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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

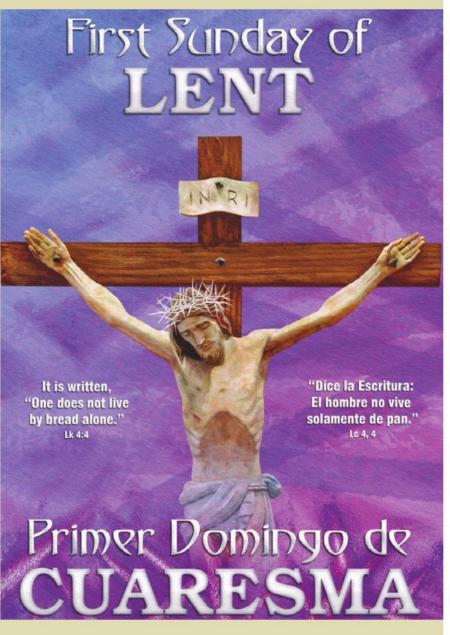
After 7:00 AM Masses

**or by appointment

Adoration / Adoración

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Following Noon Mass until Vespers at 4:45 PM



March 9, 2025/9 de marzo de 2025

First Sunday of Lent | 1º Domingo de Cuaresma

Weekend Offertory		
Offertory Goal for February	\$95,391	
Offertory Received for February	\$103,878	
Difference for February	\$8,487.35	
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Offertory Goal for Year (Jul-Jun)	\$1,144,686.00	
Offertory Goal for Year to Date	\$763,128.00	
Offertory Received for Year to Date	\$696,756.49	
Difference for Year to Date	\$66,371.51	
Goal YTD		
Received YTD		
Parish Debt Campaign - Forward in Faith		
Parish Debt - Property + Deficit	\$957,693	
Parish Debt - Gifts Received	\$200,422	
Parish Debt - Diocesan Matching	\$173,944	
Parish Debt - Paid (Gifts+Matching)	\$374,367	
Parish Debt - Gifts Needed	\$583,326	
Parish Debt - Percent Paid	39.09%	
Parish Diocese		
Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC)		
DAC Goal for Year (Jan 2026)	\$163,755	
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DAC Received to Date	\$18,333	

This is the new format for financials in the bulletin. The numbers are largely the same as the 3/2 end-of-month report for February, plus some additional transactions that occurred the final week of February.





In Preparation for Next Sunday

First Reading: <u>Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18</u> Psalm: <u>Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14</u> Second Reading: <u>Phillipians 3:17-4:1 or</u>

Phillipians 3:20-4:1

Gospel Reading: <u>Luke 9:28b-36</u>

Mass Intentions/Intenciones para la Misa

Sunday/Domingo March 9

7:30 am (HC): * Marie Eigner Scheller

9:00 am (CX/XC Bilingüe/Bilingual): * Robert Kenworthy

10:30 am (HC): † Catherine Fitez

12:00 pm (CX Español): † Joseph Thresher

5:00 pm (GC): No College Mass

Monday/Lunes March 10

7:00 am (HC): † Robert Kenworthy

Tuesday/Martes March 11

7:00 am (HC): * Nora Rosati

Wednesday/Miércoles March 12

7:00 am (HC): *Robert Glen Reeves 6:30 pm (XC Español): *Victoriano Tovar

Thursday/Jueves March 13

7:00 am (HC): * William Redding

Friday/Viernes March 14

8:30 am (SFX School):

12:00 pm (HC): † John Timothy O'Brien

Saturday/Sábado March 15

4:00 pm (HC): * Gladys Metz

Many thanks to Peters Funeral Home, Inc., our bulletin sponsor of the week.

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,

Our first reading this weekend sets the principle in the law of the people of God for showing thanksgiving to God by offering the basket of first fruits of one's resources and labor back to God, acknowledging God's generosity to us.

In looking at the unofficial financial reports from the diocese for February, we've done an outstanding job of cutting down our ongoing deficit. So, whereas we ended last fiscal year (in June 2024) with an \$85k deficit (which was covered by an additional parish debt to the diocese to start this year off at even), we're right now sitting with a \$24k deficit, after having a \$46k deficit last month. Our offertory for this month was about \$8k over what was budgeted, and we have reduced our offertory shortfall from \$70k to about \$66k. I know that might not sound like much, but for the last two years our offertory was about half of what we needed, and now we've hopefully entered into a new era of meeting our goals, even though we started off a bit behind. I'll take the current trend! I know a lot of people responded to the "20-in-25" campaign by our CLI committee and increased their offertory giving.

