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Saint Francis Xavier Parish

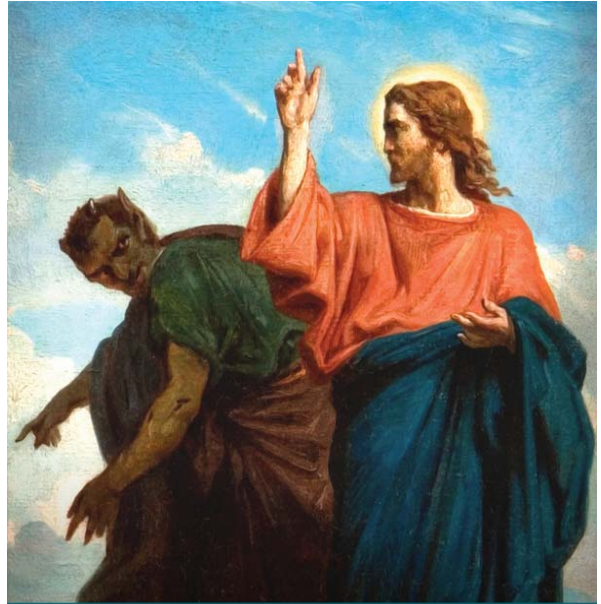
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Parish Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
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(closed for lunch Noon - 12:30 pm)
Parish Office is located on west side of Church

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



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

Saturday5:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Week Days7:30 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

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Prayer Chain ~ Margaret Pekelnicky		476-7486

Mass Intentions

Monday 7:30 am	March 2, 2020 Weekday Communion Service
Tuesday 7:30 am	March 3, 2020 St. Katharine Drexel Bob Herman (Liz Herman)
Wednesday 7:30 am 6:00 pm	March 4, 2020 St. Casmir Ron Tassone (Bruce & Rose Scouten) Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper
Thursday 7:30 am	March 5, 2020 Lenten Weekday Jack Neubert (Morning Mass Group)
Friday 7:30 am	March 6, 2020 World Day of Prayer Frances Dzeskewicz (Joe & Sue Dzeskewicz)
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 7, 2020 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity Loretta Olszewski (Audrey Kosienki)
Sunday 8:00 am 10:30 am	March 8, 2020 2nd Sunday of Lent Our Parishioners Living and Deceased Edmund, Catherine & Edmund Jr. Dlugowski (Cheryl & Mike Stewart)



Pray for the men and women in the military:

Capt. Nicholas Gdanetz, 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..



Artie & Stacey, Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho, Marsha Badach, Kit & Joe Balinski, Patty Bennett, Rachel Bourne, David Boyd, Patty Brown, Randy Brutch-er, 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 DeCarolis, 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 Fiske, 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 Johnson, Luke Johnson, Mary Ellen 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, L.L. & Family, Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Margie Loeffler, Janet Lombardo, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, 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 Piotrowski, 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, Gavin 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 Intention, and all the sick and suffering of the parish.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	03-02
Tuesday	03-03 Confessions 5:30—6:30
Wednesday	03-04 Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Soup Supper following
Thursday	03-05 Bible Study 7-8:00 pm
Friday	03-06 First Friday Adoration
Saturday	03-07 Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday	03-08 Masses 8:00 and 10:30 am Boy Scouts 6:00 pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

A Stewardship of Sharing
February 23, 2020

Families receiving envelopes—440 Envelopes used—151
Goal \$5,215.00
Total Collection \$3,566.00
Capital Improvements \$726.00

Bills paid: Catholic School Support \$2,793 Giant Eagle \$207
Hagan Business Machines \$85 Home Depot \$65
Office Max \$34 Weber Electric Supply \$336



SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS FOR YVONNE LOCKE
(SHIRLEY FERRICK)#

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 1st, 2020
1st Sunday of Lent

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God’s creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?


Liturgical Ministry Schedule—March 8, 2020

Masses	5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
Ushers	K. Hansen T. Weber D. Lichtinger J. Lazan	B. McLaughlin H. Dunkel S. Kargol J. Johnson	D. Morehouse J. & E. Lacey S. & N. Wiest
Eucharistic Ministers	E. Matheis C. Matheis	G. Soltys L. Strelecki	M. Skladanows B. Neuburger
Lectors	D. Herbol	B. Dedrick	J. Pamula
Altar Servers	R. Lorah G. McCarthy G. Borsuk	L. Weismiller O. Weismiller B. Schrupf	P. Jonas C. Jonas C. Morehouse
Cantors	K. Orlando	D. Murnock	L. Skladanowsk

Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

- Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/ Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 19b/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/ Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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From the Pastor's Desk

