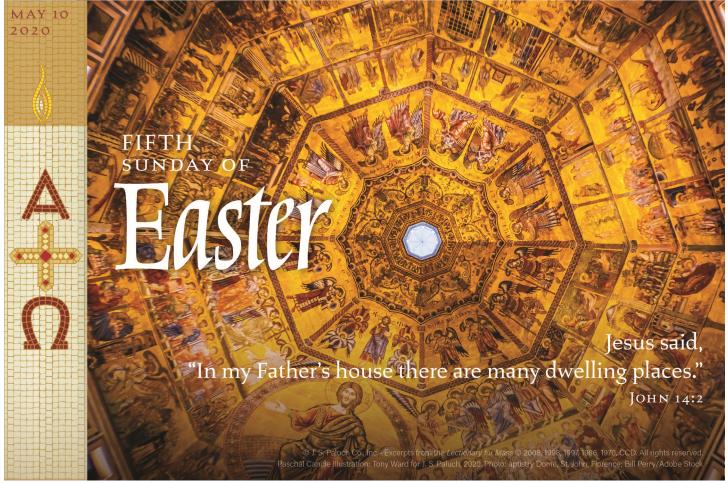
# St. Francis Xavier Parish

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During Lent, we participated in penitential practices and focused on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in order to turn our lives more fully to the Lord. However, the fruit of our Lenten practices is not supposed to end on Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Lent is our annual time to embrace spiritual renewal, which is intended to last. The change of mind and heart that we embraced in the weeks preceding Easter are to be our spiritual foundation, shaping our lives now and into the future. Pause for a moment and ask yourself what difference Lent made for you this year. If you can point to some particular change of mind, heart, or behavior, promise yourself that you will continue to live in this new way in the months and years to come. If Lent did not have a special impact on your life this year, now is the time to invite the Lord to show you the way to more meaningful and faith-filled living in the future.

# DON'T BE AFRAID. DO THE WORKS OF CHRIST.

In the Gospel passage we heard today, Jesus was preparing the apostles for a time when he would not be with them physically. Jesus wanted to reassure the apostles, even though he knew they were having a difficult time understanding. We sometimes struggle to grasp the Lord's ways, too. We know that God is with us in Christ through the Holy Spirit, and yet, when we really have to act in accord with our faith, we sometimes falter. Jesus tells us to not be afraid. Have faith in Christ and do his works. We may be surprised at what we are able to do when we trust and follow Jesus' way. And we are assured that God will be with us through it all.

Today's readings: Acts 6:1–7; Ps 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; 1 Pt 2:4–9; In 14:1–12

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Father That Son will celebrate Mass for your intentions at St. Francis Xavier Church.

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MON. 5/11	Ashley Miller†	(Miller Family)	
TUE. 5/12	Mary Leonard†	(Sandina Leonard)	
WED. 5/13	Living and deceased r	nembers of the Ferris	
	& Magnone Families	(Libby G. Magnone)	
THU. 5/14	Bessie Reynolds† (Te	ex & Theresa Reynolds)	
FRI. 5/15	Phil & Mary Skvarka	† (Phil Skvarka)	
SAT. 5/16	Benefactors of the		
	Saint Vincent DePaul	Society	
SUN. 5/17	Bill Termin†	(Termin Family)	

#### A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

Thank you, ford, that you fill a mother's heart with love,

That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible,

Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them.

For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.

Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy.

Give them ability to forgive again and again. Inable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.

In Your precious and all powerful name. Amen

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Easter	\$	240.00		



After attending TV Mass, mothers of our parish are invited to visit our church parking lot this Sunday, May 10 between noon and 2 pm to receive a curbside blessing from Father That Son and a gift from the parish. Mothers, please remain in your car: Libby and Sherry will be on hand to bring your gift to you. For those who are unable to come, Father will deliver your gift to your porch - just call or text him.

Thank you to all our mothers for all you do.

#### AMISH COUNTRY TRIP CANCELLED

Mary Taskalines has cancelled our trip to Lancaster. We hope to schedule another trip in the near future when social distancing has been lifted and when we can sit next to each other on the bus or in the theater safely.

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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Website: sfxmoundsville.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: Toni Smith, Deanne Ferraro, Jim Ali, Joseph Grampa, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Ronnie Hill, Connie Howard, 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, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Ron Jaworski.

#### PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Parish council members met through Zoom on Wednesday night and came up with the following protocols, in anticipation of the time when public Masses are permitted:

- \* Parishioners will be ushered to seats in every other pew, 6 feet apart except immediate family.
- \* Face masks are requested.
- \* If seating is limited to 25-30 people per Mass: first come, first serve unless you call ahead to the parish office.
- \* During this transition, 3 additional masses will be added. Mass times will be Saturdays, 4 and 5:30 pm; Sundays 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am and noon. Father will wear gloves to give out Holy Communion.
- \* For those who feel uneasy about returning to Mass because of underlying health issues, please protect yourselves and refrain from attending.
- Even when the government permits churches to slowly open, keep in mind our church WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL OUR BISHOP GIVES US THE GREEN LIGHT.



During this Covid-19 pandemic and even though many of your friends and classmates couldn't attend your graduation, still we are so proud of you! We want to thank your parents, teachers and schools for helping to lay your foundation. Remember that you always have a home here at St.Francis Xavier Church, no matter where you choose to build your future. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand!

### The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week for:
Ashley Miller
Requested by

Miller Family

#### PARISH ANNUAL FUN DAY

The parish picnic has been set tentatively for Sunday, August 30, beginning with Mass at 12 Noon. Set up will be on Saturday at St. Jude's Picnic shelter. We hope that we will be able to have a covered dish buffet by the end of August. If not, we will inform you of how we can enjoy our meal together.

#### **SAINT OF THE DAY FOR MAY 12**

Western Christians who are working for greater dialogue with Orthodox Christians may be reaping the fruits of Father Leopold's prayers.

A Native of Croatioa, Leopold joined the Capuchin Franciscans and was ordained several years later in spite of several health problems. He could not speak loudly enough to preach publicly. For many years he also suffered from severe arthritis, poor eyesight, and a stomach ailment.

For several years Leopold taught patrology, the study of the Church Fathers, to the clerics of his province, but he is best known for his work in the confessional, where he sometimes spent 13-15 hours a day. Several bishops sought out his spiritual advice.

Leopold's dream was to go to the Orthodox Christians and work for the reunion of Roman Catholicism and Orthodoxy. His health never permitted it. Leopold often renewed his vow to go to the Eastern Christians; the cause of unity was constantly in his prayers.

At a time when Pope Pius XII said that the greatest sin of our time is "to have lost all sense of sin," Leopold had a profound sense of sin and an even firmer sense of God's grace awaiting human cooperation.

Leopold, who lived most of his life in Padua, died on July 30, 1942, and was canonized in 1982

Dear God,

I wanna take a minute not to

ask for anything from you,
but simply to say thank you
for my mom.

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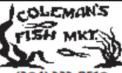
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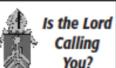


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