

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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**OCTOBER 25, 2020**

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:**

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

## STAFF

**Secretary:** Robin Targosky

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: GOD'S PRESENCE IN ALL CREATION

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We have the order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are afraid to do it any other way. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square

with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit. - ©LPi

## WORSHIP & OUTREACH



### SATURDAY, OCT. 24

4:00 pm **Betty Key†**  
*Marshall-Wetzel-Tyler*  
*AFL-CIO*

### SUNDAY, OCT. 25

8:00 am **Diane Hill†**  
*Larry & Alma*  
*Cunningham*

10:00 am **Theresa Jane Myer†**  
*Cindy, Barb & Chuck*

### MONDAY, OCT. 26

8:00 am **Steve Eisenhauer†**  
*Karen Eisenhauer*

### TUESDAY, OCT. 27

8:00 am **Grace Kolibash†**  
*Sandina Leonard*

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

8:00 am **Michael Saporito**  
*Mom & Tony*

### THURSDAY, OCT. 29

8:00 am **Charles Freeman†**  
*Maggie Yeater*

### FRIDAY, OCT. 30

8:00 am **William "Bill" Remke†**  
*Loretta Remke*

### SATURDAY, OCT. 31

4:00 pm **James B. Campbell†**  
*Jim & Marlene*  
*Lawther*

### SUNDAY, NOV. 1

8:00 am **Fred Hicks†**  
*Lucille Hicks*

10:00 am **Mary Ann Barnes†**  
*Veronica DiCola*

*With Heartfelt*  
*Sympathy*

*to the family and loved ones of*  
*Thomas Brent Andrews,*  
*our Andrew's father,*  
*our heartfelt condolences.*

## GRATITUDE

# EUCHARIST RESTORES CONNECTIONS

Oct. 1st was a special day for shut-in parishioner Rachel Kerekes. It marks her return to Holy Communion and her place in our church's family, a family she has been away from for too long, she says. It's a family the Kerekes' joined in 1965 when they moved to Moundsville from McDonald, Pa. "I was involved in just about everything for years," says Rachel, who was most active with the school while her sons Rodney Jr., Randy, Rick, and Ronnie attended.

"I really missed the connection to Holy Communion," reflects Rachel in a recent note to the parish. "I now feel like I'm part of the Church Family again." Her gratefulness extends to Eucharistic Minister Linda Beck, who is providing for Rachel now that restrictions have eased. "Thank you for taking your time to visit with those of us that are not able to attend Mass," Rachel writes. "I enjoy chatting about the comings and goings of St. Francis."

Rachel's note explains that her disability and her husband's long illness from cancer kept them from attending Mass in recent years. The Eucharist was then faithfully brought to them until Quarantine took it away.

Her note is lovely, as notes go, but behind the brief message is a woman more intimately connected to the Eucharist than her written gratitude reveals. The Eucharist links her to her church family, but it also connects her to the spirit of her beloved husband Rodney, whom she calls Ro. Ro died late last year of cancer.

Rachel's Eucharist story is uplifting. She was drawn to the presence of Christ in the sacrament when she was young--without having been raised Catholic. Her explanation for it is simple, almost childlike--like most who are similarly blessed. "It just made sense, so I followed it," she says. Following it led her to Ro. Becoming Catholic to marry him, she says, was an easy thing to do. "He said to me 'we have a problem--you're not Catholic.' I told him 'trust me, there is no problem.'"

For 60 more years after that, Rachel and Ro kept the Eucharist at the center of their marriage. Losing the Eucharist, she says, was like losing a close friend. Rachel now takes Holy Communion for her and Ro. She believes Ro joins her still, assuring her he is waiting for her alongside the Holy Spirit.

There is still one more thing to know about Rachel. It can only be learned by spending time with her, which comes with witty, sentimental stories of her family while growing up, raising four boys on a shoestring, happenings in her children's lives now, and anecdotes of carefree banter with Ro. If you listen to her carefully, a theme emerges--Rachel treats people as the Eucharist teaches, with unconditional love. There is no one story that reveals this about Rachel. Rachel's stories are humble and self-aware. It emerges as her stories intertwine: Rachel finds the goodness in people and situations. "God loves us all," she says, "so we should not look down on anyone."  
- Kathy Swift

*With Deepest*  
*Sympathy*

*To the family and loved ones of*  
*Leo Joseph Moraski,*  
*our heartfelt condolences.*

*With Deepest*  
*Sympathy*

*To the family and loved ones of*  
*Rickey 'Bear' Kosky,*  
*our heartfelt condolences.*

### 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.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

### REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.

*Prayer*  
REQUESTS

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Jane Klug, Eleanor Smith, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sami Wilson, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Sandye Yoho, Theresa Reynolds, Mike Morris.

**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Marie Lohori, Bill Tennant, Ron Jaworski, Amelia Rynkiewicz, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Barb Meyer.

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*Names of those recently sick will appear for approximately two months to ensure requests stay current. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.*

**LECTORS**

**Oct. 31** 4:00 pm **D. Prado**  
**Nov. 1** 8:00 am **M. Hitt**  
10:00 am **L. Freeland**

**OFFERING OCT. 11, 2020**

Envelopes	\$3,775.00
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Online Giving:	\$65.15
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Attendance	151

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**SPECIAL MASSES BEING OFFERED FOR ALL SOULS DAY**

Three special Masses are being offered this year to remember the souls of those who have passed away during the past year. The Masses will be held in the church on All Souls Day, Monday, Nov. 2., at 8 a.m., noon, and 6:30 p.m. Please call or email the parish office to make reservations to attend the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Those who are being remembered this year are listed below:

*Stella Druschel  
Helen Cuchta  
Joseph James Novel  
John Edward Davis  
Norma Jean Holmes  
Karen Marlene Phipps  
David "D.R." Durbin  
Phyllis Langmyer  
Michael Dean Fahey  
Elizabeth Jean Potts  
Dianne Hill  
Teresa Ann McCoy*

*Constance Joan Tweedlie  
Patricia Schmidt  
Dennis L. Romanoski  
Gary Ray Dobbs  
Theresa Jane Myer  
Zelma Imhof  
Charles Freeman  
Regina Gonchoff  
Mary Catherine McKee  
Leo Moraski  
Rickey "Bear" Kosky  
Thomas Brent Andrews*

**ALL SOULS DAY REMINDERS**

**FORMS TO BUY CANDLES** can be found at [sfxmoundsville.org](http://sfxmoundsville.org) in the "forms" menu. Forms also are available in the church office. The parish will provide candles to those families who lost loved ones during the past year. Candles cost \$5 each.

**THOSE WHO WISH TO HONOR** any deceased loved ones may process to the church altar before weekend Masses or place candles at the altar any time during November.

**AS WE COMMEMORATE ALL** Souls Day, you are invited to bring a framed picture of your deceased loved one and place it at the foot of the altar in Xavier Hall. Pictures will remain on the altar for two weeks. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the picture holder or frame.

**A SPECIAL COLLECTION** is next week for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Giving funds pastoral services for active duty U.S. military here and overseas, their families, and veterans.

**A PATRIOTIC ROSARY** will be hosted by our parish Sunday, Nov. 1, at 4:30 in Xavier Hall — but we need help from 11 people. If you are willing to lead a decade, please sign up on the sheet located on the table at the entrance to Xavier Hall. We will provide a handout for the leaders to read.

**EUCHARIST ADORATION** and Prayer is being offered at St. Michael's Church in Wheeling the day before elections, Monday, Nov. 2, and the day of, Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Please enter through the handicap entrance on Seibert Street.

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS** Week will be celebrated Nov. 1-7. The week is dedicated to promoting vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those discerning. Please pray for more dedicated holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women, that they be inspired by Jesus Christ, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

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