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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

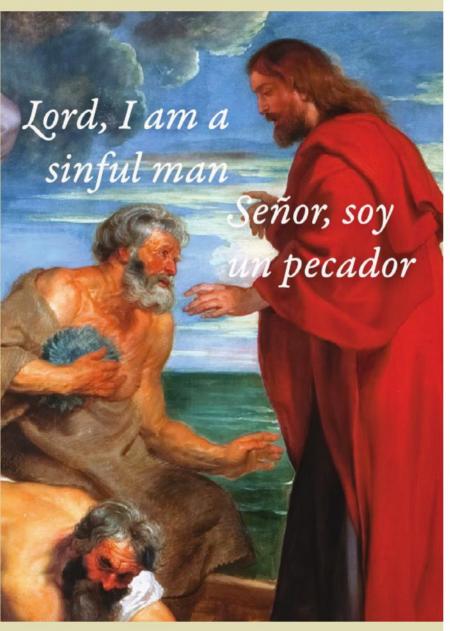
After 7:00 AM Masses

**or by appointment

Adoration / Adoración

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Following Noon Mass until Vespers at 4:45 PM



February 9, 2025/9 de febrero de 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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Giving/Donación Sunday Offering		
Goal Jan. 2025 (four Sundays)	\$88,052.76	
Jan. 26, 2025 - Sunday collection \$10,493.73 and Mail \$910.00	\$11,403.73	
Received to date for the month	\$98,236.43	
Overage for the month	\$10,183.67	
Year-to-Date		
Received YTD (Since July 1, 2024)	\$626,483.40	
Amount needed for 2024-2025	\$1,144,686.00	
Amount needed for Christmas 2024	\$30,000.00	
Amount received Christmas 2024	\$33,605.26	
Amount needed for Easter 2025	\$20,000.00	
Amount still needed	\$568,202.60	
Forward in Faith/Adelante Con Fe		
Amount of loan	\$931,214.63	
Amount paid	\$70,743.05	
Double amount	\$70,743.05	
Total due	\$789,728.53	
Diocesan Annual Campaign 2024/2025		
Assessment	\$148,868.00	
Total received	\$152,522.40	
Over/(under) goal in cash	\$3,654.40	

Due to deadline, giving information is two weeks behind.

Diocesan campaign amounts will be updated monthly.

Many thanks to Nicole Yingling DMD, Mason Dixon

Endotonics, our bulletin sponsor of the week.

In Preparation for Next Sunday

First Reading: <u>Jeremiah 17:5-8</u>

Psalm: <u>Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6</u>

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Reading: <u>Luke 6:17, 20-26</u>

Mass Intentions/Intenciones para la Misa

Sunday/Domingo February 9

7:30 am (HC): † Stephanie Elsworthy 9:00 am (CX/XC Bilingüe/Bilingual): † Maureene O'Malley 10:30 am (HC): † Repose of all souls in purgatory 12:00 pm (CX Español): † Gabriel Sánchez 5:00 pm (GC)

Monday/Lunes February 10

7:00 am (HC): * William Gallagher

Tuesday/Martes February 11

7:00 am (HC): * Civil War Soldiers in Purgatory

Wednesday/Miércoles February 12

7:00 am (HC): * Living and Deceased members of

Charles and Jean Arigo Family

6:30 pm (IH Español): * Repose of all souls in purgatory

Thursday/Jueves February 13

7:00 am (HC): * Repose of all souls in purgatory

Friday/Viernes February 14

8:30 am (SFX School):

12:00 pm (HC): † Anne Mason O'Farrell

Saturday/Sábado February 15

4:00 pm (HC): † Dr. Michael Sullivan and Bernard Martin

The Mass Intentions order has changed so parishioners can see the Intentions for today's Sunday Masses.

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

The Christian Initiation of Adults (CIA) prepares adults to join the Catholic Church who are not yet baptized, were baptized in another denomination, and those baptized as Catholics but did not yet receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Contact Becca at bdickerson@sfxcs-pa.org.

ICA 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 bdickerson@sfxcs-pa.org.

Pastor's Notes | Notas del pastor

by Father/Padre Kelley

Dear Families and Friends of St. Francis Xavier Parish,

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets" (Lk 5:4)

I know that we have had a lot put upon us in these days, lately, as a parish. We had the difficult news about the property debt, but then we had the great news about the Bishop's Debt Relief Program, which allow us to have our payments doubled until June. Then we had the great news that we blew past our DAC goal and have money coming back, but then the difficult news that our goal for next year is higher by a daunting (but reachable) amount. And then last weekend, the difficult news that we are quite behind in our offertory giving as a parish, but then the great news that if we can get back on top of that, we can stay in the Bishop's Debt Relief Program past June, and possibly up to the end of the program in 2027, if we haven't paid off our debt by then.

So with every challenge has come a silver lining. Every set back has come with a way through it. Everything that's been thrown at this parish we've responded to with faith, and God has instructed us to put out into the deep water, to drink deeply of our faith in His providence, and we have found that He is filling our nets with a miraculous catch.

So while we as a parish have to keep these three buckets full—the offertory, the debt challenge, and the DAC goal, God is continuing to invite us to put out into the deep, to give generously, and sacrificially, and joyfully, and the more we place our treasure and our heart in Him, the more we direct our hearts to be opened by his even greater generosity, for those who love Him and trust in His ways.

It's the mystery of faith. If God can take a loaf of bread, a chalice of wine, and a Roman execution, and turn it into the heavenly banquet of his body and blood, his death and resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, providing the communion of grace that empowers the good of the Church and her children across thousands of years, can we not trust him with everything? He has joyfully and abundantly shown His love for us! Let us trust Him and follow Him!

God bless you and your families, Fr. Kelley

Estimadas familias y amigos de la parroquia de San Francisco Javier:

"Lleva la barca mar adentro y echen sus redes para pescar". (Lc 5,4)

Sé que hemos tenido que hacer frente a muchas cosas en estos días, últimamente, como parroquia. Recibimos la difícil noticia sobre la deuda inmobiliaria, pero luego tuvimos la gran noticia sobre el Programa de Alivio de la Deuda del Obispo, que nos permite duplicar nuestros pagos hasta junio. Luego tuvimos la gran noticia de que superamos nuestra meta de DAC y tenemos dinero en camino, pero luego la difícil noticia de que nuestra meta para el próximo año es más alta por una cantidad desalentadora (pero alcanzable). Y luego, el fin de semana pasado, la difícil noticia de que estamos bastante atrasados en nuestra donación al ofertorio como parroquia, pero luego la gran noticia de que si podemos volver a estar al día con eso, podemos permanecer en el Programa de Alivio de la Deuda del Obispo después de junio, y posiblemente hasta el final del programa en 2027, si no hemos pagado nuestra deuda para entonces.

Así que con cada desafío ha llegado un rayo de luz. Cada obstáculo ha venido acompañado de una manera de superarlo. Hemos respondido con fe a todo lo que se nos ha presentado en esta parroquia, y Dios nos ha ordenado que nos hagamos a la mar, que bebamos profundamente de nuestra fe en Su providencia, y hemos descubierto que Él está llenando nuestras redes con una pesca milagrosa.

Así que, mientras que nosotros como parroquia tenemos que mantener estos tres baldes llenos (el ofertorio, el desafío de la deuda y la meta del DAC), Dios sigue invitándonos a remar mar adentro, a dar generosamente, con sacrificio y con alegría, y cuanto más depositemos nuestro tesoro y nuestro corazón en Él, más dirigiremos nuestros corazones para que se abran a Su generosidad aún mayor, para aquellos que lo aman y confían en Sus caminos.

Es el misterio de la fe. Si Dios puede tomar un pan, un cáliz de vino y una ejecución romana y convertirlos en el banquete celestial de su cuerpo y sangre, su muerte y resurrección y el don del Espíritu Santo, brindando la comunión de gracia que fortalece el bien de la Iglesia y sus hijos a lo largo de miles de años, ¿no podemos confiarle todo? ¡Él nos ha mostrado su amor con alegría y abundancia! ¡Confiemos en Él y sigámoslo!

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

Upcoming Events/Próximos Eventos

Thank you to Sunday of the Word of God Participants

Before we enter into our Lenten journey with our Lord, I would like to thank those who helped plan and execute the activities marking our Sunday of the Word of God observance. While we were especially blessed to have Bishop Senior join us on January 26 in a packed SFX Center, all the special liturgies on January 25 and 26—enthroning the Book of Gospels and our lectors receiving a special blessing marking their call to proclaiming the word of God—emphasized the continuing need in our lives for the living word of God. This multifaceted effort appropriately spanned our entire parish family. I would like to thank the Catholic Leadership Institute for the wonderful community reception for Bishop Senior following the 9:00AM Mass; Caballeros de Colón; the wonderful music ministry, especially our SFX Children's Choir; and the parish staff. Nothing happens without dedicated supporters, and while many go unnamed here—and my apologies for that—let me thank the committee that made it happen: Cheric Colomb, Marialuise Collins, Margarita Elorriaga, Ismael Garcia, Tina Heffner, Kathy Reid, and Father Kelley. I must also commend Father Pray's masterful handling of the 9:00AM Mass, especially his role as translator for the Bishop's homily! In closing, we pray you continue to grow in your engagement with Sacred Scripture. Looking to Lent, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy tells us that "[Lent] disposes the faithful, as they more diligently listen to the word of God and devote themselves to prayer, to celebrate the paschal mystery" (n.109). Make a daily encounter with God's word an integral part of your Lenten journey! With grateful thanks to all, Greg Kaufmann // gregkauf15@gmail.com

Catechetical Corner ~~by Becca Dickerson Director of Evangelization

Jesus' final command to His followers was clear, in a fourfold sense: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20). I have observed that us Catholics are pretty good at the 3rd and 4th part of his command: Baptizing and teaching. However, we continually fall short in the 1st and 2nd part: Going and Making Disciples. I hear people object to this fourfold command, thinking that this is the job of priests, religious, or the apostles, or trained theologians. This mission was not just for the apostles it is for you. Did you know you belong to the Priesthood of all Believers? That when you were baptized, you were made priest, prophet, and king just as Jesus was? That means we have the ability and duty to share the Gospel in word and deed, to speak truth in a world full of relativism and falsehood, and to shine light in the darkness. Making disciples doesn't require a theology degree. It starts with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us. It happens in conversations, when we listen to others with love and share how Jesus has transformed our lives. It grows through invitation, as we welcome people into our parishes, small groups, and homes. The early Church spread because ordinary Christians courageously shared their faith. Today, God is calling you to do the same. Imagine the impact if every Catholic reached just one person! Families would be healed, parishes would be revived, and the world would be transformed by Christ's love. You are not alone in this mission. Jesus promised, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Trust in Him, step out in faith, and go make disciples! Will you answer the call?

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners Return on March 7

Mark your calendar! The Lenten Fish Fry Dinners begin on Friday, March 7, and continue on March 14, 21, 28, and April 4. Watch for more details in the next week or so.

CDCCW Lenten Day of Reflection - Mar. 22

Join the Conewago District Council of Catholic Women (CDCCW) at their Lenten Day of Reflection. This year's theme is "Brokeness Made Whole: Living the Everydayness of the Paschal Mystery," with presenter Sr. Eileen Quinn. It takes place Sat., Mar. 22 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Gotwalt Hall in St. Vincent de Paul Auditorium, 65 South St., Hanover. All women of our parish are invited to attend. There's no registration fee and no need to pre-register. Freewill offering accepted. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Questions? please email johnbnewbold@yahoo.com.

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



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Cash Bingo at Delone

Don't miss Cash Bingo sponsored by Delone Catholic Athletic Association and Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg on Sat., Feb. 22. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., dinner at 5:00-6:15 p.m., with Bingo at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$20, and include roast turkey dinner and 20 games of bingo (pays \$50/game). It takes place in the Delone Catholic High School cafeteria. Specials and speed bingo games available. Door prizes given out. No children under under six permitted. Call Patty Smith for tickets at 717.451.7618.

Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick

The Rev. John A. Szada, Jr., Exorcist of the Harrisburg Diocese with priestly ministry at St. Elijah the Prophet Oratory in Mount Carmel, PA, will celebrate Holy Mass with the Anointing of the Sick followed by Prayers for Healing on Tues., Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. It takes place at St. Vincent de Paul Church 220 3rd St., Hanover. If you or someone you know is in need of physical or spiritual healing, please consider attending. Everyone is invited to participate in this beautiful liturgy.



February 9 | 9 de febrero



Preparación para el ViaCrucis

Estamos comenzando a planificar los ensayos para el Viacrucis. Si están interesados en ser parte de este evento, por favor contacten a Luga Tovar al (717)736-6190 o (717)875-9863 para inscribirse. Cualquier pregunta también pueden contactar a la oficina.

Don't Miss Reboot with Chris Stefanick

Find out the Good News that the Lord has for ALL of us and how to apply it to your life. Learn more and get tickets here:

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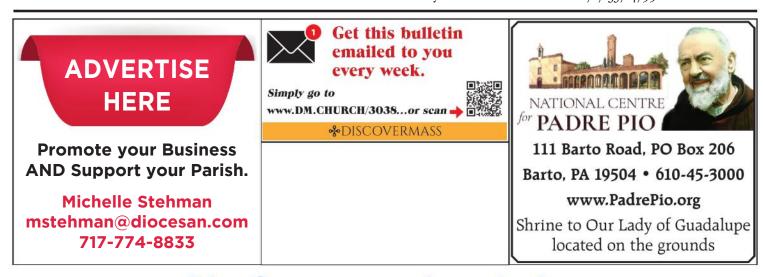
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