We find ourselves on this First Sunday of Lent. This Holy Season is already four days underway! Lent is often referred to as a “forty-day retreat”, because of it’s refocus on who is important: Jesus. Sometimes you need to step back from the normal routine so that you can refocus. This is where I hope that we journey together in this Holy Season. I am making a concerted effort through our communal and personal time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, to give us that “Re-Focus” so that we can live the purpose of Lent out in our daily lives. We will be hearing from different organizations and speakers how we can use this time to re-focus and live out the Good News of Jesus Christ through his life, death, and resurrection. This weekend we welcome Karen Adams who will speak to us about our participation in Inter-Church Ministries. Also, please keep the Lenten Schedule of Events handy (place it on the refrigerator, take a picture of it on your cell phone, etc.). To highlight a few events coming up this week, we have an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 3 from 5:30pm-6:30pm. This Wednesday, March 4 begins our celebration of the Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper beginning at 6pm. Again, keep the Schedule handy. Another event down the road on the following Wednesday, March 11, in addition to Stations and Supper, the Church will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with many other Churches throughout Erie County as we participate in “The Light is On for You” initiative that reminds us of the power of the Sacrament. There are still a few copies at the entrances, and it is also on our myparishapp and website. Stay tuned!

A HUGE Thank you for everyone’s help in two major events: Mardi Gras and CSA. Our Mardi Gras event was a huge success AND a lot of Fun. I am grateful for all the many volunteers who helped make this year’s event so successful. The food, décor, prizes, and time spent together was phenomenal. Thank you again to ALL and yes, we did meet our goal of \$10,000 and it was doubled. Also, last weekend was Commitment Sunday for CSA. Our goal is \$43,840. As of last Sunday, we have \$30,305 in pledges, with \$18,170 already paid and 66 families participating so far. Thank you again to everyone who has participated or is thinking about/praying about participating in this great opportunity to reach out to our brothers and sisters in our diocese. There is still time to get involved and we have not yet met our goal but thank you again for your generous gifts and participation.

Our Second and Third Grade Students have now begun their final preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers!

A reminder about Eucharistic Adoration for First Friday, please sign up for a half hour committed adorer timeslot as the Lord cannot be left alone. If you cannot commit to a specific time, please take some time to be with our Lord in his Presence.

Speaking of presence, you may notice a different bulletin style. That is thanks to our new Bulletin Company: LPI. They are a CATHOLIC and LOCAL company out of Cleveland instead of our former national company (that was Catholic) but did not offer as many opportunities for us as this company does. We are grateful for their help to us. Please also remember to stay “in the know” in real time by regularly checking myparishapp and our website as well. It is a busy time of year and we don’t want you to miss anything.

Finally, a word about candles. Beginning this weekend our Votive Candle Donation is now \$3.00 due to the rising costs of wax. Your help in attentiveness to this change assures that we are covering that bill.

Please know of my prayers for you and pray for me as we journey together in this Holy Season!

Fr. Jason

A MESSAGE—from Tim Weir from LPi, our church bulletin Sales Representative:

As you can see, support for the bulletin from the local community, businesses and parishioners who have placed ads on the back cover of our bulletin has been nothing short of outstanding.

Thank you to all of the businesses who are supporting this church bulletin!

Please try whenever possible to support these great businesses so we can continue to have their support in the future to keep this bulletin coming to the parish community for free.

There are literally only a few remaining spaces available. If you would like your business to appear in the bulletin with a beautiful color ad on the back cover, please call Tim Weir, LPi, and he will be happy to work with you. His contact info:

Tim Weir, Cell: 716-602-4588, email: tweir@4lpi.com

Thank you all, and God Bless!

FAITH FORMATION

March 1—Grade 2 and Grade 3 Parent Classes

Grade 9 will host the 10:30 am Mass

Child Protection Inservice Grades 6—8 9:05—10:05 am Crime Victim Presentations

Teacher Mtg. after 10:30 am Mass

**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.**

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study is this Thursday, February 13, at 7:00 pm. The program is going very well. Thank you Bobbi Neuburger for coordinating this wonderful series.



WE MADE IT!!! We made our \$10,000 and were indeed matched with that amount as well.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so very hard before, during, and after the Mardi Gras. Thank you to those who sold tickets after the Masses this past month, and for all the basket donations. The large item donations were greatly appreciated and made the evening even more profitable. The kitchen ran smoothly and is always a little scary when that happens because you don't expect it. Thank you kitchen crew. We had good feedback on the food. The dessert table was excellent! Thank you to those who did not make it a sea of brownies this year.

A huge thanks for the artistic decorations and advice on the best place to get pork butt shoulder roasts. Who knew pork butts had shoulders?

To everyone who showed up to set up, tear down, empty garbage cans, fix the towel dispenser in the ladies room, swept, mopped, sold instants, sold chances and everything else to pull off our biggest fund raiser yet. Thank you for everything!

Our big winners were: Linda Soboleski \$500, Lori Freeman \$200, Natalie Soltys \$100, Kathy Orlando-Hockey Tickets, Bunnie Boros-Lottery Wreath, Mike Murnock and Carol Gallagher-Liquor Baskets, and Jerry Fellows won the television and sound bar that were donated by two very generous parishioners.

We would not be able to make this evening possible without the support of our parish family members.



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

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