, and monetary gifts can be sent to the parish or dropped in the weekly Mass collection in a marked envelope. If writing a check, please make it payable to "The Gabriel Project" and write "St. Francis Xavier Church" on the memo line. Call Cathy Frame at 304-845-3892 if you need more information. Thank you for your generous support.

TO EVERYONE BRINGING their empty cans to the church for recycling, thank you and bless you. Father is appreciative of your donations. A reminder that there are two available bins--one in front of the garage and one beside the garage to ensure cans don't overflow.

IF YOUR GARDEN harvest is overly bountiful this summer, feel free to bring your surplus cucumbers, beans, peppers, zucchini, tomatoes (or whatever else) to weekend Mass to share. Just place items on the table at the rear of Xavier Hall.

MASKS OR COVERINGS

for the face are now mandatory at all confined in-door places in Moundsville. Face coverings also are required during all municipal and county meetings. If you need additional masks, please contact us so we can connect you with someone who makes them. We want everyone to feel safe and properly prepared.

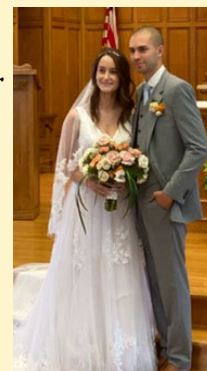
Happily Ever After ...

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs.

Vincent Gerard Caprio, who exchanged their wedding vows July 11 at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Kristine is the daughter of Scott and Tina Minor, and Vincent is the son of Gerard Caprio and Mia Palmieri.

May God bless Kristine and Vincent abundantly in love, joy, and happiness as they begin their new lives together.



The Caprios

SFX'S RELAY FOR LIFE

team is continuing to sell bags for \$5 each to share at the upcoming Luminaria Drive-Thru display set for Saturday, Aug. 22 at John Marshall High School. Luminaria in honor of those touched by cancer will be displayed from 9-11 p.m. in the school's north parking lot. Purchase forms are available in Xavier Hall following Mass, as well as on our website along with our weekly bulletins. You can also call Lottie at 304-845-4011 for special orders. Fill your car with family and friends to see the parking lot alight in honor of those affected by cancer.

Marshall County Relay for Life is sponsoring the event, which is in place of the community gathering that was canceled because of pandemic. Visitors must view the display from their cars to observe guidelines.

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