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# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

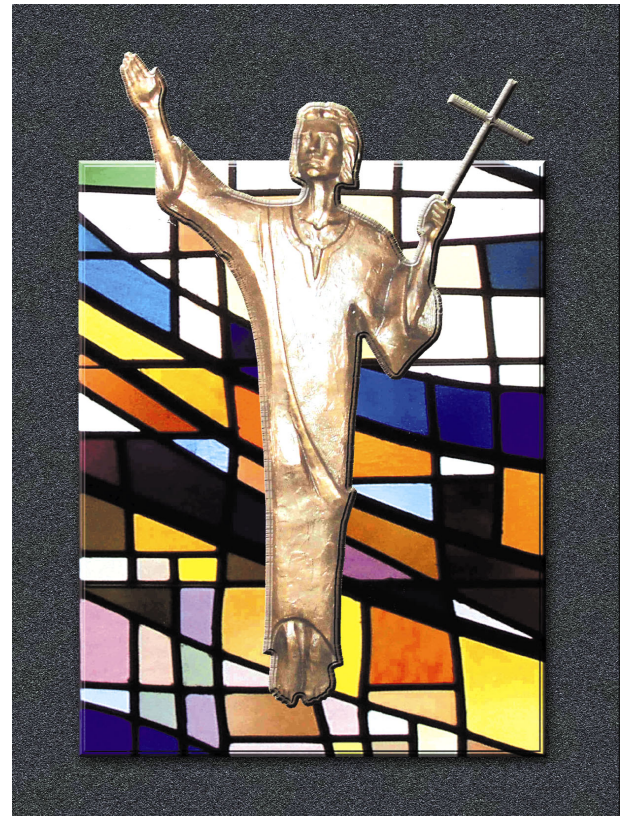
1838 **181 years** 2019  
of Catholic service and witness.

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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)  
Parish Office is located on west side of Church

**Sister Parish:** Saint Peter the Apostle  
Chacsinkin, Yucatan, Mexico

**All are welcome in the family of Saint Francis Xavier**  
To be a registered member call the Parish Office



*For in truth, no one is really timid and weak who knowingly leans upon the assistance of God.*  
-St. Francis Xavier

**Mission Statement:** Saint Francis Xavier Parish, empowered by the Holy Spirit, witnesses to the presence of Jesus Christ and proclaims the Gospel Message through Catholic service to all.

**Vision Statement:** We want to be a welcoming community where all people can deepen their faith relationship with God and each other through Liturgy and parish gatherings.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday .....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday..... 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Week Days .....7:30 a.m.  
Holy Day Mass..... 7:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

## 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 information call the Parish Office.

## Parish Staff

<b>Pastor</b> ~ Reverend Jason Feigh .....	jason.feigh@prep-villa.com	476-7657
<b>Deacon Assistant</b> ~ Ron Fronzaglia .....		864-6772
<b>Parish Secretary</b> ~ Debbie Murnock.....		476-7657
<b>Faith Formation/Religious Education</b> ~ .....	faithformation@stfrancisxaviermckean.org	476-7657
<b>Music</b> ~ Marsha Fronzaglia .....		864-6772
<b>Parish Center Reservation / Scheduling</b> ~ Debbie Murnock .....		476-7657
<b>Cemetery Information, Graves, Interments</b> ~ Debbie Murnock.....		476-7657
<b>Prayer Chain</b> ~ Margaret Pekelnicky .....		476-7486

*Mass Intentions*

- Monday**      **September 2, 2019 MASS IN CEMETERY**  
**8:30 am**      **Genevieve Dzeskewicz (Pat Kosinski)**
- Tuesday**     **September 3, 2019 St. Gregory the Great**  
**7:30 am**      **Steve Danylko (Bryant Family)**
- Wednesday**   **September 4, 2019 Weekday**  
**7:30 am**      **Ed Lemock (Family)**
- Thursday**     **September 5, 2019 St. Teresa of Calcutta**  
**7:30 am**      **Larry Brown (Bruce & Rose Scouten)**
- Friday**        **September 6, 2019 Weekday**  
**7:30 am**      **Peter Skywark (Chuck & Penny Keller)**
- Saturday**     **September 7, 2019 Weekday**  
**5:00 pm**      **Walter & Ann Karpinski (Jerry & Pat Fellows)**
- Sunday**       **Sept. 8, 2019 23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time**  
**8:00 am**      **Our Parishioners Living and Deceased**
- 10:30 am**     **Emma Balinski (Patty McCommons & Bella)**

