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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



April 20, 2025/20 de abril de 2025

# Easter Sunday | Domingo de Pascua

# Now's the Time...Get Your Tickets for Chris Stefanick at SFX on April 30!

Excited for Reboot with Chris Stefanick on April 30! Chris will share the Good News that the Lord has for ALL of us, and help us understand how to apply it to every aspect of our lives. You don't want to miss it!

Reboot is for ages 12+. It takes place at the Xavier Center on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Buy your tickets here:

 $\frac{https://reallifecatholics.givevirtuous.org/Event/st-francis-xavier-catholic-parish-reboot-gettysburg-pa.}{}$ 

There is no cost to the parish for this event. All proceeds go toward Chris' travel expenses. Hope to see you there!

### **Paschal Candle**

The Paschal Candle is in loving memory for Monsignor Mitzel. A note of thanks was read at his Funeral Mass on April 7, 2025: Thank you, God, for a wonderful life. Thanks to you-family, friends, parishioners, and brother priests, for the abundant and extravagant gifts that you have shared with me. It has been an honor to share this field of play and battle with you. I am ready to sing and dance with the redeemed ones, but I expect to visit purgatory, so pray for me and offer a few masses.

As we celebrate the Risen Lord this Easter, please pray for the repose of the soul of our former shepherd, Monsignor Mitzel. Amen.

Plan to attend Divine Mercy Sunday on 4/27 at the Xavier Center.

Divina Misericordia Hora Santa - 1:15 – 2:15pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour - 2:30 – 3:30pm

# In Preparation for Next Sunday

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading: <u>Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19</u>

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

I was hard pressed and falling, but the Lord helped me. Psalms 118:13

Estaba en apuros y caía, pero el Señor me ayudó. Salmos 118:13

### Mass Intentions/Intenciones para la Misa

### Sunday/Domingo April 20 Easter Sunday

7:30 am (HC): All Parishioners of SFX 9:00 am (CX/XC Bilingüe/Bilingual): \* Joe Peters 10:30 am (HC): \* Deceased members of the Borba-Land and Green families 12:00 pm (CX Español): \* Fr. Román Orozco-Orozco 5:00 pm (GC)

### Monday/Lunes April 21

7:00 am (HC): † Donald Heffner

### Tuesday/Martes April 22

7:00 am (HC): † Larry Simmons

### Wednesday/Miércoles April 23

7:00 am (HC): † Larry Simmons 6:30 pm (XC Español): † Gabriel Sánchez

### Thursday/Jueves April 24

7:00 pm (HC Bilingual): \* Barbara Heim

### Friday/Viernes April 25

8:30 a.m. (HC English): † Msgr. Daniel Mitzel 12:00 pm (XC Español): † All souls in Purgatory

### Saturday/Sábado April 26

4:00 pm (HC): \* Shirley Golden

Many thanks to Reid's Orchard Winery, 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 <a href="mailto:bdickerson@sfxcs-pa.org">bdickerson@sfxcs-pa.org</a>.

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,

"...he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place."

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Our Gospel Reading was chosen by the Church in the same manner as our readings all throughout Lent, and Advent, for that matter: to help us put ourselves in the scene of the people in the Scriptures. The experience of the empty tomb was certainly a miraculous event—the most miraculous in the history of Creation! At least until later that day, when they would meet the risen Jesus!

Back to the tomb, and particularly the burial cloths. Of course, if someone were going to steal the (locked up and guarded) dead body of Jesus, they would not have gone through the slow process of unwrapping it, and certainly not of then rolling and placing the head covering with care in another area of the tomb.

Hopefully by now you probably have heard of the "Shroud of Turin." If you haven't, I highly encourage that you find a faithful Catholic resource and read about it! The shroud is more than the burial cloth of Jesus, which has an imprint of a man burned into the cloth as it was folded over him, even showing the wounds of a crown of thorns. The energy burst required to leave this imprint is almost unimaginable (perhaps the moment of His powerful resurrection?). But what has intrigued me is stains on it suggesting that it may have also been the table-cloth of the Last Supper, and also used as the altar-cloth in the first celebrations of the Mass! That they would fold the cloth over the Eucharist, the sacrament of His Body and Blood, as the cloth had been over his Body in the tomb. This may be connected to why the square cloth that covers the chalice is called a "pall."

