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HISTORIC
WATER WELL
TEL AVIV

Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in them
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:14

MARCH 15
2020

THIRDSunday
OF LENT

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The story of the Israelites' grumbling and threatened revolt, and of God's response in our reading from Exodus today, grapples with difficulties of the life of faith. Those who place their lives in the hands of God, as Israel did by following Moses into the desert, may soon face troubling and fearful moments. Sometimes we lose what we think we need, or somehow find it difficult to get what we really need. In our busy lives, it's easy to gradually forget God's presence and action among us.

Moses' prayer to God and God's compassionate response of providing water resolve the situation. Perhaps it was Moses' admirable honesty in his dialogue with God that made a difference. Moses "cried out to the Lord" and he didn't know how God might respond. Honestly expressing our needs in prayer is essential to the life of faith. Waiting in openness to God's response is equally important.

WATER FOR OTHERS

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, like the passage from Exodus, speaks of tired and thirsty people. Jesus is

tired and thirsty from his journey. The Samaritan woman is not only tired of the difficult chore of obtaining water, but is thirsty for something more. Jesus presents himself as living water for her, able to satisfy a deeper thirst in her heart. Through his patience and compassion, he opens a new wellspring of God's sustenance for her.

How might we, like Jesus, be water for others in our thirsty world? We can take some cues from Jesus here. Jesus crossed boundaries of gender, ethnicity, and religious division. Jesus began in vulnerability, in need of hospitality from a stranger. His was a non-threatening, compassionate presence. Jesus did not begin by speaking about himself or God, but entered into ordinary conversation with her. He first attended to her practical realities and concerns, which led to deeper dialogue. Perhaps we have opportunities to follow Jesus' example.

Today's Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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MAR. 14 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Patty Kleinedler†**
(Ed & Mary Palmer)

MAR. 15 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Phillip Salcines†**
(Cecilia Salcines)
 10:00 A.M. **Stephanie Eddy†**
(John & Barb Klos)

MAR. 16 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Sylvia Valdez†**
(Norman & Barbara Vilkoski)

MAR. 17 **TUESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Stephanie Eddy†**
(Tina Minor & Family)

MAR. 18 **WEDNESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Jim Novel†**
(Dale & Blondie Ennis)

MAR. 19 **THURSDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **David "DR" Durbin†**
(Veronica DiCola)

MAR. 20 **FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **The Phillips Family**
(Norman & Barbara Vilkoski)

MAR. 21 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Mike Davis**
(Patrick Davis)

MAR. 22 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **For the People**
 10:00 A.M. **Marilyn Neidhardt+**
(Joan & Wayne Lemasters)

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

3/21 4:00 p.m. Alice Wise/M. Taskalines
 3/22 8:00 a.m. R. Hess/J. Hess
 3/22 10:00 a.m. M. Lewis/P.Remke

Altar Servers:

3/21 4:00 p.m. Frizzell
 3/22 8:00 a.m. Laberde
 3/22 10:00 a.m. Swift

Gift Bearers:

3/21 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick
 3/22 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan
 3/22 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of March 16, 2020

John Harrigan & Lori Laberde

Greeters:

3/21 4:00 p.m. Bridget Scarbin & Cork Potts
 3/22 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin
 3/22 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Bingo: March 20, 2020

Raffle: Loretta Niemiec

Kitchen: Pam Ryan

COLLECTION: March 1, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 2532.00
Loose Offering	\$ 1094.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 475.00
Black & Native Americans	\$ 308.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 20.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 500.00
Pennies for God	\$ 47.84
Attendance -290	

Ash Wednesday Collection:

Central & Eastern Europe \$ 596.00

FLU SEASON IS UPON US

Until the weather improves, please protect yourself and be courteous to others:

- * During the sign of peace, acknowledge your neighbors with eye contact and a wave.
- * Receive communion in your hand, not on your tongue.
- * Stay home if you are not feeling well.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

At all Masses this weekend, a special collection will be taken for the Priests Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a trust fund set up to support the health care needs and retirement costs of retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Your support of this collection will be added the PHRA investments to provide long-term security and growth for this very important fund.

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 PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Prayer Request: Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Diane Hill, Connie Howard, Ronnie Hill, Eleanor Smith, Catherine Pellerin, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, 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.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Moisture continues to seep through the brick and mortar of the bell tower damaging paint and plaster in the stairwell. After consulting with the Diocesan Office of Buildings and Properties, we have signed an agreement with Angelina Stone & Marble to repair all stair cracks in mortar joints, caulk stone joints at the top of the tower and paint the fascia board on the tower roof for an amount not to exceed **\$10,000**.

While inspecting the bell tower, Angelina Stone & Marble noticed 2 missing roof tiles. Mansuetto Roofing will replace these tiles when the mortar work is performed in order to capitalize on the man lift rental. We do not yet have an estimate for tile replacement.

In consultation with Parish Council and the Diocese, Mattucci Roofing has signed a contract to replace Xavier Hall's kitchen roof for a cost of **\$29,900**. There is a 15 year manufacturer's guarantee on the rubber roofing material.

ONE EASY WAY TO HELP FIGHT CANCER: Join the St. Francis Relay for Life Team

It's more than a fundraiser, it's a celebration of lives. For 12 years, our parish has sponsored a team. This year's event is on May 29th at John Marshall. To join our team call Lottie Durbin: 304-845-4011 or call 877-957-7848 or register on line:

www.relayforlife.org/marshallco.

This is a worthwhile project - plus it's a ton of fun!

ST. JOSEPH FEAST ALTAR

St. Joseph's Feast Day is Thursday, March 19th. Everyone is invited to help decorate his altar in celebration. Cookies, cakes, breads, fruits, figurines, flowers, and pictures are common decorations. You can bring items for the altar this week and leave them in the servers' sacristy. St. Joseph memorial candles are available for \$5.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 14-20-Praying Pelicans Missionaries

Mar. 18 - 11 A.M. Grief Support

Mar. 18 - 6:30 P.M. Parish Council

Mar. 18 - Noon Ecumenical Lenten Service
Messiah Lutheran Church 5th and Lafayette

Mar. 19 - St. Joseph Altar

Mar. 20 - 11am - 5pm Fish Fry in Xavier Hall

Mar. 20 - 6:30 Stations of the Cross

Mar. 22 - 7:00 P.M. Penance Service, Msgr. Hudock

Mar. 29 - 1:00 P.M. Lenten Reflection (Amy Gamble)

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week
for:

The Intentions of the Darwish Family

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

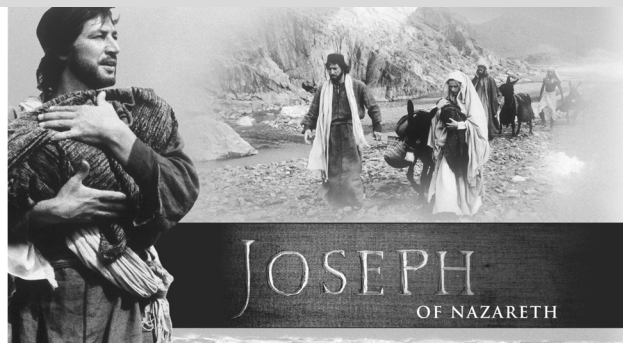
April 3rd at 6:30 P.M.

Once again we are calling on any and all children of the parish to help enact the Stations of the Cross. It's a beautiful and moving way to bring the story of Christ's passion alive. Please call Lottie (304-845-4011) or the parish office if your child would like to participate.

A BUS TRIP TO SEE QUEEN ESTHER

Our parish is sponsoring an over-night bus trip to Lancaster, PA on May 21 & May 22 to see the stage production of "Queen Esther" (one of the most riveting stories of the Old Testament!). Besides theater tickets, the \$200 price also includes a bus ride with live commentary, competitive games and occasional prayers by our pastor, a night's stay at the Hilton, an Amish country meal at Hershey Farm Restaurant, a buffet breakfast, and shopping at the Bird-In-Hand Farmers' Market. The sign up sheet is in the vestibule.

WATCH ON *FORMED*: The first feature film on the story of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary.



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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