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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 28, 2021**



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THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY 7AM-5PM

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Registration forms are on our parish website

SUNDAY MASSES—IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Saturday 4pm (Anticipated), Sunday 8am & 11am

Livestream: facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

Also recorded and uploaded on YouTube

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass 1st & 5th Sunday

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8am ♦ 1st Saturday 8am

Rosary at 7:30am before Mass

HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced in the bulletin

CONFESSIONS: IN THE CHURCH SACRISTY

Sat 3:15-3:45pm ♦ Sun 7:15-7:45am; 10:15-10:45am
and by appointment

WEEKLY FRIDAY ADORATION

Immediately after the Friday 8am Mass

BAPTISMS: By appointment with Father

MARRIAGES: Make arrangements with your Pastor
at least six months in advance; call the Rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com

BULLETIN ITEMS ♦ PRAYER LIST

Send items to SFX1640bulletin@gmail.com

Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Palms distributed at all Masses



HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 29

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION*

Reflection on the Parable of the Prodigal Son

With Fr. Ryan

Talk 7pm—Silent Adoration 8pm—Benediction 8:50pm

Confessions heard during Adoration

**Also Livestreamed on Facebook*

HOLY TUESDAY, MARCH 30

HOLY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Confessions heard each day after the 8am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

See the Schedule for Service Times

***Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

to support Christians in the Holy Land,
especially during this pandemic

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD**



SHARING OUR TREASURE

March 21, 2021

Offertory	\$2,522.00
Online Giving	\$1,165.00
2nd Collection (none)	—

**“At one time this was called not Holy Week
but the Week of Reconciliation.**

The reason Christ came into this
world was to pick up the pieces of
our broken lives...

This is indeed a week of reconciliation.

If we have not been able to practice our faith
as we would like and as we know we should,
this is a wonderful week to get started all over again.”

John Cardinal O'Connor (+2000)

*Thought for
the Week*

TRIDUUM & EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper,
followed by Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

3pm: Stations of the Cross

7pm: The Celebration of the Passion
of the Lord: Liturgy of the Word,
Holy Communion, and Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

8am: Morning Prayer/Office of Readings

10am: Confessions

8pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Sunrise Mass at 6:30am

Mass at 8am, 11am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 11

The Second Sunday of Easter is also called Divine
Mercy Sunday. To celebrate this, our parish will
have a Eucharistic Adoration after the 11am Mass
until 3:15pm. We will recite the Chaplet of the
Divine Mercy at 3pm, followed by Benediction.
All are invited to pray in front of the
Blessed Sacrament
between noon and
3pm, and reflect
on the mercy of God.



**Pray for those who will receive the
Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil**

Next Saturday, we will welcome
three new members to our Catholic
Faith, and rejoice at the
Confirmation of a fellow Catholic.
Please keep them in your prayers as they take this
momentous step in their faith journey!



Sacraments of Eucharist & Confirmation

Ronald Lee Barnes Kaylen Elizabeth Leitch

Matthew Neil Decker

Sacrament of Confirmation

Mark Roy

POOR BOX

The poor box, which was donated by the Knights of Columbus, has been placed in the vestibule of the church, next to the baptismal font. **For the month of March**, anything collected will be donated to Our Lady of the Wayside Food Pantry. Everything collected in **April** will be donated to the Food Pantry of St. Aloysius Church.



2021 JUBILARIAN MASS

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary?

Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held Sunday, Jun 27 at 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing; the Mass will be live-streamed. To receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate or to register to attend the Mass, call the parish office, 301-475-9885, before April 30.

MANOR HOUSE NEWS

New Roof!

In collaboration with the Archdiocese of Washington, architect Larry Abell, and the Manor House Technical Committee, Fr. Pineda has signed a contract with RRH Associates LLC of Huntingtown, MD for a replacement of the Manor House roof. After looking at options, a decision was made to use a slate gray, coated steel standing seam product. The Manor House has had a metal roof in the past. Fascia and soffits will be repaired, and the technical committee is looking to replace the dormer windows at the same time. Work should start this month, with projected completion in May 2021.



SAVE THE DATE:

NEW DATE FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL "WALK IN THE PARK" 5K FUN RUN/WALK



Join us here at SFX on **Sat, Sep 18** for this fun event to benefit our parish's Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund. Stay tuned for more details.

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Southern Maryland's largest summer camp is now open for registration. New classes include Babysitter Training, Lucky Dog Camp, Coaster Park Design, Paintball, Combat Archery, Cake Boss, Camper vs. Wild, plus many favorites from previous years. The Program's goal is to help our children grow in knowledge and love of Christ and our Catholic faith, while enjoying an amazing summer with young, strong Catholic role models as instructors. Song & Prayer every day, Mass on Fridays. Extended care. Maryland licensed camp. Visit www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com for complete schedule and more info.



REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES THIS EASTER SEASON WITH FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
Your donation to the Easter Flower Fund allows us to adorn our historic church with lilies and other flowers during this Holy Season. Use the envelope in your monthly set (or any envelope), list the names of those you'd like to remember or honor (please mark deceased loved ones with a +), place your offering in the envelope, and drop the envelope off in church or mail it to the rectory. The names of your loved ones will be listed on a poster in the back of church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS WANTED

Although we are now celebrating Mass in person, some of our liturgical ministers are still not ready to come back to church. Because of this, we are in need of volunteers. If you want to share your talent and would like to be a lector (reader), Extraordinary minister of communion (to bring communion to the homebound), or help with cleaning the church after the Mass, please email Fr. Ryan at PinedaR@adw.org. Additionally, if you have a child (2nd–9th grade) who would like to be an altar server, please let Fr. Ryan know as well. Only minimal training is needed.



OUR WEEKEND MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

And you can view one of our recorded weekend Masses on our web page:
www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Lottery Fundraiser: Take a chance (or 2 or 3!) on being one of the 30 winners in the first FAW Lottery Fundraiser!! Support the school and maybe come away a WINNER!!! **\$10 gets 30 chances to win up to \$2,650!** Call the school office, 301-475-9795, for details.

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A REMINDER FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Mowing of our parish cemetery began on Mar 26. Catholic Cemeteries asks that we help maintain the beauty of this sacred ground by using fresh cut flowers only from Mar 16—Nov 14. Thank you for understanding.

SPRING

APRIL COLLECTIONS

Apr 1 Easter
FAW School
Apr 18 Maintenance
Apr 25 Church Mission in the US



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A NOTE FROM YOUR SHEPHERD

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Pax et Bonum!

We are now entering the holiest week in our Church calendar. When we started our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, we prepared ourselves with the traditional Lenten practices of fasting and abstinence, almsgiving, and prayer. We also examined our conscience and (hopefully) we availed of the sacrament of reconciliation. Now, Holy Week has commenced.

We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Also called Passion Sunday, we focus on our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but we also look at our Lord's days of suffering and death. Thursday marks the beginning of the Paschal Triduum. The Paschal Triduum (TRID-oo-um), which is the Latin word for three days, commemorates the redemptive journey of Christ through death, burial, and resurrection to new life. The Church observes the Triduum as a single event made up of three distinct parts.

Holy Thursday is also called Maundy Thursday because of Jesus' new *mandatum*, which means commandment in English. This is the night when our Lord gave the commandment to love another and when he washed his disciples' feet. After communion, we will process to the altar of the repose where we will have the opportunity to adore the Lord until midnight.

Good Friday is the only day when the Church does not celebrate Mass. We will mark the events of our Lord's trial, crucifixion, death, and burial with special observances. We will pray the Stations of the Cross at 3pm and celebrate the Passion liturgy at 7pm. Because of Covid restrictions, our veneration of the cross will be limited to adoration and genuflection instead of the traditional kissing of the cross. However, rosary rings with a wooden cross will be available for you to take home so you can continue the veneration of the cross in your homes.

The Easter vigil will be celebrated on Holy Saturday, after sundown. During the Easter vigil, we will have three baptized adult Christians who will be received into the Church and one adult Catholic who will be confirmed. For those who cannot make it to the Easter vigil, we will have three Masses on Easter Sunday: 6:30am (Sunrise service), 8am, and 11am.

May we continue to use this time to meditate on what our Lord Jesus Christ did to redeem us.

In Christ,
Fr. Ryan



Saturday – March 27

4pm — Joseph Kovalcik †

Sunday – March 28

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8am — Shirley Strine †

11am — Pro Populo

Monday – March 29

8am — Carrie Schaller †

Tuesday – March 30

8am — Charles Downs †

Wednesday – March 31

8am — Jack Hodges †

Thursday – April 1

Holy Thursday

7pm — Charles Downs †

Friday – April 2

Good Friday

No Masses

Saturday – April 3

Holy Saturday

8pm — Pro Populo

Sunday – April 4

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:30 am — Pro Populo

8am — Shirley Strine †

11am — Frank Greenwell †



Mary Helen Farrell, Karen Huseman, Brenda Unkle, Wally Bowles, Richley (Bunky) Taylor, those in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation & long-term care facilities, or homebound. **Our beloved dead:** Msgr. Godfrey Mosley, James Cabangon, Betty Aldridge, all who have died from the coronavirus, and all those buried in our parish cemetery.

Our Prayer List is refreshed each month.

To have someone included in the intentions for the next month, please resubmit your request by email to SFX1640bulletin@gmail.com or phone the rectory so that we can keep this list current. If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacrament of anointing.

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