The Early Church understood the central importance of the burial cloths found in the empty tomb. It meant, as the angel told the women, "He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." Alleluia!

Happy Easter, and God bless you and your families! Fr. Kelley

Queridos familiares y amigos de St. Francis Xavier Parish,

"...Entró en el sepulcro. Contempló los lienzos puestos en el suelo y el sudario, que había estado sobre la cabeza de Jesus, puesto no con los lienzos en el suelo, sino doblado en un sitio separado".

¡Ha resucitado! ¡De hecho, ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! Nuestra lectura del Evangelio fue elegida por la Iglesia de la misma manera que nuestras lecturas a lo largo de la Cuaresma y el Adviento, para ayudarnos a ponernos en la escena de la gente en las Escrituras. La experiencia de la tumba vacía fue ciertamente un evento milagroso, ¡el más milagroso en la historia de la Creación! ¡Al menos hasta más tarde ese día, cuando se encontrarían con el Jesús resucitado!

De vuelta a la tumba, y particularmente a los paños funerarios. Por supuesto, si alguien fuera a robar el cadáver (encerrado y protegido) de Jesús, no habría pasado por el lento proceso de desenvolverlo, y ciertamente no de rodar y colocar la cabeza cubierta con cuidado en otra área de la tumba.

Con suerte, a estas alturas probablemente hayas oído hablar de la "Sábana Santa de Turín". Si no lo has hecho, ite recomiendo encarecidamente que encuentres un recurso católico fiel y leas sobre él! La cubierta es más que la tela funeraria de Jesús, que tiene una huella de un hombre guemado en la tela mientras se doblaba sobre él, incluso mostrando las heridas de una corona de espinas. La explosión de energía necesaria para dejar esta huella es casi inimaginable (¿tal vez el momento de Su poderosa resurrección?). Pero lo que me ha intrigado son las manchas que sugieren que también puede haber sido el mantel de la Última Cena, jy también utilizado como paño del altar en las primeras celebraciones de la Misa! Que doblarían el paño sobre la Eucaristía, el sacramento de Su Cuerpo y Sangre, como el paño había estado sobre su Cuerpo en la tumba. Esto puede estar relacionado con por qué la tela cuadrada que cubre el cáliz se llama "palio".

La Iglesia Primitiva entendió la importancia central de las telas funerarias que se encuentran en la tumba vacía. Significaba, como el ángel les dijo a las mujeres, "Él no está aquí, porque ha sido criado tal como dijo". ¡Aleluya!

¡Feliz Pascua, y que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias!, Padre Kelley

# Upcoming Events/Próximos Eventos

# Catechetical Corner ~by Becca Dickerson, Director of Evangelization

Happy Easter! God loves you more than you can imagine. He created you for a relationship with Him, but sin separates us from His perfect love. That's why Jesus came—to suffer and die for our sins, and rise again, offering us new life. Christmas celebrates His coming, and Easter His victory, but His love isn't just for holidays—it's for you, every day. No matter how long it's been, He's calling you back. Want hope? Want joy? Come, receive His mercy, and step into the fullness of life He offers. You are always welcome home.

If you want a boost and a fresh start, why not try coming to Reboot with Chris Stefanick on Wed., April 30 at 7:00 pm in the Xavier Center? Get your tickets online by scanning the QR code on the posters in the bulletin or the lobby of each building.



# **Exciting news!**

St. Francis Xavier Parish is launching a Trail Life troop— an adventure program for boys ages 5-17 that builds character, leadership, while fostering faith and forming Christ-center yong men. If you're interested in joining or learning more, contact:

Phil Dickerson at philip.r.dickerson@gmail.com.

Easter Egg Hunt
April 26
Xavier Center
2-3pm: Grades 5 & Under
8-9pm: Grades 6-12

Búsqueda de Huevos de Pascua 26 de abril Centro Xavier 14:00-15:00: Niños de 5.º grado y menores 20:00-21:00: Niños de 6.º a 12.º grado

# SFX YOUTH GROUP



We're busy planning activities for the summer and next year! If you have not had a chance to attend yet, email Katie klatrinka@gmail.com to be among the first to know when events are scheduled!

### PCCW Meeting on May 10

The PCCW's next meeting is Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m., at the Gateway Family Diner, 70 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg. All women of the parish are welcome to join. For more details, please email Maritza Torres at Maritza.m.torres3@gmail.com.





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



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Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm
Hot dogs/chips available during tee time
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Golfer registrations will be accepted until May 1st, 2025 or until we reach a full flight.

Proceeds benefit tuition assistance for our families most in need.

Register Online: https://www.sfxcs-pa.org/fr-hilbert-cup-golf-tournament Questions? Contact Heather Fadrowski 717-334-4221 hfadrowski@sfxcs-pa.org All are invited to join us at the St. Francis
Xavier Catholic School masses EVERY Friday
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WHEN:
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# Community & Diocesan Notes/Notas Comunitarias y Diocesanas

# **Seeking Parish Council Candidates**

The parish pastoral council is seeking nominations for three seats up for election. Nominations are open from the parish at large. 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:
- 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.



#### **Easter Sunday Masses** 7:30 AM, Historic Church Sunday 9:00 AM, Xavier Center (Bilingual) 10:30 AM, Historic Church (English) 20 12:00 PM, Xavier Center (Español) 5:00 PM, Gettysburg College (English) Ensayo de Grupo de Música: Jesús En Ti Confió 6:00 PM, Parish Office Fireplace Room Monday 21 A P St. Monica's Prayer Group 1:00 PM, Parish Office Chapel R Tuesday I 22 L Grupo de Oracion: Jesus En Ti Confio 20 Wednesday 7:30 PM, Historic Church 23 A School Fine Arts Night at the Xavier Center 3:00-6:00 PM Art Gallery 6:00 PM Talent Show P Thursday R Christian Initiation of Adults (CIA) (Eng) 24 7:00 PM, Xavier Center Ι L Grupo de Intercesión 6:00 PM, Parish Office Chapel Friday Grupo de Jóvenes 26 25 6:30 PM, Xavier Center Grupo de Juan 23 6:30 PM, Xavier Center Easter Egg Hunt (Grade 5 and under) 2:00 - 3:00 PM, Xavier Center Saturday Easter Egg Hunt (Grade 6-12) 26 8:00 - 9:00 PM, Xavier Center

# SFX PCCW Fundraiser at Jersey Mike's on Thursday, May 1

Support the good work of the SFX PCCW by supporting their fundraiser at Jersey Mike's.

The SFX PCCW is sponsoring a fundraiser at Jersey Mike's, located at 44 Natural Springs Rd., Gettysburg, PA, 717-398-2527. It takes place from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on May 1.

20% of all orders in person and online will be donated to the PCCW. No flyer is needed.

No need to cook dinner on May 1, order from Jersey Mike's instead!



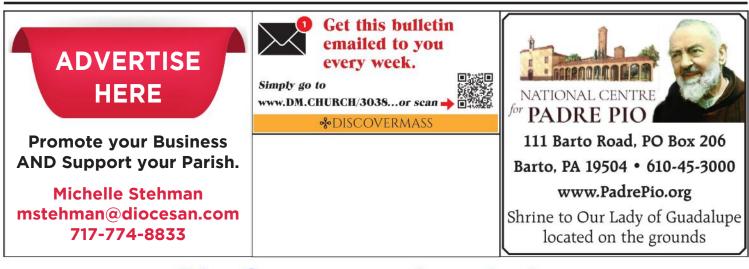
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