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From the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”

MATTHEW 17:5

MARCH 8
2020

second Sunday
OF LENT

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The first eleven chapters of Genesis tell the story of the tragedy of human separation from God. But God has not given up on humanity. God is on a mission to reconcile and heal all of creation. In today's reading from Genesis 12, we see the beginning of God's new strategy: to begin with a single person (Abram, later renamed Abraham) and family and form them into a distinct people, so that all peoples may see God's blessing in them, and share in this blessing.

God's chosen people are not selected simply to receive blessing, but to serve as examples and agents of blessing. God blesses people not only for their own benefit but for all. When we fully thank God, we also accept God's call to bless others. We the Church receive God's grace precisely so that we may share grace with others.

LISTEN TO HIM

In today's Gospel describing Jesus' transfiguration, we hear of the disciples' vision of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Peter, perhaps understandably, responds by trying to enshrine the moment by building tents for them. However, God inter-

rupts and speaks words identical to those spoken at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." But here God adds, "listen to him."

Listening to God can take various forms. At some moments, as when we receive new insight or are deeply moved, we want to jump into action. Sometimes this is appropriate and necessary. But sometimes God interrupts our eagerness, and calls us to further reflection or simply to listen in silence.

Reflection and action are of course both essential to our faith journey. Yet we recall that God may often speak through silence. Contemplative practice, rich in tradition within our Catholic faith, reminds us that God invites us to an encounter within silence. In contemplative prayer, we open ourselves and simply wait upon God. We might encounter a divine Presence beyond words.

Today's Readings: Gen 12:1–4a; Ps 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22;
2 Tim 1:8b–10; Mt 17:1–9

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Masses for the Week

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MAR. 7 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Tony & Mary Drobnik†**
 (Gina & Dean Hoops)

MAR. 8 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Steve Eisenhower†**
 (Karen Eisenhower)
 10:00 A.M. **Pat Keinedler†**
 (Phil & Loretta Remke)

MAR. 9 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Donald Reynolds†**
 (Tex & Theresa Reynolds)

MAR. 10 **TUESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Sophia & Ralph Vilkoski†**
 (Norman & Barbara Vilkoski)

MAR. 11 **WEDNESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Loretta Remke**
 (Remke Family)

MAR. 12 **THURSDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Catherine Pellerin**
 (Jane Klug)

MAR. 13 **FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Joseph "Jim" Novel†**
 (Bob & Theresa (Novel) Baker)

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

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



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



FISH FRY FRIDAY
11-5
XAVIER HALL

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

3/14 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans/Julie Fecat
 3/15 8:00 a.m. C. Frame/S. Kent
 3/15 10:00 a.m. C. King/J. Kuskey

Altar Servers:

3/14 4:00 p.m. Whitelatch
 3/15 8:00 a.m. Kent
 3/15 10:00 a.m. King/Menendez

Gift Bearers:

3/14 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec
 3/15 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt
 3/15 10:00 a.m. Georgia Pettit

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of March 9, 2020

Julie Anderson & Ruth Bertrand

Greeters:

3/14 4:00 p.m. Dave & Celest Evans
 3/15 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke
 3/15 10:00 a.m. Sally Vargo & Jenny Ingram

Bingo: March 13, 2020

Raffle: Kathleen Naegele

Kitchen: Daunel Gump

COLLECTION: February 23, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 3025.00
Loose Offering	\$ 616.00
Building Repairs	\$ 30.00
Memorial Offerings	\$ 25.00
Pennies for God	\$ 6.17

Attendance - 300

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week, we will have a special second collection to support the PHRA, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

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

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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: Joanne Potts, Sally Vargo, Bob Kleinedler, Diane Hill, Connie Howard, Ronnie Hill, Eleanor Smith, Catherine Pellerin, 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.

EASTER SHUT-IN PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to deliver Easter Flowers to our homebound parishioners on April 4th at 9:00 a.m. We have more than 40 parishioners who cannot make it out to go to Mass. Let's not forget them. We are also accepting donations to support this effort. They can be directed to the church office or placed in the basket on Sunday in a marked envelope.

EASTER FLOWERS



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St. Francis Xavier Parish is offering the opportunity for you to contribute to our Easter Flower Fund in memory of a loved one. A list of those memorialized will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. Please return the form found in today's bulletin and the church vestibule in the collection basket by April 6.

B-I-N-G-O!

During the past 30 years Bingo has contributed over a million dollars to our parish! Besides that, it has become an institution in our town, providing a safe and fun place for community members (mostly elderly) to gather. Currently, several longtime volunteers are sick - and some are simply exhausted from working the fish fry all day. If you can spare a few hours once a month or so on a Friday night from 5 until 9, please call our volunteer coordinator, Kathleen Naegele (304-845-1946 or 304-312-5027). Bingo could really use your help. And you can now "like" bingo on its new Facebook page! *Bingo@Xavier Hall.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 11** - Noon Ecumenical Lenten Service
First Presbyterian Church 1000 Third Street
- Mar. 13** - 11 A.M. - 5 P.M. Fish Fry
- Mar. 13** - 6:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 14-20**-Praying Pelicans Missionaries
- Mar. 15** - 10:00 A.M. Children's Mass
- 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. 22** - 7:00 P.M. Penance Service
- Mar. 29** - 1:00 P.M. Lenten Reflection (Amy Gamble)

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week

for:

Raymond Yocum

Requested by

Kitty Yocum



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of: *Mike Fahey*
May he rest in peace.

St. Michael Parish presents

Concert and Lenten Mission

featuring composer and recording artist
John Angotti

Sunday, March 22:
Evening Concert
6:30pm

Monday, March 23:
A Lenten Mission of Music & Message
6:30pm

*Both events will be held at St. Michael Church
1225 National Road Wheeling WV*

All are welcome!

A freewill offering will be taken.
Recordings will be available for sale.
For more information, please call 304-343-1440

Office of Safe Environment

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