**Please remember in your prayers.....** Artie & Stacey, Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho, John Armstrong, Marsha Badach, Kit & Joe Balinski, Vicky Barcio, Patty Bennett, Rachel Boume, Patty Brown, Randy Brucher, 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, Esther Craig, Dale & family, Trudy DeCarolis, Artie Defoy, Karen Dickson, A. Dodick, Katie Dombkowski, Ron Dombkowski, Danielle Dorder, Jonathan Ledger Dougherty, Bill Drakes, Dawn Duran, Bill Eberlein, Sr., Ashley English, Lynn English, Ron & Helen Feldman, Carrie Fiske, Mary Fiscus, Eleanor Fox, Carol Fullom, Denise Fulton, Ben G., Julia G., Linda Gidos, Sally Gradler, Bob Greene, Debbie Grove, Jerry H., The Haynes Family, Larry Hanas, Frank Harrison, Nathan Heath, 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, Jim & Linda, Charles Johnson, Luke Johnson, Nancy Johnson, R. Juarez & Family, Kathleen, Kevin K., Craig Kayden, Kelly King, Linda Kloecker, Judy Konkol, Betty Korrel, Thomas Kowalczyk, Carol Kuchinski, Ed Kuligowski, Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Margie Loeffler, Janet Lombardo, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, Lexxi Maloney-Barnes, James Mantsch, Matt & Rachael, Paul Mayer, Patrick McKenrick, Clara Meyer, Shawn Morgan, Jr., Bill Muenz, Kathy Murr, Kathy N., Ron and Lynn Nash, Leny Nipper, Tom O., Buddy O'Leary, Bill Oshinski, Catherine Ott, 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, Mary Povath, Carrie Powell, Prayer Tent Intentions, Denise Pulson, Audrey & John Reese, Lucas Reynolds, Bill Reigleman & Family, Christi Reilly, Albert Renshaw, McKenna Ritter, Melissa Rindfuss, Joan Robinson, Rocky, Alan Rodgers, Debbie Rose, Bob Rudzenski, Frank Romba, Lindsey Ryan, Jim S., Dave Sara, Shirley Sayers, Jim Scully, Joseph Seth, Greg & Rochelle Sharrer, Therese Sauer, Madeline Sienecki, Robin Snyder, Tina, Gregory Thomas, Patricia Vadala, Dan Via, Margaret Wasser, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Danny Wadsworth, Joe Wardanski, Bob Whitford, Lois Whitcomb, Denise Wilson, Jack Z., A Special Intention, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

**Pray for the men and women in the military:** 1st Lt. Nicholas Gdanetz, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jack Kaulis, Chief Petty Officer Aurelio Velazquez, Jr., Private Jeff Kinnear, Major Jenny Stewart-Allen, Major Alan Herbol.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION**—Please plan on attending our 5:00 pm Mass on September 28, celebrated by Bishop Persico. **RESERVATIONS ARE DUE NOW!!**

If you can help prepare the food that will be served, just a couple hours on Saturday, September 28 is all we need to put the finishing touches on it all. Please call the office to sign up.

**BINGO—ITS BACK!! BE STILL MY HEART!**  
**Sunday, October 6, Doors open at 11:30 am, Bingo begins at 12:30 pm.** \$35 donation includes lunch. **ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY!**  
**BASKET RAFFLE, 50/50 AND MORE!** Volunteers are needed for the October 6 Bingo right here in our Parish Center.

Kitchen help is needed to help prepare the luncheon for the event. Once done, you can play bingo to your heart's content. Call Debbie in the office if you can help.

A basket raffle will also take place. Baskets are needed. If you belong to an organization or club that could sponsor a basket, it would be greatly appreciated. Let Kathy Orlando know if you plan to do so.

**MISSION CO-OP**—Every year we invite a Missionary to come and speak to our congregation on evangelization in other parts of the world. Next weekend we are happy to have Fr. Alphonsus from Ghana to speak at all the Masses. Let's welcome him into our parish family and listen to the Good News through him.



We welcome Lily Rose Yokoto as she is baptized into the Spirit. She is the granddaughter of parishioners Kevin & Andrea Campbell, and great granddaughter of parishioners Ron and Sue Bole. Congrats to you all!

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Monday	09-02
Tuesday	09-03
Wednesday	09-04
Thursday	09-05
Friday	09-06 <b>First Friday Adoration and Visits</b>
Saturday	09-07 <b>Mass 5:00 pm</b>
Sunday	09-08 <b>Masses 8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> <b>Boy Scouts 6:00 pm</b>

**HUMILITY**

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

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**Adult:** Has the hunger for status and influence in the world around you endangered your life as a Christian?

