

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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MAY 24
2020



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there staring at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way
as you have seen him going into heaven.

ACTS 1:11

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When we hear an excerpt from a particular Gospel, it is easy to get the details and stories from all the Gospels all mixed up and combined into one. Theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this “making Gospel soup!” To understand today’s Gospel passage, we must realize that this is material particular to Matthew and in his telling it takes place right after the Resurrection. There has been no “doubting Thomas” or any of the other stories that we’ve heard since Easter.

How often have you made a plan at an event, saying, “If we get split up, just go back to the car and wait” or “Stay at the fountain in the mall—I’ll find you!” Earlier in Matthew, Jesus told the women at the tomb to tell the disciples, “If something happens, head back to Galilee” (28:10). This was the game plan and was both a geographic reference and a spiritual one. “Go back to what you know, what you remember.” They were confused and hurting, but did as Jesus said, returning to Galilee, specifically to the mountain where they had a powerful experience with him before. That would make it understandable that the disciples showed up but were a bit leery or doubting.

YOU’VE GOT THIS

Put yourself in the disciples’ shoes. This is May, the season of graduations, new jobs, new cars, marriages, and so many other transitions as young people strike out on their own. Jesus reminded the disciples, “I have the power, and I’ve been teaching you for three years. Now you have the power. Go. Make Disciples. Baptize in the name of the Trinity. Teach them what I taught you.” Surely the disciples were frightened, and Jesus must have felt both fear and pride. This was the moment that happens in every lifetime. It was time for these disciples, these students, his “children” to become the masters. And how did he reassure them? As parents and teachers and mentors have been doing for centuries. He smiled and reminded them, “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Or as we might say, “You’ve got this.”

Today’s Readings: Acts 1:1–11 Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 1:17–23; Mt 28:16–20

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MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 23 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Karen Phipps† <i>(Don & Agnes Gray)</i>
5:30 P.M.	Stephanie Phillips Eddy† <i>(Doug & Jackie Wade & Family)</i>
MAY 24 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Mary C. Patrello† <i>(Cathy & Roger Frame)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Norma Holmes† <i>(Theresa Myer & Zelma Imhof)</i>
MAY 25 8:00 A.M.	MONDAY Bill & Josephine Minor† <i>(Tina Minor)</i>
MAY 26 8:00 A.M.	TUESDAY Frank & Jenny Novel† <i>(Robert & Theresa (Novel) Baker)</i>
MAY 27 8:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY Stephanie Eddy† <i>(Tina Minor & Family)</i>
MAY 28 8:00 A.M.	THURSDAY Jim Novel† <i>(Jacquie Fedorke)</i>
MAY 29 8:00 A.M.	FRIDAY Joseph Estep† <i>(Maggie Yeater)</i>
MAY 30 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Frank Wallington† <i>(Kathryn Wallington)</i>
MAY 31 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Stephanie Eddy† <i>(Danny Prado)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Frank & Jen Cicholski† <i>(Gina & Dean Hoops)</i>

Our Mass Schedule returns to normal the weekend of May 30-31.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Lectors:

5/30	4:00 p.m.	D. Evans
5/31	8:00 a.m.	R. Hess
5/31	10:00 a.m.	C. Kesserling

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



We missed you!

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION May 10, 2020:

Envelopes	\$ 1,970.00
Loose Offering	\$ 395.00
Building Repairs	\$ 580.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 70.00
Ascension	\$ 50.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 5.00

NEW PRACTICES AS WE REOPEN AGAIN

Please remember why Masses with a congregation were suspended for two months to protect our people's health, given the ease with which the Coronavirus may be transmitted in large gatherings. That concern remains. It is with this in mind that we move forward with these changes:

- Daily Masses will be in the church and weekend Masses will be in Xavier Hall.
- If you need a cushion to sit on, please bring your own. Cushions in the church have been removed.
- This week we are giving out missalettes. Please continue to bring it to Mass for your personal use. **Do not leave your missalette in the pew or it will be thrown out!**
- Masks must be worn during Mass. If you do not have one we will provide one.
- Father and lectors will not wear masks in the sanctuary: they are already at a safe distance from you and one another; and wearing a mask would muffle their speech when offering prayers, proclaiming the Word and preaching.
- Father will wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion.

If you are willing to wash and iron the altar linens please call the 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 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, Bobby Kleinedler.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bertie Gaughenbaugh, Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Ron Jaworski.

Thank you to the members of our Parish Council for setting up Mass in Xavier Hall, and to the Hedrick's for decorating, and to everyone who has been making masks for us.

MARSHALL COUNTY CLEANUP SCHEDULE

Dumpsters will be at the following locations
from 8am - 2 pm:

Cameron Elementary	June 6
Glen Easton: Down Town	June 6
Washington Lands: Kelly Trucking	June 13
Graysville: Community Center	June 13
Roberts Ridge: VFD Headquarters	June 20
Rosby Rocks: Coal Mine Lot	June 20
River Sweep: Riverfront Park	June 20

CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Diocese is offering one whole day of Catechetical Leadership training - free. Our parish is hosting the "Introduction to Scripture" session that will take place (with CDC guidelines) probably in the church basement, although maybe in Xavier Hall, on Saturday, June 7, 8:30 to 4:30 *with free lunch and refreshments*. Any adult in the parish can attend. But you need to register by calling (304) 233-0880, ext. 374 or by emailing jmckeets@dwc.org, Jeanne McKeets.

SZABO TO BE ORDAINED DEACON

Seminarian Phillip Szabo will be ordained a transitional deacon by Bishop Mark Brennan at 11 a.m. May 30 at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town. The ordination will be live streamed on the DWC's website and on its Facebook page.

As a transitional deacon, Sczabo will spend a year preaching the Gospel and preparing for his ordination to priesthood. He will begin that ministry June 3 in his summer assignment at St. Thomas Parish in Thomas, and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons, with Father Timothy Grassi, pastor.

Saint Rita of Cascia: Saint of the Day for May 22 (1381-May 22, 1457)

Saint Rita of Cascia's Story

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery. Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

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GABRIEL PROJECT

Gabriel Project is an organization that provides assistance to pregnant women and families with infants and young children under the age of three. They provide safe cribs, mattresses, secure car seats, diapers, hygiene products, gently used and new clothing, gently used baby equipment, and various baby needs at no or low cost to the client. During the quarantine period, they met with clients by appointment only. They are now ready to return to their previous service day and time.

The Marshall County Gabriel Project at St. Francis Xavier Church, Moundsville, will once again be open to the public without an appointment beginning Thursday, May 28 from 11-2. Protocols will be in place to maintain social distancing and safety for clients and volunteers. Clients are asked to wear facemasks or face coverings. For additional information, call 304-280-6701. If there is no answer, please leave a message and a volunteer will return your call.

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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