Our total debt was \$957,693, which is the \$871,980 property debt plus the \$85,713 end-of-year deficit I mentioned above. When the diocese introduced the Bishop's Debt Relief Challenge, we had already received \$26,478, and so when we were admitted to the debt relief program, our parish debt was \$931,215, which was the number we used at that time. We have paid \$200,422, with the diocese matching \$173,944 since November for a current debt balance of \$583,326, which is \$374,367 less than we started, plus some additional gifts that weren't processed in time to be in the report. If we get another \$291,663 by the end of June, matched by the diocese, we will have wiped out our debt! I want to thank Kirby Smith Associates for continuing to support our parish with the "Forward in Faith" debt-relief campaign, and your super generous response so far, which has allowed our parish to make the most of the paymentmatching program offered by the diocese. Thank you!

God bless you and your families, Fr. Kelley

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

Nuestra primera lectura de este fin de semana establece el principio de la ley del pueblo de Dios de mostrar agradecimiento a Dios ofreciendo la canasta de las primicias de las cosechas y el trabajo de uno a Dios, reconociendo la generosidad de Dios hacia nosotros.

Al observar los informes financieros no oficiales de la diócesis para febrero, hemos hecho un trabajo sobresaliente para reducir nuestra déficit actual. Entonces, mientras que terminamos el año fiscal pasado (en junio de 2024) con un déficit de \$85,000 (que fue cubierto por una deuda parroquial adicional con la diócesis para comenzar este año a la par), ahora estamos con un déficit de \$24,000, después de tener un déficit de \$46,000 el mes pasado. Nuestro ofertorio para este mes fue aproximadamente \$8,000 más de lo presupuestado, y hemos reducido nuestro déficit de ofertorio de \$70,000 a aproximadamente \$66,000. Sé que puede que no parezca mucho, pero durante los dos últimos años nuestro ofertorio fue aproximadamente la mitad de lo que necesitábamos, y ahora esperamos haber entrado en una nueva era de cumplimiento de nuestras metas, aunque comenzamos un poco atrasados. ¡Me quedo con la tendencia actual! Sé que mucha gente respondió a la campaña "20 en 25" de nuestro comité CLI y aumentó sus donaciones al ofertorio.

Nuestra deuda total era de \$957,693, que es la deuda de propiedad de \$871,980 más el déficit de fin de año de \$85,713 que mencioné anteriormente. Cuando la diócesis introdujo el Desafío de Alivio de Deuda del Obispo, ya habíamos recibido \$26,478, y cuando fuimos admitidos en el programa de alivio de deuda, nuestra deuda parroquial era de \$931,215, que era la cifra que utilizamos en ese momento. Hemos pagado \$200,422, y la diócesis ha aportado \$173,944 desde noviembre, lo que supone un saldo de deuda actual de \$583,326, que es \$374,367 menos de lo que empezamos, más algunas donaciones adicionales que no se procesaron a tiempo para estar en el informe. Si recibimos otros \$291,663 para fines de junio, aportados por la diócesis, ¡habremos liquidado nuestra deuda! Quiero agradecer a Kirby Smith Associates por seguir apoyando a nuestra parroquia con la campaña de alivio de la deuda "Adelante con fe", y por su respuesta súper generosa hasta el momento, que ha permitido a nuestra parroquia aprovechar al máximo el programa de igualación de pagos que ofrece la diócesis. :Gracias!

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

Upcoming Events/Próximos Eventos

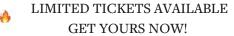
Seeking a Director of Music

After 18 years, Mary Smith (music director) and Cindie Kane (adult choir director) are both stepping down from their positions. We are grateful for their invaluable contributions over the years. We are combining the positions into a Director of Music position, and are seeking candidates. Here is the opening: https://www.hbgdiocese.org/job/director-of-music/. Please share with anyone who may be qualified for the position.



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Nominations for Parish Council

The parish pastoral council is seeking nominations for three seats up for election. Nominations are open from the parish at large until Monday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day). Nominations may be submitted to the parish office. To be eligible to serve on the Council, a parishioner must:

- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2041-2043);
- Be a registered parishioner of the parish;
- Have attained at least their 18th birthday;
- Possess a willingness to grow in an understanding of Church by taking advantage of opportunities for continuing education in Church doctrine and documents;
- Be able to work with others in a spirit of openness and trust;
- Understand that membership on Council is one of service to the People of God;
- Uphold the teachings of the Church and norms established by the Diocese for Parish Pastoral Councils.

Join Fr. Pray on an Italian Pilgrimage

To celebrate the Jubilee Year, Fr. Pray will lead a trip to Italy, Jun. 16-26. <u>Learn more here</u>. You don't want to miss it!



Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive

The Knights of Columbus are hosting our Baby Bottle Drive again! Proceeds benefit the life-saving work of TenderCare Pregnancy Center in Gettysburg. Please pick up a baby bottle after Mass this weekend and next, and fill it with loose change, cash or a check (made out to K of C Council #2539). Then return it before or after Masses Mar. 15-16 or Mar. 22-23. For questions, please contact Dave Kendra - 908-455-4294 or George Eller - 717-353-0017.

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



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Are these all of your camps?

More Information

Community & Diocesan Notes/Notas Comunitarias y Diocesanas

Catechetical Corner ~~by Becca Dickerson, Director of Evangelization

As we journey through Lent, several rites will be celebrated for the catechumens and candidates in the Christian Initiation Process. This Sunday, I will attend the Rite of Election in Harrisburg, where I will present our catechumens—the unbaptized, now called the "elect"—to the Bishop. Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, at the 10:30 Mass, you will witness the Penitential Rite for our candidates—those who are already baptized. This rite serves as a reminder of our need for God's mercy. As we reflect on the Transfiguration, where Christ's glory was revealed, we recall how the disciples were called to listen to Him. In the same way, our candidates are invited to turn away from sin and open their hearts to His transforming grace. Through this rite, we all acknowledge our failings and seek forgiveness. For our candidates, this marks an important step in their preparation to fully encounter Christ in the Eucharist for the first time this Easter season.

CDCCW Lenten Day of Reflection

Join the CDCCW at a Lenten Day of Reflection. Sr. Eileen Quinn will speak on the theme of "Brokeness Made Whole: Living the Everydayness of the Paschal Mystery." It takes place Sat., Mar. 22 at St. Vincent de Paul, Gotwalt Hall in St. Vincent de Paul Auditorium, 65 South St., Hanover. All women of our parish are invited. No registration fee and no need to pre-register. Freewill offering accepted. Registration is at 12:00 p.m. the presentation is at 12:30 p.m. For questions, please email johnbnewbold@yahoo.com.



Soup & Scripture Back on Mar. 10

Soup and Scripture is returning for its 17th year! You are invited to join us Mondays at 5:30 p.m. for a bowl of delicious warm soup followed at 6:00 p.m. by a 5-week series of engaging talks about Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist.

Families welcome! A special children's program will run during the talks.

It takes place Monday, March 10 through Monday, April . Come nourish your body and soul—we'd love to see you there!

And check out the Lenten resources we have on our website here.

PCCW Meeting

The PCCW's next meeting is Sat., Apr. 12, 9:00 a.m., at the Gateway Family Diner, 70 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg. All women of the parish are welcome to attend our meetings and activities. For more details, please email Maritza Torres at

Maritza.m.torres3@gmail.com.

March 9 | 9 de marzo



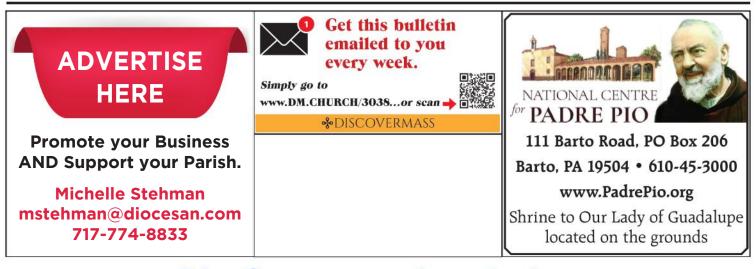
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