

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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## MAY 5, 2024

### 6th Sunday of Easter

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

##### Weekends:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

##### Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.



#### STAFF:

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#### REGISTRATION CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be registered at the parish office. Please update your information when you move.

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### CHOOSING TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic

over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb.

It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

MAY 4	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Judy Patrello † <i>The Patrello Family</i>
MAY 5	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Carmina Oakland † <i>Mary Ruth Whorton</i>
10:00 a.m.	Ashley Miller † <i>Linda Miller</i>
MAY 6	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
MAY 7	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Father Terry Adams † <i>Joan &amp; Wayne Lemasters</i>
MAY 8	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Joe Church † <i>Mary Jean Brown</i>
MAY 9	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Mike Baron † <i>Carla &amp; Mark Gasser</i>
MAY 10	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Glynis Board ♥ <i>Her Family</i>
MAY 11	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Phyllis Prado † <i>Danny Prado</i>
MAY 12	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Katherine Helfer † <i>Mary McCray</i>
10:00 a.m.	For All Mothers



**SCHEDULES: MAY 11-12**

**Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 pm: **A. Wise/G. Rice**

8:00 am: **L. Frohnappfel/C. Frame**

10 am: **R. Patrone/D. Kosky**

**SACRISTY**

**Helen & Doug Zacherl**

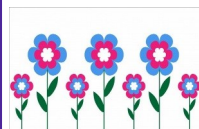
***“THERE IS ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM,  
ONE GOD AND ONE FATHER OF ALL” -Ephesians 4:5-6***

**TWO NEW SOULS ARE WELCOMED INTO  
OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Emry Jereza received the sacrament of baptism Saturday, April 27. Her parents are Philip Jereza and Hilary Freeland. Godparents are Jordan and Claire Santonas. Emry is the great-grandchild of Kathryn Wallington.

Watson George Sorkins received the sacrament of baptism after mass on Saturday, April 27. His parents are Nicholas Sorkin and Kayla George. His godparents are Jeremy Joseph (JJ) George and Hailey Swierkos.

**Congratulations to both families and blessings to all!**



**MOTHER'S DAY:  
SUNDAY, MAY 12**

You can celebrate the mothers in your life by giving them a spiritual bouquet card. Cards are available in the vestibule and the church office. All mothers will be honored in a special way on Mother's Day.

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
beside the tabernacle burns this week for **Tracey Mason ♥**

We are looking for volunteers for our annual May procession on Mother's Day. If your child is interested, please call Lottie at 304-845-4011.

**Prayer  
REQUESTS**

**Homebound:** Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Rachel Kerekas, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori.

**Nursing Homes:** Suzy Lunau, Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Earl Richards, Katie Renshaw, Joan

Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yaney

**Recently Sick:** Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Sage Rich, Lois Frey, Kathy Patrello, Bob Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David & Anastasia Yeater, George Zacherl, Brian Hill, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Angela Montesano, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Eleanor Smith, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro.



## NEWS & COMMUNITY




**A HUGE THANKS TO ALL THAT HELPED MAKE OUR LENTEN FISH FRY A SUCCESS THROUGH YOUR PATRONAGE, VOLUNTEERS, & DONATIONS.** The Knights of Columbus Council 1907 issued a check to Saint Francis Xavier for the amount of \$9,510.36. This is incredible and couldn't have been done without the support of our amazing parish members and the Knights of Columbus Council 1907.

Roger Shepard, a member of St. Mary's Church in Shadyside won the gas grill.

**Great job everyone! Looking forward to next year!**



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 7 10am	Chair Yoga with Emily in Xavier Hall
Wednesday, May 8 11:30am	Line Dancing with Lottie in Xavier Hall
Wednesday, May 8 1:30-2:30pm	Line Dancing for Beginners with Lottie in Xavier Hall
Friday, May 10 6pm	Bingo every Friday in Xavier Hall
Sunday, May 5	First Confession 3:30pm
Wednesday, May 15 6:30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the basement
Sunday, May 19	First Holy Communion
Saturday, June 1	Confirmation 4pm Mass 



**HEALING, HEALTH, HOPE  
EARTH FESTIVAL**  
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 • 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH & ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER  
137 Mount St. Joseph Rd., Wheeling WV 26003

The Healing, Health, Hope Earth Festival at Mount St. Joseph will feature over 40 exhibitors including: activities for children and adults, Mother Jones Center for Community Resilience, and gentle yoga and line dancing with Laughlin Memorial Chapel. Visit with goats from Godaway Farm and alpacas of Trinity Farm. Have your picture taken with Pope Francis and hang out at the Fun-Raiser Urban Mobile Playground!

**Earth Day is every day at Mount St. Joseph!**

### THE MARSHALL COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE is May 31.

Lottie will be selling luminaries for our parish relay team in the back of church this week: \$10/bag. For questions or to join the relay team, call Lottie at 304-845-4011.



### CALLING FUTURE ALTAR SERVERS!

Join Sister Marita for trainings on Sundays at 11am & Mondays at 6pm in the church basement. Trainings last approx. 45-min.

**SNACK PROVIDED!**



### OFFERINGS: APRIL 21

Envelopes	\$	2,452.00
Loose Offering	\$	591.00
Church Repair	\$	47.00
Xavier Hall	\$	20.00
Pennies for God	\$	1.21
Candles	\$	31.00
Memorial Gifts	\$	150.00
Online Giving	\$	292.90
WV Flood Relief	\$	818.00

Attendance 281



### OUR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

will receive the Sacrament of Confession this Sunday at 3:30 pm. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith formation.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

will take place on the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, Monday, May 13 at 7pm. The procession will begin at St. Alphonsus Church and end at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. A prayer service will be held at the Cathedral, including benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For those who choose not to walk the 0.6 mile procession, you can pray the rosary at the Cathedral as you await the procession to arrive.