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SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

182 YEARS OF CATHOLIC SERVICE AND WITNESS

MARCH 8, 2020



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEEK DAYS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

(closed for lunch Noon - 12:30 pm)

Note: Parish Office is located west side of the Church



OUR SISTER PARISH:

Saint Peter the Apostle
Chacsinkin, Yucatan, Mexico

Mass Intentions

Monday 7:30 am	March 9, St. Frances of Rome Communion Service
Tuesday 7:30 am	March 10, Lenten Weekday Frances Dzeskewicz (Patsy Dzeskewicz)
Wednesday 7:30 am	March 11, Lenten Weekday Jack Neubert (Morning Mass Group)
Thursday 7:30 am	March 12, Lenten Weekday Larry Brown (Charles & Sharon McIntyre)
Friday 7:30 am	March 13, Lenten Weekday J.J. Franks (Bruce & Rose Scouten)
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 14, Lenten Weekday Genevieve Dzeskewicz (Shirley Flak)
Sunday 8:00 am 10:30 am	March 15, 3rd Sunday of Lent Shirley Paradise (Ed & Chris Matheis) For Our Parishioners Living and Deceased

Prayer Request— Artie & Stacey, Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho,

Marsha Badach, Kit & Joe Balinski, Patty Bennett, Rachel Bourne, David Boyd, Patty Brown, Randy Brutter, Amanda Bryant, Shelly Buffalari, Sam Burns, Carole C., Tim C., Amy Campoli, Debbie Carrick, Todd Carrier, Abigail Carullo, Doug Chernicky, Christi Claxton, Rod Coburn, Eleanor Collings, Earl Corbin, Colin Cunningham, Dale & family, Trudy DeCarolus, Artie Defoy, Karen Dickson, A. Dodick, Helen Dombkowski, Katie Dombkowski, Ron Dombkowski, Danielle Dorder, Jonathan Ledger Dougherty, Bill Drakes, Dawn Duran, Bill Eberlein, Sr., Ashley English, Lynn English, Luke F., Ron & Helen Feldman, Carrie & Jake Fiske, Mary Fiscus, Eleanor Fox, Carol Fullom, Denise Fulton, Shawn Furman, Ben G., Julia G., Linda Gidos, Sally Gradler, Debbie Grove, Jerry H., The Haynes Family, Larry Hanas, Frank Harrison, Nicholas Hendericks, Michelle Hetrick, Kathy Highhouse, Harold Hites, Gloria Hollenbeck, Molly Holmes, Holly, Rich Hudacky, Denise Hudson, Carrie Jaco, Scott James, Trevor James, Jeremy, Jim, Charles, Luke & Mary Ellen Johnson, R. Juarez & Family, Kathleen, Kevin K., Craig Kayden, Kelly King, Linda Kloecker, Judy Konkol, Betty Korrel, Thomas Kowalczyk, Carol Kuchcinski, Ed Kuligowski, L.L. & Family, Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Margie Loeffler, Janet Lombardo, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, Jason Mager, Lexxi Maloney-Barnes, James Mantsch, Paul Mayer, Greg Mays, Clara Meyer, Morinelli/Quinn Family, Shawn Morgan, Jr., Bill Muenz, Kathy Murr, Kathy N., Ron and Lynn Nash, Leny Nipper, Tom O., Buddy O'Leary, Bill Oshinski, Rick P., Kayden Painter, Michael Pamula, Patrick, Liz Pauly, Ron, Paige, David Peter, Annmarie Phillips, Kathy Piotroski, Andrew Pitcher, Mike Pitonyck, Nathan Post, Erin Potter, Michael Potter, Carrie Powell, Denise Pulson, Audrey & John Reese, Christi Reilly, Lucas Reynolds, McKenna Ritter, Melissa Rindfuss, Joan Robinson, Rocky, Alan Rodgers, Debbie Rose, Bob Rudzenski, Lindsey Ryan, Jim S., Dave Sarra, Shirley Sayers, Mary Lou Scalzitti, Jim Scully, Joseph Seth, Greg & Rochelle Sharrer, Therese Sauer, Clyde Schulte, Madeline Sienecki, Dave & Loren Swanson, Tina, Patricia Vadala, Dan Via, Debbie Vanucci, Margaret Wasser, Mark Watts, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Robert Weber, Sr., Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Joe Wardanski, Lois Whitcomb, Denise Wilson, A Special In-

