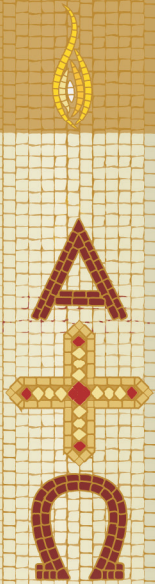


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SIXTH
SUNDAY OF

Easter

Jesus said,
“I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth.”

JOHN 14:16-17

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We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

Saint Peter admonishes us, “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.” One of the greatest gifts of faith in our lives is our hope in Christ Jesus. Through Christ, we keep our eyes on the wider view of life here on earth and everlasting life with God. We know that the trials and challenges of today do not have the final word, and do not have power over us. With the presence of the Advocate, we have the help we need to live as God directs and desires, so that the world might come to know Christ through the witness of our lives. This is a hope-filled, meaningful way of life. When so much of our surrounding culture speaks of impermanence and momentary distractions, we have the hope of meaning and purpose today and the promise of eternal life to come.

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MON. 5/18 Tom & Louise Wise† (*Wise family*)
TUE. 5/19 Louise Laquaglia† (*Sandina Leonard*)
WED. 5/20 Larry South† (*Ruth Ann South*)
THU. 5/21 Joseph Patrello† (*Cathy & Roger Frame*)
FRI. 5/22 Bob & Bernadine Miller† (*Miller & Porter Families*)

Beginning on Saturday, May 23 our parish will resume public Masses while following the strict directive of the Bishop during this COVID19 pandemic. We are adding a Mass at 5:30 on Saturday so that we can minimize the total attendees at each Mass in order to maintain social distancing.

SAT. 5/23 4:00 PM Karen Phipps† (*Don & Agnes Gray*)
5:30 PM Stephanie Phillips Eddy (*Doug & Jackie Wade & Family*)
SUN. 5/24 8:00 AM Mary C. Patrello† (*Cathy & Roger Frame*)
10:00 PM Norma Jean Holmes† (*Theresa Myer & Zelma Imhof*)

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT POINTS FROM THE BISHOP

Parishioners in the vulnerable category (due to age or health) are encouraged to still remain at home; those who are fearful about attending Mass because of the spread of the Coronavirus should remain at home.

The faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.

- Parishioners who feel sick in any way and those with any form of a cough should remain at home
- Anyone attending Mass or present in the church for private prayer must wear a mask/face covering which covers the nose and the mouth
- Seating will be limited so that social distancing can be maintained.
- Our churches ask for the patience and understanding of parishioners during these initial weeks as all adapt to the new directives for the public celebration of Mass

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

In order to comply with the Diocesan Directive for Social Distancing at Public Masses, there will be no altar servers or Eucharistic Ministers. We are in need of volunteers to help usher people to seats at each Mass.

Lectors:

5/23 4:00 PM: Alice Wise
5:30 PM: Mark Hitt
5/24 8:00AM: Loretta Remke
10:00 AM: Paula Whitwam

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Public Masses in this time of pandemic requires us to adjust in many ways. We need non vulnerable people who can come before Masses to help seat parishioners in a specific and safe seating arrangement. At least 4 ushers will be needed for each Mass. Our custodian will be cleaning and sanitizing but we will still need a few people to help make sure the seating areas are safe.

Call the office if you can help and please attend this meeting:

**MEETING AND TRAINING FOR USHERS AND SANITIZERS:
FRIDAY, MAY 22 AT 4:00
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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: 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.

MASKS NEEDED

If you are able to make cloth masks to distribute to parishioners who come to Mass without them, please contact the office. No one will be allowed to attend Mass without a mask.



Don't forget to check Facebook for any changes and updates that we are unable to publish in the bulletin.

Our web address is: sfxmoundsville.org where you can find current and past bulletins, and links to other useful websites.

Weekly and daily Mass readings can be found at: usccb.org. (you could even view the readings on your phone)

Our parish has a subscription to Formed. While at home social distancing, spend time exploring the movies and programs available at Formed.org.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

The peace the world gives isolates us from others. It lulls us to sleep, and is temporary and sterile. The peace the Lord gives is lasting, fruitful, contagious. It makes us go out to create community. It is filled with hope because it looks toward Heaven.



PHASE TWO: REOPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP: Diocesan Directives

Members of the parish council met last Monday via Zoom to discuss the Bishop's directives for protecting lives when reopening churches. They compiled a list of ways our parish intends to comply with the Bishop's wishes:

- ◆ Masses will be held in Xavier Hall. Because of the requirements to sanitize all seats, cushions, railings, doors elevators and bathrooms before each Mass, Parish Council determined it would be more efficient and safer to hold Masses in Xavier Hall for now.
- ◆ A fourth weekend Mass will be added at 5:30 PM on Saturday .
- ◆ All attendees at Masses must wear masks and use hand sanitizer when entering the building.
- ◆ Diocesan social distancing guidelines allow us to accommodate 60 parishioners at each Mass. Parishioners will be seated with 6 feet between each person unless living in the same household. (ie. families may sit together).
- ◆ If parishioners (over 2 years old) forget to bring a mask, ushers will provide one (while supplies last).
- ◆ Parishioners that wish to reserve a place at a particular Mass may do so by calling the office Monday through Wednesday.
- ◆ Council recommends using smart phones or tablets to follow the Mass or taking home a missalette for personal use.



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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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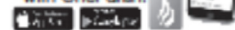
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