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## Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

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#### Mass Schedule / Horario de Misa SUNDAY/DOMINGO

7:30 AM (English) - Historic Church 9:00 AM (Bilingual) - Xavier Center 10:30 AM (English) - Historic Church 12:00 PM (Español) - Centro Xavier

#### **MON - THURS/LUNES - JUEVES**

7:00 AM - Historic Church (English)

#### WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES

6:30 PM - Iglesia Histórica (Español)

#### FRIDAY/VIERNES

12:00 PM - Historic Church (English)

#### SATURDAY/SÁBADO

 $4{:}00\ PM\ (English)$  - Historic Church

Reconciliation / Confesión

#### SATURDAY/SÁBADO

After the 4:00 PM Mass

#### **MON - THURS/LUNES - JUEVES**

After 7:00 AM Masses

\*\*or by appointment

Adoration / Adoración

#### FRIDAY/VIERNES

Following Noon Mass until Vespers at 4:45 PM



Nov. 3, 2024/3 de noviembre de 2024

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 31° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Giving/Donación Sunday Offering		
Goal for Oct. 2024 (based on four Sundays)	\$88,052.77	
Oct. 20, 2024 - Sunday collection \$11,648.30 and Mail \$3,432.00	\$15,080.30	
Received to date for the month	\$61,597.03	
Amount still needed for the month	\$26,455.74	
Year-to-Date		
Received YTD (Since July 1, 2024)	\$305,266.46	
Amount needed for 2024-2025	\$1,144,686.00	
Amount still needed	\$839,419.54	
Diocesan Annual Campaign 2024/2025  Together in Faith. Together in the Eucharist.		
Assessment	\$148,868.00	
Total Received	\$117,489.45	
Due	\$31,378.42	

Due to deadlines, giving information is two weeks behind. Diocesan campaign amounts will be updated monthly. SFX expresses gratitude to all sponsors who underwrite our weekly bulletins, especially myParish App, our sponsor of the week.

#### In Preparation for Next Sunday

First Reading: <u>1 Kings 17:10-16</u> Psalm: <u>Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10</u> Second Reading: <u>Hebrews 9:24-28</u>

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

For the Lord, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth.' ~~ 1 Kings 17:14

Porque dice el Senor, Dios de Israel: "La tinaja de harina no se quedara vacia, ni el cantaro de aceite se secara, hasta el dia en que el Senor haga llover sobre la tierra." ~~ l Reyes 17:14

#### Mass Intentions/Intenciones para la Misa

Monday/Lunes November 4

7:00 am (HC): \* John A. Lavelle

Tuesday/Martes November 5

7:00 am (HC): † Carmelo Dominguez

Wednesday/Miércoles November 6

7:00 am (HC): \* Beverly Karsteter

6:30 pm (IH Español): \* Benditas Almas del Purgatorio

Thursday/Jueves November 7

7:00 am (HC): † Joseph Eigner

Friday/Viernes November 8

8:30 am (SFX School): † Joshua Murtha

12:00 pm (HC): \* George Boring

Saturday/Sábado November 9

4:00 pm (HC): † Bertha Watson O'Brien

Sunday/Domingo November 10

7:30 am (HC): All Parishioners of SFX

9:00 am (CX/XC Bilingüe/Bilingual): Special Intention of

Mistral Rosario

10:30 am (HC): † Joseph and Mary Ann Vari

12:00 pm (CX Español): † Gabriel Sánchez

5:00 pm (GC)

#### Baptism/Bautismo

Please contact the Parish Office or register on the "Baptism" page of our website to begin the baptismal preparation process.

Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial o regístrese en la página "Bautismo" de nuestro sitio web para comenzar el proceso de preparación bautismal.

#### Matrimony/Matrimonio

For couples interested in marriage, please contact the office one year in advance or visit our website.

Favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia. Para matrimonio, favor de llamar a la oficina con un año de anticipación.

#### Becoming Catholic/Ser Católico

RCIA prepares adults to join the Catholic Church who are not yet baptized, were baptized in another denomination, as well as those baptized as Catholics but did not yet receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Contact Becca Dickerson at rdickerson@hbgdiocese.org.

RICA prepara para unirse a la Iglesia Católica a adultos que aún no están bautizados, que fueron bautizados en otra denominación, así como a aquellos bautizados como católicos pero que aún no recibieron la Primera Eucaristía y/o la Confirmación. Comuníquese con Becca Dickerson en rdickerson@hbgdiocese.org.