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 9

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- Maintenance Mtg. 5:30 pm, Finance Mtg. 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- Confessions 5:00 pm, Stations 6:00 pm, Soup Supper to follow, The Light is On For You with confessions until 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- Bible Study Group 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- Check bulletin board for Lenten Dinners

SATURDAY MARCH 14

- Mass at 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- Mass at 8:00 am & 10:30 am
- Confessions after 10:30 Mass
- Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
- Boy Scouts at 6:00 pm Parish Center



Pray for the men and women in the military:

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jack Kaulis, Chief Petty Officer Aurelio Velazquez, Jr., Private Jeff Kinnear, Major Jenny Stewart-Allen, Major Alan Herbol, PFC Jacob Lenhardt, Capt. Natalie Rambish Long



Sanctuary Candle

burns for

Katherine Vincent

Liturgical life

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March 1, 2020

Families receiving envelopes 440 Envelopes received 136

Goal: \$5, 215.00 Total Collection: \$3,548 Capital Improvements: \$572

Bills paid: ACTechnologies \$76 Loan pmt. \$1,476 Hofmann's \$258 Toshiba \$174

Mueller Locksmith \$182 W.B. Mason \$1,100

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Classes are required. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Regular visits are made on the first Friday of the month. Please call the office if you would like a visit.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with the Pastor at least 6 months prior.

R.C.I.A.: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children is an opportunity for any interested person who desires to become a full member of the Church. For

Liturgical Ministry Schedule—March 15, 2020

Masses	5:00 am	8:00 am	10:30 am
Ushers	K. Hansen T. Weber D./J. Lichtinger J. Lazan	J. McLaughlin H. Dunkel S. Kargol J. Johnson	D. Morehouse R. Damore J./E. Lacey S./N. Wiest
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Kitcey L. Sala	K. Culbertson B. Gdanetz	C. Carnes T. Hoover
Lectors	N. Sala	T. Blecki	K. Damore
Altar Servers	L. Weismiller O. Weismiller B. Schrupf	L. Fleek N. Naber V. Naber	T. Vavreck J. Sickles C. Morehouse
Cantor	C. Murnock	M. Dombrowski	J. Pamula

Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc -17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15 -16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



March 21! HERE!

Right after 5:00 pm

Mass. Doors open at

6:00 pm with Bingo starting at 6:30 pm.

Cost is \$30 and it is a cash bingo night.

Extra game sheets, specials, etc. available.

Basket Raffle and giveaways. Kitchen

will be open for food purchases. For

more information and tickets, contact

the Parish Office or Kathy Orlando 814-

450-2411. We are trying to put together

10 nice baskets for the raffle. Any

ideas? Any donations? Just asking. We

know we hit everyone up for Mardi

Gras.



March 8, 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent GOSPEL MEDITATION

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

This is one of my favorite weekends of the whole Lenten Journey for two reasons: It is still the beginning of the Season, and the Transfiguration. Please, please, please, enter this season! There are plenty of help(s) for you. From our App, to the various books and materials, to the rice bowls, and everything in between, please use them for your benefit. If we want to be Peter, James, and John, we need to spend time with him to let him call us. We are on this journey through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving so that we can grow and prosper how HE is calling us to be so that we can recognize him as the disciples did in this weekend's Gospel. Be not afraid.

I appreciate your attentiveness to Karen Adams who helped us all better understand how we can "live Lent" by getting involved further with Inter Church Ministries. The parish's involvement in this organization predates me. It is a great example to give alms all year round outside of Lent. Thank you for all who were able to attend Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper this past week. We need extra "soup" people to help with the Suppers. Please sign up in the Gathering Space. We also have a great opportunity this Wednesday with Stations of the Cross and Supper: **The Light is on for you. Many parishes in the County will be open from 5pm – 7pm on Wednesday for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Please come, and if you cannot join in the time here, pick a parish in the area that is open to avail yourself of the opportunity.

I was very humbled by the attendance at Ash Wednesday Mass. Thank you for taking time to be with us. We also hope you can join us for Adoration that occurs every Thursday at 8pm (except for the First Thursday of the Month). It is a great time to enter the presence of our Lord with Music and Silence. Please pray for our Confirmation Students as they are on Retreat this weekend on Sunday. Their retreat master is crazy (me), but I hope they have a good experience.

I know that many of us are getting nervous about what we are hearing about the Corona Virus and Sickness in the news. That is why this weekend throughout the Diocese, the Bishop has mandated that the shaking of hands during the "Sign of Peace" be suspended indefinitely. The Bishop, for now, has kept the option for receiving communion under the species of the Precious Blood. However, PLEASE REMEMBER TWO THINGS regarding the Precious Blood:

Receiving Holy Communion under the Precious Body (the Host), is the primary opportunity to receive our Lord in Communion. The option for the Precious Blood is exactly that, an option. For "full participation" as the Second Vatican Council reminds us, you need only to receive his Body.

If you are feeling sick (even the feeling of sniffles, etc.,) **DO NOT PARTAKE** from the Cup. If you are in doubt, please remember Point One: don't take from the Cup, and Jesus Loves you.

We will also make sure that we have a plethora of hand sanitizer around. Please use common sense, especially for the more vulnerable among us, and go to the Doctor if you are not feeling well.

In the meantime, please remember that Jesus wants to "Transfigure" us, and may we continue to pray for each other! Please pray for our Confirmation Kids and myself tomorrow/today!

Upcoming events

FAITH FORMATION

March 8—Confirmation Retreat Noon—6 pm at Hope House, 61 E. High St., Union City, PA 16438

Grade 2 and Grade 3 Parent Classes

March 15—Grades 9—11 9:05-10:05 am Crime Victim Presentations

March 22—Grades 3—5 9:05-9:35 am Crime Victim Presentations.

Grades K—2 9:40—10:10 am Crime Victim Presentations.

March 29—Grade 2 and Grade 3 Parent Classes

Grade 2 Retreat

Grade 11 Mass and Sponsor Class

Catechist Mtg. after 10:30 am Mass



FOOD PANTRY—

Pancake mix, syrup, juice, baked beans, bread, tuna, apple sauce, fruit, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, cleaning supplies.

1:38 Women's Conference—"BEE the ATTITUDE!" The conference will be held on **Saturday, March 28, from 9:00—3:30 pm at Our Lady of Peace Parish. Registration is \$40 adults, \$35 seniors, \$25 for college students, \$10 high school students. Register at www.138women.com or call 455-7364. The conference includes lunch and free parking.**

CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK—March 8-14. Bishop Persico is asking us to remember with gratitude the women who have given their lives in service to the Gospel of Jesus. We ask you to remember them in your prayers during this week.

MEALS ON WHEELS—Together, We Can Deliver. GECAC is looking for volunteers for this special delivery program. One must have a driver's license and insurance. A reliable vehicle and submit to a background check for seniors' safety.

GECAC will provide training, route information, the packaged meals and pay your mileage.

Please contact the Greater Erie Community Action Committee at (814) 870-5406 or www.gecac.org
Applications in Parish Office.



Don't forget to take advantage of all the wonderful Lenten Dinners taking place at the Parishes around us. Please see the bulletin board in the Gathering Space for all the flyers.

And don't forget our own Soup Suppers every Wednesday of Lent after the Stations of the Cross.

PARISH CENTER NEWS—We are probably the busiest we have ever been. We are booked almost every weekend until the end of May. If you have an event coming up or know of someone looking for a place to hold their event, please contact the Parish Office and speak with Debbie

BY THE WAY.....The phones are back on. We want to thank everyone for their patience with our phone provider. And thanks to those who emailed us in the interim.