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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

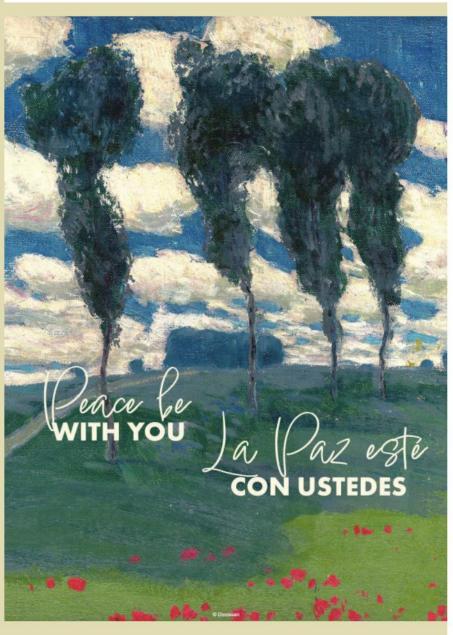
After 7:00 AM Masses

**or by appointment

Adoration / Adoración

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Following Noon Mass until Vespers at 4:45 PM



April 27, 2025/27 de abril de 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday | Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Last chance to get Reboot tickets!

Just a few days left to get tickets for Reboot with Chris Stefanick 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. Buy your tickets now before they're gone. 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 at this link. Or, at the QR Code below:

There is no cost to the parish for Reboot. All proceeds cover Chris' travel expenses. Hope to see you there!



Thank You from the Knights

The St. Francis Xavier Council #2539 Knights of Columbus would like to thank the St. Francis Xavier Parishioners and all who contributed recently to the Tender Care Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive. Your contributions totaled \$4,024.98 and will be augmented by a \$400.00 match from the National organization of the Knights of Columbus, for a total of \$4,424.98 for Tender Care. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia 27/4, hoy, Centro Xavier, Hora Santa 1:15 – 2:15pm Divine Mercy Sunday 4/27, today Xavier Center, Holy Hour 2:30 – 3:30pm

Thank You from the PCCW

The PCCW would like to thank everyone who bought pretzels at each Fish Fry. Due to your generosity and our special donor who absorbed the cost of the pretzels, the PCCW was able to donate the total proceeds of \$1,501.50 to the parish debt reduction.

In Preparation for Next Sunday

First Reading: <u>Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41</u> Psalm: <u>Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13</u> Second Reading: <u>Revelation 5:11-14</u>

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19 or John 21:1-14

I will extol you, O Lord, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. ~~Psalms 30:2

Te ensalzaré, oh Señor, porque me libraste y no permitiste que mis enemigos se alegraran de mí. ~-Salmos 30:2

Mass Intentions/Intenciones para la Misa

Sunday/Domingo April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 am (HC): † Shirley Golden

9:00 am (CX/XC Bilingüe/Bilingual): All SFX Parishioners

10:30 am (HC): * Amanda Kendall

12:00 pm (CX Español): † Edelmira L. García

5:00 pm (GC)

Monday/Lunes April 28

7:00 am (HC): * Barbara Heim

Tuesday/Martes April 29

7:00 am (HC): † Barbara Heim

Wednesday/Miércoles April 30

7:00 am (HC): * Greg Plotica 6:30 pm (XC Español): No Mass

Thursday/Jueves May 1

7:00 pm (HC Bilingual): Special Intention of Irene Borba

Friday/Viernes May 2

8:30 a.m. (HC English): † Denise Kriger Cutshall 12:00 pm (XC Español): † All souls in Purgatory

Saturday/Sábado May 3

9:00 am (HC) First Saturday Mass 4:00 pm (HC): * Philip Dalrymple



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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 registrese 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,

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it" (Psalm 118:24)

When the Lord, on the cross, promised the repentant thief that "Today you will be with me in paradise," Jesus didn't mean "within 24 hours." Our Lord was in the tomb for three days. He meant something greater. So what does "Today" or "This is the day" mean?

It means the dawning of a new reality in the history of Creation, a new page in the history of humanity. Since the time that Jesus fulfilled the Paschal Mystery two thousand years ago, humanity has the invitation to put our faith in Christ, to confess our sins to the mercy of God, and receive not only forgiveness, but a share in divine life. The joy of heaven, not just in heaven, but here and now! "It is not I who lives, but Christ who lives within me," said Saint Paul. God said through the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the wilderness I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers." God brings life out of death. Living waters flow anew.

My mother recently asked me about the meaning of "Undoer of knots." This is a beautiful title of our Blessed Mother. Mary by her obedience unties the knot that Eve tied by her disobedience, bounding humanity to original sin and an inclination toward sin. By Mary's cooperation with the divine will, Jesus is born, who, in divine mercy, frees us from sin. Eve is called mother, but her children live unto death. Mary is called mother, and her children love unto eternal life! Her children are the brothers and sisters in faith of her son Jesus—all those who have his life in them.

That is the "today" of this new condition of humanity, this new world. Captives are set free, the lame walk, the blind can see, and the poor have the good news preached to them. We know this by faith, in mystery. Eventually we will behold it in its full beautiful splendor. Many people will wake and live today as if it were like any other day. We rise with great joy. For "This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it!" Jesus, I trust in you!

Happy Easter, and God bless you and your families!!

Fr. Kelley

Queridas Familias y Amigos de la Parroquia de San Francisco Javier:

"Este es el día en que actuó el Señor; sea nuestra alegría y nuestro gozo" (Salmo 118:24).

