

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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SICK CALLS: ANYTIME

A "Welcoming Family" of Catholic Believers!



Founded 1890

"Be great in small things"

Saint Francis Xavier Church

151 Bridge Street

MASSES

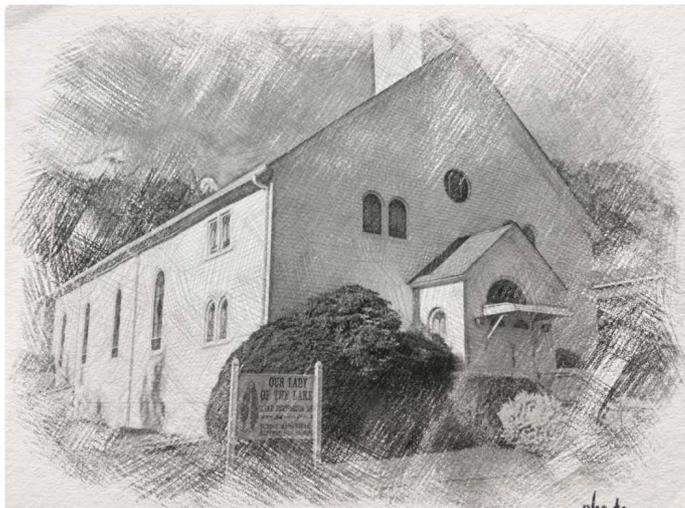
SATURDAY VIGIL	4:30PM
SUNDAY	11:00AM
DAILY (TUESDAY-FRIDAY)	8:30AM
HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION	AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS

ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT

SATURDAY

4:00PM



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Hail Stella Maris, God's own Mother blest!!

Our Lady of the Lake Church

Rt 52, Lake Huntington

MASSES

SUNDAY 9:00AM

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS & DAILY MASS AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Regularly scheduled on available Sundays of each month after our last Mass. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Rectory. One godparent is required and must be 14, confirmed and a practicing Catholic, plus obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their parish. Only one male and one female godparent is permitted. Parents should be registered in the parish and meet with priests.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to wedding date. Marriage Preparation Conferences must be attended. Either the Bride or the Groom must be a registered parishioner or be associated with the parish. They must meet with the parish priest before a wedding date can be scheduled.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8 meet Sundays. Contact the Religious Ed Office to register children. We ask families to be registered & involved parishioners. Children must be baptized. Parents & children are expected to attend Mass each week including summertime.

Dear Parish Family,

Did you ever have what you might call a *thorn in the flesh*? If you did, you would know. Saint Paul had one. He speaks about it in the Second Reading this week. What was it? We do not know. He does not tell us. There has been much speculation about it, but obviously the Holy Spirit preferred to keep silent about this. I think we can all understand why. We all have sufferings. We all have temptations. We all are different. We all can then profit from the dialogue that Saint Paul had with the Lord. "Three times," he tells us called out and,

I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong (1 Cor 12:9-10).

I know. It sounds like it doesn't make sense. If, however, we were to ask the spiritual master, Father John Nicholas Grou, not only why this happened to Saint Paul but why it happens to us, he would answer as he wrote in *Manual for Interior Souls*:

It is because you are pleasing to God. Temptations are therefore the reward of your previous fidelity; and God allows them on purpose to make you still more agreeable in His eyes, and consequently more holy and perfect. Every page of the Old and the New Testament contains proofs and examples of this truth. And it is undoubtedly the most powerful motive for consolation which the servants of God can have in all their trials.

It is, therefore, very necessary that temptation should try the true servants of God. What do we mean by the word try? We mean, first of all, that temptation makes clear and obvious the truth and genuineness of their virtue. For what is a virtue worth that has never been exercised? It is a feeble virtue, a doubtful virtue of which we can make no account, and which we cannot rely upon. Is it at all difficult to walk when God is helping us on? Or to pray when we are inundated with spiritual consolations? Or to overcome ourselves when the attractions of grace are so triumphant that they leave scarcely any room for the smallest resistance on the part of nature? Is it a painful thing to rest peacefully in the bosom of God, sheltered from all winds and tempests; to be feared by the devil, who keeps himself at a distance; and respected by men who pay homage to piety in our person? Certainly holiness would be neither difficult, nor rare, nor terrible to corrupt nature, if it could be acquired without any effort, without any combats, without any contradictions; and it would have been most unreasonable of St. Paul to compare Christians to the athletes who, after long and painful training, came to struggle in the arena, and who gained the victory at the cost of so much sweat and often of so much blood. A virtue that has never been tried does not deserve the name of virtue.

And, sometimes we fail. Sometimes we fall. Father Grou still continues to assure us, explaining,

St. Paul says that *all things work together, for good to them that love God*. Yes, everything is for their good, even their faults, and sometimes even very grave faults. God permits those very faults, to cure us of vain presumption, to teach us what we really are, and of what we are really capable. David confessed that the adultery and murder of which he was guilty had served to keep him in a continual

distrust of himself. *It is good for me*, he said to God, *that Thou hast humbled me; I have been more faithful in keeping Thy commandments.*

The fall of St. Peter was for him the most useful of lessons, and the humility with which it inspired him disposed him to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to become the Head of the Church, and preserved him from the dangers of so eminent a position. St. Paul, in the great success of his apostolate, preserved himself from pride and vain-glory by remembering how he had once been a blasphemer and a persecutor of the Church of God. And more than this, a humiliating temptation, from which God would not deliver him, served as a balance to the sublimity of the revelations granted to him.

If God was able to draw such an advantage from even the greatest sins, who can doubt that He will make our daily faults serve for our sanctification? It is a remark which has been made by many masters of the spiritual life, that God often leaves in the most holy souls certain defects, from which, notwithstanding all their efforts, they cannot free themselves entirely, to make them feed their own weakness, and what they would be without His grace; to hinder them from being proud of the favours He grants them, and to dispose them to receive these favours with more humility; in short, to nourish in them a certain disgust with themselves, and so to protect them against all the snares of self-love; to animate their fervour and keep them in a constant state of watchfulness, of trust in God and perseverance in prayer. The child who falls when he has gone a little way from his mother, and wishes to walk alone, returns to her with more affection, to be cured of the hurt he has given himself, and he learns by that fall to leave her no more. The experience of his own weakness, and of the tenderness with which his mother received him, makes him love her more than ever.

All the while, Father Grou instructs us to remember,

God is a great and wise Master: let Him do as He likes; He will not fail in His work. Let us make up our minds carefully to avoid everything that can displease Him the least in the world; but if we should fall into any fault, let us be sorry on His account and not on our own; let us love the humiliation into which this fault throws us; let us beg of God to draw from our humiliation His glory: He will do this, and by this means will advance us far more than by a life apparently more regular and holy, but which would destroy our self-love less efficaciously.

Slawomir Biela, in his book, *God Alone Suffices*, stresses both our need for total dependence on God alone and putting to death our egotistical self-love: pride. This dying of ourselves frightens us. We want to be loved even if it's self-love. Mr. Biela, however, assures us that God loves us. But he also cautions us not to think we have any "goodness" or any virtue of our own, which we do not. These are all gift. "We do not receive love from God because of our achievements and virtue." No, God loves us as sinners. Mr. Biela then reminds us that "the only real exchange that can take place between God and creature is receiving His forgiveness and His mercy 'in return' for surrendering our sins and misery to Him." That's what he was asking Saint Paul to do. So, guess what God wants us to do? "*His grace is sufficient for us.*"

God's Peace, ☩



Mass Intentions

Saturday July 7th

4:30pm -Edward Schultz
 Requested by Dorothy Schultz
 -Maureen M.
 Requested by Diane Wekerle

Sunday July 8th

9:00am -Bruce Meyer
 Requested by Mary Jane Nober
 11:00am -Maria Iaffaldano
 Requested by Vito Iaffaldano
 -Jean Salmeri
 Requested by Angela Daley