## Pastor's Notes | Notas del pastor

by Father/Padre Kelley

Dear Families and Friends of St. Francis Xavier Parish,

I had intentionally planned this extra week between finishing the USCCB "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" and our elections this Tuesday, to provide a sort of summary reflection. In God's providence, a parishioner this past week gave me a prayer that he had encountered, proposing it as a fitting capstone to our series. While I appreciate much of it, I would instead like to propose my adaptation of that prayer. Let us be united in commending our election and our nation to God through the intercession of our national patron saint, the Immaculate Conception:

Mary Immaculate, Queen of heaven and earth, national patroness of the United States of America, mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to you, our refuge and intercessor.

Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works, and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the Way of your Son, we humbly ask that you graciously turn your eyes of mercy upon our country to bring about its conversion, that it may enjoy the heavenly benefits of a right and just society.

We consecrate to you the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually best for the people of our country may be accomplished, and that those who are elected would govern and serve according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of your Son.

Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to His Sacred Heart, that His glory may be made manifest. May we shine personally and nationally with virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, courage, integrity, piety, humility, compassion, and love of others as God has loved us.

Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and your maternal care, we have perfect confidence that you will take care of us. O Mary Immaculate, and also under the title of Our lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, pray for us. Amen.

God bless you and your families, Fr. Kelley

Estimadas familias y amigos de la parroquia San Francisco Javier,

Había planeado intencionalmente esta semana adicional entre la finalización del curso "Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles" de la USCCB y nuestras elecciones este martes, para brindar una especie de reflexión resumida. En la providencia de Dios, un feligrés la semana pasada me dio una oración que había encontrado y la propuso como una piedra angular adecuada para nuestra serie. Aprecio partes de la oración, pero me gustaría proponer mi adaptación. Unámonos para encomendar nuestra elección y nuestra nación a Dios a través de la intercesión de nuestra santa patrona nacional, la Inmaculada Concepción:

María Inmaculada, Reina del cielo y de la tierra, patrona nacional de los Estados Unidos de América, conscientes de nuestra propia pecaminosidad y de los pecados de nuestra nación, venimos a ti, nuestro refugio e intercesora.

Sabiendo que nuestro país no puede salvarse por nuestras propias obras, y conscientes de lo mucho que nuestra nación se ha apartado del Camino de tu Hijo, humildemente te pedimos que mires con misericordia a nuestro país para lograr su conversión, para que pueda disfrutar de los beneficios celestiales de una sociedad justa y correcta.

Te consagramos la integridad de las próximas elecciones y su resultado, para que se pueda lograr lo que es espiritualmente mejor para el pueblo de nuestro país, y que los que sean elegidos gobiernen y sirvan de acuerdo con los principios espirituales y morales que pondrán a nuestra nación en conformidad con las enseñanzas de tu Hijo.

Concede gracia a los ciudadanos de esta tierra para que elijan líderes según Su Sagrado Corazón, para que Su gloria se manifieste. Que brillemos personal y nacionalmente con virtudes de prudencia, justicia, templanza, coraje, integridad, piedad, humildad, compasión y amor al prójimo como Dios nos ha amado.

Confiando en el cuidado providencial de Dios Padre y en tu cuidado maternal, tenemos la perfecta confianza de que cuidarás de nosotros. Oh María Inmaculada, y también bajo la advocación de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, patrona de las Américas, ruega por nosotros. Amén.

Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias, Padre Kelley

## Upcoming Events/Próximos Eventos



#### Donations Welcome for the Bake Sale at the Gift Fair

<u>Bake</u> a pie, cake, bread, muffins, cookies, brownies, fudge, or candy for the PCCW Bake Sale Table. Please, NO refrigerated items. <u>Donations accepted Friday,</u> Nov. 8, 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 9, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. at Xavier Center. Questions? please call Linda Wirth 717-334-7780. Thank you for your support.

#### **PCCW Christmas Mass & Dinner**

Reservations are being accepted for the PCCW Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 10. Mass is at 6:00 p.m. in the Historic Church followed by a buffet dinner (7:00 p.m.) at The Dobbin House. The cost \$30.00 per person. All women of the parish, their spouse or guest are invited to attend. Please RSVP by Saturday, Nov. 30. Checks can be dropped off at the church office or mailed to the PCCW, 455 Table Rock Rd., Gettysburg. Questions? Please contact Maritza Torres at maritza.m.torres3@gmail.com.



#### Training for Eucharistic Minister Volunteers

Interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Please speak with a parish priest or email Lee Marsiglia, Extraordinary Minister Coordinator at leemarsig@gmail.com. Training is on Sat., Nov. 9, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish, Hanover, by Deacon Tom Aumen. If you need a mandate or to renew your mandate, please register for training here: https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/extraordinary\_minister\_training.