**Child:** Does it make you a better person to be chosen first for a team or some other honor? Why or why not?

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

**Psalms** — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

**Second Reading** — You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

**Gospel** — Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37


Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS  
FOR EMIL & MARGARET  
KUFFER** (Len & Sheila Sauers)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

*A Stewardship of Sharing*

August 25, 2019

Households receiving envelopes—440 Envelopes used—128  
**Goal** ..... \$5,215.00  
**Total Collection** ..... \$3,446.00  
**Capital Improvements** ..... \$260.00

**Bills paid:** Action Printing \$350 CBC Group \$2,516  
 Diocese \$850 Hagan Bus. Machines \$49 Home Depot \$35  
 Living Faith \$29 Taxes \$2,133 Sewer \$360 National Fuel \$199  
 Pitney Bowes \$92 Diocese \$260 Mowing \$375

*Liturgical Ministry Schedule—Sept 8, 2019*

Masses	5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
<b>Ushers</b>	E. Petak B. Petak T. Weber K. Campbell	M. Vincent T. Glaspell J. Thompson G. Wilkosz	R. Damore D. Damore T. Hoover R. Gray
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>			N. Kraus Bobbi Neuburger
<b>Lectors</b>	D. Herbol	G. Otteni	Paola Alboni
<b>Altar Servers</b>	D. Myers, G. Borsuk	L. Fleek N. Seeders	D. Gwinn C. Villanueva
<b>Cantors</b>			

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

*Altar* means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink

**2019 VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES ANNUAL RETREAT**—Come join the Victorious Missionaries on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Multipurpose Room, 1531 East Grandview Blvd. from 10—3:00 pm for **“We are Called”** - a day retreat led by Sr. Rosemary O’Brien SSJ. Fee for the retreat is \$10.00 payable at the time of the event. Reservations need to be made by Thursday, September 5 to Michele Inter at 824-1257 or [minter@eriercd.org](mailto:minter@eriercd.org).

**BREAKFAST WITH MIKE MCCOY**—Sunday, September 8, 9:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria. The K of C is sponsoring this breakfast. NFL great Mike McCoy will deliver a faith-based message of hope and encouragement. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at [www.Facebook.com/Council278](http://www.Facebook.com/Council278), [Council278@yahoo.com](mailto:Council278@yahoo.com), or by calling the parish office at 454-0171.

**MARIA HOUSE PROJECT**—will host the first annual Father Pete Cash Bingo event on September 14 at the Corry Moose Lodge #98, 332 W. Washington St., Corry, PA. Come join the fun and support Maria House Project and all of its programs. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**—As the campaign moves along, we want everyone to know that we are so very grateful for everyone’s support and generosity. If you would still like to participate there is plenty of time to pledge today. No pledge is too small. Envelopes are in the Gathering Space.

We have 132 families participating (out of 460 registered families) with pledges of \$53,285 and \$45,440 paid to date.

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**Food Pantry** School is back in session and lunches need to be packed. Ham, bologna, cheese, peanut butter and jelly are needed. Also we need cereal, canned veggies, canned fruit, apple sauce, chicken, hamburger, bread, toilet tissue, fresh fruit, cheese sticks, cookies, crackers, etc.



## Religious Education Faith Formation

With the beginning of school, we know that Faith Formation classes are just around the corner. Sunday, September 15, is Catechetical Sunday and classes will begin on that day.

We are so very fortunate that we have a full line up of instructors this coming year and we thank them for stepping up to the plate to share their faith with our young people.

If you have not registered yet, please do so ASAP. Registration packets are at both entrances. Do not deny your child the benefit of growing close to Jesus and practicing their faith.

### **Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word**

#### *What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?*

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special program celebrated for the children of the parish during 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

This program gives the children an opportunity to listen and respond to the readings in a smaller setting where they can explore God's love and His Word.

During Children's Liturgy of the Word, they hear the Gospel read to them from a Children's Lectionary.

The leader for the day will discuss the important parts of the reading and how it relates to the children.

Although this is not a religion class, it is an opportunity for the children to express their thoughts and ideas about the world in which we live and how God fits into their world.

The children are actively engaged in the liturgy and the discussions. After the reading and discussion, a small craft or activity may be done.

Finally, the children are encouraged to join the congregation in the Mass for the celebration of Communion.

#### *Get Involved!*

If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

All volunteer clearances are required (pending diocesan approval). We welcome anyone to volunteer, no prior teaching experience is needed.

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Greg Soltys	734-4957	Kathy Orlando	450-2411
George Wilkosz	474-3131	Kevin Campbell	392-3151
Dale Oesterling	476-1550	Ted Hoover	833-8695
Barb Davies	476-7267	Chris Matheis	572-6411

#### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

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Deacon Ron Fronzaglia	864-6772	Ray Seth	474-1245