

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

Since Saint Patrick's Day falls on a Friday this Lent, Cardinal Wuerl has issued a dispensation to allow Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington to eat meat on March 17th.

Recently I have had a number of calls to the hospital to give the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament is for anyone who is near death or is seriously ill. If you are in a hospital and in need of the Sacrament, you can call me or tell the nurse to contact a priest. Every hospital in the Archdiocese of Washington has a priest "on call." For example, every Thursday I cover St. Mary's Hospital. When called, I administer the Anointing, bring Communion and spend time with the patient and/or family. If you have a serious illness, you should also request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. I am happy to visit people in their homes. This Sacrament brings graces of healing, peace and strength.

Pope Francis has appointed one of our priest, Fr. Roy Campbell, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Largo, MD, to be an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington. Please keep Fr. Campbell in your prayers as he prepares for his new responsibilities for our Church of Washington.

Wishing you many blessings this Lent.

God bless, Fr. Dan

New SFX Website

Please visit our newly designed SFX website. It's at the same web address:

www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org

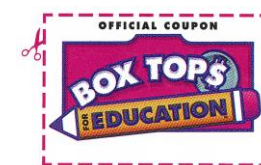
Thank you to SFX parishioner Drew Dowdell and to the Archdiocese of Washington's Digital Media team! They have worked hard in its development. We hope you find it helpful!

High School Vocations Excursion Day



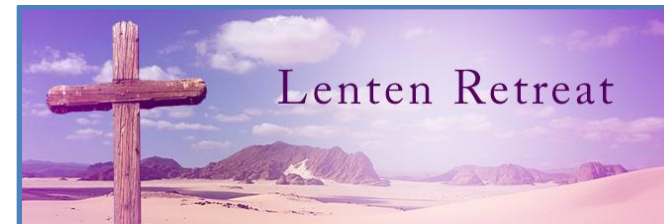
For high school young men, Sunday, April 2nd, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., hiking the Billy Goat Trail at Great Falls National Park with priests and seminarians. Includes Mass, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration and a cookout dinner. For info or to register, visit www.dcpriest.org or contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

Supporting Father Andrew White School



Box Tops, like the one pictured here, you will find on many products you buy at the store. These can be turned in by our school to get funds. Simply clip them from the things you buy and turn them into SFX and we'll get them to the school. It's an easy way we can all help support our school.

SFX Lenten Retreat



Take some time away from the busyness and distractions of the world to spend quality time with our Lord. On Saturday, March 25th, 8:30 a.m. – Noon, we will have a retreat at SFX. The retreat is free. Please sign up in the vestibule.

SFX Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry



Mark your calendars for Friday, March 24th, 6-8 p.m. See bulletin insert for details.

Annual Spring Craft Fair

Held Sunday, April 9th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 24801 Three Notch Road, Hollywood, MD. Free admission / free parking. Sponsored by HVFD Ladies Auxiliary. For more info, contact Leone Gatton at 301-373-2221 or go to www.hvfd7.com.

Holy Angels Church Spring Seafood Dinner

Sunday, March 26th, 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Menu: crab balls, steamed shrimp, fried oysters, fried chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, beets, rolls and beverages. Adults \$27, Carry Out \$25, Advance tickets until March 20th \$25, Children 6-12 \$8, and Children under 5 free. \$1,500 raffle – chances \$10 each. Info or to purchase advance tickets call 301-769-3332.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday – March 12th

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8:00 a.m. – Constance Hanify+

11:00 a.m. – Paul Norman, Jr.

Monday – March 13th

9:00 a.m. – Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Hughes+

Tuesday – March 14th

No Mass

Wednesday – March 15th

9:00 a.m. – Deacon Robert Kilner

Holy Hour & Confessions @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday – March 16th

9:00 a.m. – George Tennison+

Friday – March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

9:00 a.m. – Erin Shaller

Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday – March 18th

Confessions @ 3:15 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – Becky Shaller

The Light is ON  **for You.**
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. during Lent is a Holy Hour with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, time for personal silent prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.