#### CDCCW Meeting on Nov. 14

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Conewago District Council of Catholic Women (CDCCW) will be held in person at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 14, at St. Francis Xavier's Xavier Center, 465 Table Rock Rd., Gettysburg, in the 8th grade classroom. Please contact Maritza Torres Maritza.m.torres3@gmail.com for more information.

To view our whole list of events, check out our parish calendar at <u>stfxcc.org/parish-calendar</u>



#### St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Escuela Católica San Francisco Javier

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### Distinctive. Faith-Filled. Inspiring.

As 2024 draws quickly to a close, I want to personally thank you for all of your support of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. In the past year, we have dedicated countless hours to repositioning our school so that we continue to thrive as a leading Catholic faith-based educational institute in Adams County, PA.

It's easy to say that a school can be amazing and incredible. But what makes our school truly transformational and eXtraordinary? It begins at the heart of who we are - it is the love and support that our teachers show to our students every single day. Being eXtraordinary isn't just about being awesome. It's about embracing that awesomeness and spreading joy and passion to the people we encounter every day. St. Francis Xavier Catholic School teaches students to not only grow in their understanding of God, but to use that understanding to be positive role models and beacons of light for others.

As I reflect on 2024, I am focused on the beautiful year ahead. Our school relies on donations from supporters like you to offset the tuition gap between what it actually costs to educate a child and what we charge our families for tuition. For this school year, our tuition gap is \$504,000. Some of this is supplemented by EITC aid, parish subsidy, and fundraising initiatives. Our goal for the Giving Spree this year is \$40,000. We ask you to support us again this year on November 7th. Thank you for being eXtraordinary with us!

Sincerely,

Heather Fadrowski

Director of Development

465 Table Rock Road - Principal | Directora - Mrs. Rebecca Sieg

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**Giving Spree** 

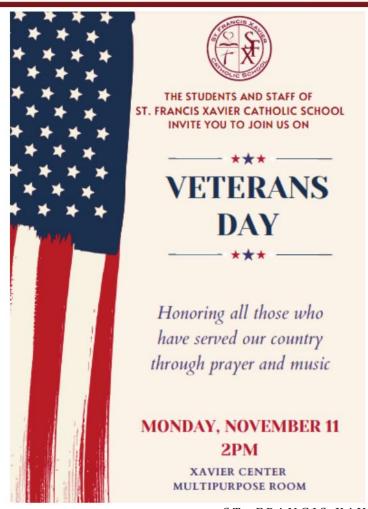
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# Community & Diocesan Notes/Notas Comunitarias y Diocesanas

### Ladies are Invited to Join the **PCCW's Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Ministry's mission is to reach those in need of comfort and Christian love. The shawls offer comfort and solace to the seriously ill, and those receiving treatments, dealing with losing a loved one, adjusting to a care facility, etc. As we knit or crochet each shawl, we ask God to bless the one who will receive it. The shawl is blessed again before it's given away. If you or a loved one are in need of a shawl, you are welcome to take one from the Parish Office. May it remind you that you are surrounded by God's love and by prayers of others. We welcome ladies to join us! We meet the second Thurs. monthly 1-2:30 p.m. in the Parish Office. We are happy to help beginners learn to knit or crochet. Questions? Email Cathy Zarrella at cathyzarrella@gmail.com.

#### **Youth Protection Awareness**



#### Catechetical Corner ~~By Debbie Holt

We were created to be in a relationship with God. However, because of original sin, that relationship was broken and needs restoring and strengthening. Satan tempted our first parents to sin. When they fell they broke their relationship with God. Satan had sewn distrust of God in their hearts, but it required their own free will to break the relationship. In our own lives too, Satan uses past wounds and present temptations to blur our image of who God truly is. No matter the lies Satan utters, the choice to accept or reject friendship with God is in our hands. But God didn't give up on our first parents and He doesn't give up on us. He mercifully opened the way to restoring our relationship with Him by sending His only Son, Jesus. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, we can re-establish our friendship with God and receive the grace of forgiveness. Remember, it is Satan that wants us to believe the lie that we are unlovable and unforgivable. Don't believe him. God is there waiting to forgive you. Go to confession, you'll be glad you did!



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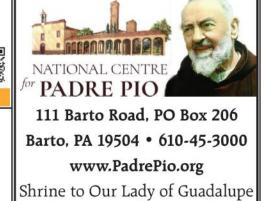
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