

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

For the greater glory of God...

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy that I write this letter to you as your new administrator. I was truly honored when Cardinal Wuerl presented me with the letter to inform me that I had been appointed to this position, with the hope that in about a year I would be installed as your pastor.

Since I cannot yet name my weekly column, "From the Pastor," I have decided to take my inspiration for the title from the beginning of Cardinal Wuerl's appointment letter to me, which began with the words, "For the glory of God..." What a wonderful reminder that all we do in our work for the Church is finally for God's greater glory and honor.

It also happens to be the motto of the Jesuits, who founded our parish: "For the greater glory of God" (in Latin: "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam). Some of you may remember writing the abbreviation, "A.M.D.G." at the top of your homework and tests in Catholic school, as I do. It means that we strive to give God glory by recognizing that all of our actions should flow from God and be directed back to Him. I think St. Irenaeus captured it so well when he wrote: "The glory of God is the human person fully alive."

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Dan Carson for his outstanding pastoral leadership here at St. Francis Xavier over the past six months, especially during that most


critical and sad time of Fr. Crowley's illness and death. Fr. Dan has gone out of his way to make this transition as smooth as possible for me, for which I am very grateful.

As we transition together over these summer months, I look forward to getting to know you and for you to learn about me. I'm excited to learn about the history and traditions of this beautiful parish as our journey of faith continues, and know that I am thrilled to walk that journey with you!

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Rob

Youth Camp

St. Inigoes Youth Camp @  Loyola on the Potomac in conjunction with Camp Fire are excited to Present "Unplug and Reconnect" – a summer day camp for youth ages 8-14 on July 17-21. Camp will include: Bible Study, Ways to Pray, Music, Arts & Crafts, Games, Nature Walks and more. Daily Snack & Lunch provided. Fee: \$100 a week plus a one-time registration fee of \$25. To register on-line go to <http://bit.ly/unplug17>. For more information contact Lisa White at (301) 392-0819 or lisa.white@loyolaretreat.org.



Camp Maria Family Swimming

The Camp Maria Retreat Center introduces "Family Fellowship Swim Evenings!" The

available July dates are the 18th, 19th and every Tuesday and Wednesday evening in August. The times for these events are 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. (weather permitting). Check in at the Dining Lodge when you arrive. Camp Maria is at 41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown, MD. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$5 for kids. Refreshments available for purchase. Certified Lifeguard on Duty. Contact Theresa at admin@campmaria.org to reserve your spot. Walk-ins are welcome. For questions, contact Ann at director@campmaria.org. For info on all of Camp Maria's programs and facilities, go to www.campmaria.org.



Since we pray for each other here on earth, we can offer prayers to help the souls of our departed loved ones (Catholic and non-Catholic) through a Mass intention. Intentions at Mass can also be offered for the living, or special prayers. They can also be offered to celebrate a special occasion in a person's life, or in thanksgiving for a prayer request granted. Having a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, is a wonderful expression of caring, compassion and thoughtfulness. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact the parish office or email us at: stfrancisxavier.md@adwparish.org. We will gladly assist you with your request.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week

Saturday – July 15th

Saint Bonaventure
4:00 p.m. – Fr. Edward Evans+
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – July 16th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners
11:00 a.m.

Monday – July 17th

8:00 a.m. – Fr. Edward Evans+

Tuesday – July 18th

Saint Camillus de Lellis
No Mass

Wednesday – July 19th

8:00 a.m.

Thursday – July 20th

St. Apollinaris
8:00 a.m.

Friday – July 21st

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi
8:00 a.m.

Saturday – July 22nd

Saint Mary Magdalene
4:00 p.m.
Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – July 23rd

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners