

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

Last weekend I spoke about our need to seek forgiveness and in particular its importance during the Lenten season in seeking renewal and growth in the Lord. There are numerous opportunities to seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation at all Catholic Churches during Lent. To see a list of the churches, dates and times in Saint Mary's County, go to: www.thelightison.org/st-marys

My homily today speaks about our need to turn away from doubt, and turn towards trusting in the Lord, knowing he is always with us if we allow him into our lives. I speak about this prayer for you to considering praying during this week as you continue your Lenten journey:

Thomas Merton's Prayer of Unknowing:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen. +

Wishing you renewal and blessings this Lent.
God bless, Fr. Dan

New to the parish? It is a joy to see so many new faces join us for worship! If you are new, we would love to have you register as a parishioner. Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church. Simply fill one out and give it to Fr. Dan or drop it off at the office.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry



Join us for the annual Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry at SFX on Friday, March 24th, 6-8 p.m. in the hall. Menu provided by Crab Knockers includes fish, scallop potatoes, rolls, coleslaw, coffee and tea.

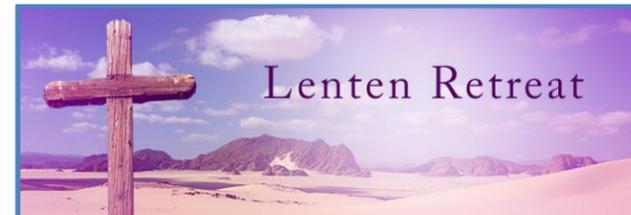
Adults \$12, Children 5-10 years old \$6, 4 years and under Free.

High School Vocations Excursion Day



For high school men, Sunday, April 2nd, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., hiking the Billy Goat Trail at Great Falls National Park with priests and seminarians. Includes Mass, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration and a cookout dinner. For info or to register, visit www.dcpriest.org or contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

SFX Lenten Retreat



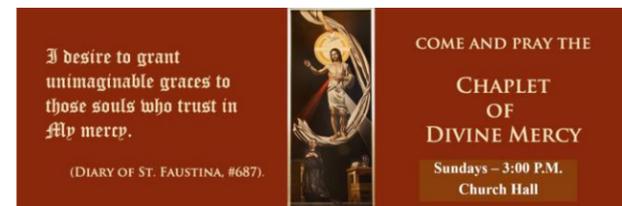
Spend a few hours away from the busyness and distractions of the world and enjoy some quality time with the Lord. On Saturday, March 25th, 8:30 a.m. – Noon, we will have a Lenten retreat at SFX. The retreat is free. Register in the vestibule of the church.

New SFX Website

Please visit our newly designed SFX website. It's at the same web address:

www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org

Chaplet of Divine Mercy



During Lent, the Knights of Columbus leads the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the hall. All are welcome.

Supporting Father Andrew White School



Box Tops, like the one pictured here, you will find on many products you buy at the store. These can be turned in by our school to get funds. Simply clip them from the things you buy and drop them in the marked box in the vestibule of the church.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday – March 19th

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8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners

11:00 a.m. – Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Hughes+

Monday – March 20th

Saint Joseph

9:00 a.m. – Father Daniele Rebeggiani

Tuesday – March 21st

No Mass

Wednesday – March 22nd

9:00 a.m. – Deacon Jorge Ernesto Ubau
Holy Hour & Confessions @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday – March 23rd

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

9:00 a.m. – Father Tom Crowley

Friday – March 24th

9:00 a.m. – Gabrielle Tucci
Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday – March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord

Confessions @ 3:15 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – SFX Parishioners

The Light is ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. during Lent is a Holy Hour with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, time for personal silent prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.