Cuando el Señor, en la cruz, prometió al ladrón arrepentido: "Hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso", Jesús no quiso decir "dentro de 24 horas". Nuestro Señor estuvo en el sepulcro tres días. Se refería a algo más grande. Entonces, ¿qué significa "hoy" o "este es el día"?

Significa el amanecer de una nueva realidad en la historia de la Creación, una nueva página en la historia de la humanidad. Desde que Jesús cumplió el Misterio Pascual hace dos mil años, la humanidad está invitada a poner su fe en Cristo, a confesar sus pecados a la misericordia de Dios y a recibir no solo el perdón, sino también la participación en la vida divina. ¡La alegría del cielo, no solo en el cielo, sino aquí y ahora! "No soy yo quien vive, sino Cristo quien vive en mí", dijo San Pablo. Dios dijo por medio del profeta Isaías: "¡Miren, estoy haciendo algo nuevo! Ya brota, ¿no lo perciben? En el desierto abro un camino, en la tierra desolada, ríos". Dios trae vida de la muerte. Aguas vivas fluyen de nuevo.

Mi madre me preguntó recientemente sobre el significado de "Desatadora de Nudos". Este es un hermoso título de nuestra Santísima Madre. María, por su obediencia, desata el nudo que Eva hizo con su desobediencia, atando a la humanidad al pecado original y a una inclinación hacia el pecado. Por la cooperación de María con la voluntad divina, nace Jesús, quien, en la divina misericordia, nos libera del pecado. Eva es llamada madre, pero sus hijos viven hasta la muerte. María es llamada madre, ¡y sus hijos aman para la vida eterna! Sus hijos son los hermanos y hermanas en la fe de su hijo Jesús: todos aquellos que tienen su vida en ellos.

Ese es el "hoy" de esta nueva condición de la humanidad, este nuevo mundo. Los cautivos son liberados, los cojos caminan, los ciegos ven y a los pobres se les predica la buena nueva. Lo sabemos por fe, en el misterio. Con el tiempo, lo contemplaremos en todo su hermoso esplendor. Mucha gente se despertará y vivirá hoy como si fuera un día cualquiera. Nos levantamos con gran alegría. Porque "¡Este es el día que hizo el Señor; alegrémonos y regocijémonos en él!". ¡Jesús, en ti confío!

¡Felices Pascuas y que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias!

Padre Kelley

Upcoming Events/Próximos Eventos

Catechetical Corner ~~by Debbie Holt, Director of Religious Education

Today is the second Sunday of Easter also known as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy Sunday was instituted in 2000 when Pope St. John Paul II was canonizing St. Faustina Kowalska. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina, a humble, Polish sister. During these visions, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be established so that all people would turn to Our Lord and find refuge in Him and His unfathomable mercy. He also taught St. Faustina the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. When we pray the Chaplet with trust in Jesus, we can receive many blessings for ourselves and others. Jesus said, "Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it, they will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy." (Diary, 687) St. Jean-Marie Vianney said, "Some people say, 'I have done too much evil, God can't forgive me.' That's grave blasphemy. It means to impose a limit on God's mercy. But it doesn't have one: it is limitless. Nothing insults God as much as doubting his mercy." O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

PCCW Fundraiser at Jersey Mike's May 1

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

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

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!

PCCW Clothing Drive May 3

The PCCW is hosting a clothing drive at the Xavier Center on Sat., May 3, 9am – 12pm. Please donate your gently used items packed in white 13-gallon trash bags. We can accept: clothing, baby clothing, handbags, backpacks, towels, sheets, curtains, linens, belts, and sandals and shoes (men, women & children).

We cannot accept: torn, ripped, stained or soiled items; items with missing buttons or broken zippers; undergarments (underwear, bras, slips, swimsuits); team uniforms with logos or company shirts with logos; personal pillows, bed padding, bedspreads or mattresses of any kind.

PCCW Mother's Day Flower Sale

The PCCW will hold its annual Mother's Day Flower Sale after all the Masses on Mother's Day, May 11. All proceeds will benefit our local Tender Care Pregnancy Center and their activities. Donations are \$2.00 each or 3 flowers/\$5.00. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

The PCCW will participate in the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 11, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is
National
Child Abuse
Prevention
Month. Please
see Bishop
Senior's <u>letter</u>
on this
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To view our whole list of events, check out our parish calendar at stfxcc.org/parish-calendar



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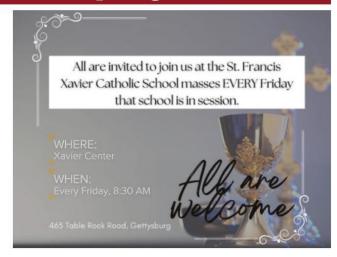
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Community & Diocesan Notes/Notas Comunitarias y Diocesanas



Adventure > Character > Leadership

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.

PCCW Meeting 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.











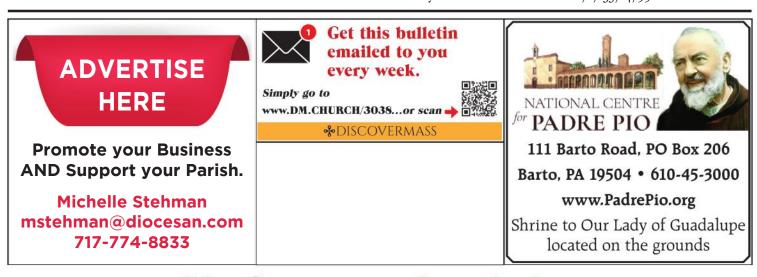
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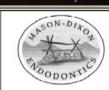
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