

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

For the greater glory of God...

Dear Parishioners,

My first week here at the parish has been absolutely wonderful. You have all been so kind and have gone out of your way to welcome me, for which I am very grateful. It will take me some time to learn your names, so please feel free to remind me if I don't call you by name. This week I was particularly struck how we are surrounded by so much beauty here, both inside the church and outside in the surrounding environment. There is a peace and serenity here that truly comes from God. And then the Lord reminded me that the most important beauty is that of our soul, when it is holy and pleasing to God. Please God, may it be so for all of us!

This bulletin covers a two-week span while I take some time away from the office. I'll be away the week of July 24-29 and will return in time to celebrate the Sunday Masses on July 30. Deacon Bill will lead a communion service on those weekdays while I'm away. Fr. Eamon Dignan will have the 3:15 pm confessions and the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, July 29. I appreciate your patience as I take a few days to visit my family in New York. Please be assured of my prayers, and I look forward to seeing you when I return!

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Rob

Knights of Columbus Car Raffle

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses on the weekends of July 22-23 and July 29-30. This is our 48th Annual Car Raffle to benefit charity and scholarships programs. First prize is a 2018 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 in cash. St. Francis Xavier – the missionary council - gets 50 cents for each ticket sold. We use the proceeds from the tickets for our

charitable work here at St. Francis Xavier. For more information, please see George Morgan. We are grateful for your support!

Small Group Study

Imagine dozens of small groups gathering throughout St. Mary's County for six weeks to grow in holiness and to learn about the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our spiritual lives. The parishes of St. Mary's County are organizing a small group study entitled, *33 Days to Morning Glory* at locations throughout the county beginning September 10, leading up to a county-wide Marian consecration on October 13, the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. If you're interested in leading or hosting a small group, you're invited to a planning meeting at St. Aloysius Church on Sunday, August 13 at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Leonard Wathen at: lwathen@saintaloyuschurch.org



Mass Intentions

Since we pray for each other here on earth, we can offer prayers to help the souls of our departed loved ones (Catholic and non-Catholic) through a Mass intention. Intentions at Mass can also be offered for the living, or special prayers. They can also be offered to celebrate a special occasion in a person's life, or in thanksgiving for a prayer request granted. Having a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, is a wonderful expression of caring, compassion and thoughtfulness. If you would like to have a Mass offered,

please contact the parish office or email us at: stfrancisxavier.md@adwparish.org.



MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week

Saturday – July 22nd

Saint Mary Magdalene
4:00 p.m. –
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – July 23rd

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners
11:00 a.m. -

Monday – July 24th

Saint Shabel Makhlof
8:00 a.m. – *Communion Service*

Tuesday – July 25th

Saint James
No Mass

Wednesday – July 26th

Saints Joachim and Anne
8:00 a.m. – *Communion Service*

Thursday – July 27th

St. Apollinaris
8:00 a.m. – *Communion Service*

Friday – July 28th

8:00 a.m. – *Communion Service*

Saturday – July 29th

Saint Martha
4:00 p.m.
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – July 30th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. -
11:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week

Saturday – July 29th

Saint Martha
4:00 p.m. –
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – July 30th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners
11:00 a.m. -

Monday – July 31st

Saint Ignatius of Loyola
8:00 a.m. – Marguerite Matisick

Tuesday – August 1st

Saint Alphonsus Liguori
No Mass

Wednesday – August 2nd

Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli and Peter Julian Eymard
8:00 a.m. –

Thursday – August 3rd

8:00 a.m. –

Friday – August 4th

St. John Vianney
8:00 a.m. –

Saturday – August 5th

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
4:00 p.m. -
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – August 6th

The Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00 a.m. -
11:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners