

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

The first weekend of the month we always have a **second collection**. This collection supports the Father Andrew White S.J. School and our parish's maintenance fund. If you receive parish donation envelopes, they are in your monthly mailing. If you do not receive envelopes, you can give a cash donation or make a check out to St. Francis Xavier Church and put on the memo line the designation for the school or for maintenance. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to receive them, please contact the office.

Holy Week and Easter services will be as follows:

Holy Thursday Mass, April 13th – 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross, April 14th – 3:00 pm.

Good Friday Service, April 14th – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass, April 15th – 8:00 p.m.

Easter Masses, April 16th – 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Thank you to everyone that has contributed for the Easter flowers to honor and remember loved ones. If you haven't submitted your donations, you can still do so, along with the names you want honored and remembered. During the Easter season, we will have a special remembrance in front of the altar with the flowers that will be a reminder that at Masses during the Easter season, we are honoring and remembering them with our prayer intentions.

Wishing you continued blessings this Lent.

God bless, Fr. Dan

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Rev. Robert J. Kosty, Senior Priest at the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville, will lead the devotion of the Way of the Cross in the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen, MD beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 14th. All are welcome. For more information or directions, please contact Catholic Cemeteries of Southern MD at 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766 or e-mail at qop@ccaw.org.



Food Pantry

We are in the midst of collecting food for the food pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church. Just take a paper bag from the vestibule, put non-perishable food in it, then bring it back and we'll deliver it to the food pantry. Or, if you would like to donate money, simply write a check out to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry and we'll get it to them. Although this is a special food collection for the Lenten season, we collect food throughout the year so please bring food in anytime and simply place it in the wicker bin in the vestibule.

Friday Seafood Dinner @ IHM Church

Friday, April 7th is the last seafood dinner at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., located at 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD. Menu includes Shrimp Po'Boy with coleslaw for \$7, Fried Fish with French fries for \$7 and Oyster Stew for \$5, as well as various desserts sold by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

SFX Grounds Maintenance Schedule

The grounds maintenance schedule is available in the vestibule of the church and begins on April 8th. We are very grateful for all the many volunteers that keep our 10 acres of land well maintained and looking beautiful!

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. There are numerous opportunities to go to Confession at all Catholic Churches during Lent. To find the day and time for Confessions being offered in St. Mary's County, just go to this web address: www.thelightison.org/st-marys.

RCIA Candidates

Do you know of someone interested in coming into the Catholic Church? Or, are you an adult that still needs to receive your first Holy Communion and/or to be Confirmed? SFX will be starting later this year the classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Fr. Dan at dcarson@adwparish.org if you or someone you know is interested as a candidate, sponsor, to help with the instruction or to just learn more about the Catholic faith.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday – April 1st

Confessions at 3:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – Richard Harvan+

Sunday – April 2nd

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8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners
11:00 a.m. – Father Tom Crowley+

Monday – April 3rd

9:00 a.m.

Tuesday – April 4th

No Mass

Wednesday – April 5th

9:00 a.m. – Special Intention
Holy Hour & Confessions @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday – April 6th

9:00 a.m.

Friday – April 7th

9:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday – April 8th

Confessions @ 3:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – Father Tom Crowley+

Sunday – April 9th

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners
11:00 a.m.

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