Monday July 9th

8:30am -No Mass

Tuesday July 10th

8:30am -Maria Iaffaldano
 Requested by Vito Iaffaldano

Wednesday July 11th

8:30am -Our Parish Family

Thursday July 12th

8:30am -Your Special Intentions

Friday July 13th

8:30am -Our Parish Family

Saturday July 14th

4:30pm -Elliot Moran
 Requested by Regina Moran

Sunday July 15th

9:00am -Our Parish Family
 11:00am -Margaret Ellen and Thomas Greer
 Requested by Wendell and Lillian Putz



July 1st , 2018

1st Collection

St. Francis Xavier \$1177.00

Our Lady of the Lake \$484.00

2nd Collection

St. Francis Xavier \$376.00

Our Lady of the Lake \$209.00

PTAF

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Forming Catholic Leaders for the Church

July 10th-15th, 2018

This 6 day program (Tues-Sun) is an advanced course in Catholic Christian Leadership and is open to all teens in 8th-12th grade. Under the guidance of an adult coordinator, this retreat is facilitated by adult group leaders who will assist the teens throughout the weekend.

The following topics and leadership talks will be included:

- Apostolic Service
- Community Outreach
- Vocations
- Team Building
- Social Responsibility
- Public Speaking
- Organizational Skills
- Time Management Skills
- Preparing a Prayer Service
- Proclaiming Scripture
- Catholic Moral Teaching

Bringing Jesus to Planned Parenthood through Mary

Come and Pray the Rosary for an End to Abortion

2nd & 4th Fridays at 1:00pm

Outside Planned Parenthood

14 Prince Street

Monticello, NY

Gathering at Church of St. Peter

10 Liberty St., Monticello following 12:15 Mass

For more information, call Jane at 845-292-4647

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6a

Required Announcement on Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949. Sister may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to ***Patrick Harrison, of Rasmussen-Harrison Funeral Homes***, and ***all of the volunteers*** who have taken part in the ongoing clean-up effort in our Parish Cemetery.

If you would like to lend a hand in cleaning-up, or if you would like to make a monetary donation toward the clean-up effort, please call Patrick at 252-3901.

THANK YOU!

Monthly Second Collection Schedule

First Sunday: Repairs & Maintenance
 Second Sunday: Archdiocese Special Collection
 Third Sunday: Capital Improvements
 Fourth Sunday: No 2nd Collection
 Sunday, July 8th Archdiocesan: *Church in Africa*



Fall Volunteer Training 2018

The primary role of our volunteer is to provide companionship and or caregiver relief to persons on Hospice and their families. Volunteers share skills and interests in a manner that provide comfort and enrich the quality of life for those served. Volunteers provide companionship through presence, listening to music, reading and reminiscing etc.

We offer various areas of volunteering within our organization, one of which is office support in both Newburgh and Middletown. Once the prospective volunteer has graduated the training, they can provide support in the geographic location in which they reside.

All interested community members are welcome. Hospice also welcomes prospective volunteers who are Veterans, bilingual and/or Snow Birds.

Training Site:
 Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc.
 90 Crystal Run Road
 Middletown NY 10940

WHEN: Wednesdays 10:00 am -5:00 pm
 9/12, (No class on 9/19), 9/26,10/3,10/10,10/17,10/24,10/31

If you are interested in learning more about the training feel free to contact The Director of Volunteer Services, Debra Epstein at 845-565-4849 or debrae@hospiceoforange.com



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ANY QUESTIONS PHONE (845-252-7547)

\$ 8,000.00 IN PRIZE MONEY
 (based on 350 tickets sold)

1st PRIZE \$ 5,000.00

2nd PRIZE \$ 1,500.00

4th PRIZE \$500.00

3rd PRIZE \$ 1,000.00

5th PRIZE Free Ticket for 2017

Please Pray for our Parish Family

A time to be healed: Peggy Bayly Lohmann, Dennis Falk, Barbara Walter, Gloria Saures, Eileen Dempsey, Ed Brennan, Amy Ernano, Clayton Snow, Barnabas O'Driscoll, Sean Sweeney, Jose Mabama, Ron Burke, Charlotte Mills, Carol Mash, Mary Cauvaris, Barbara Smith, Janine Perry, Hilde Bielfeld, Rosemary Barile, Helene Indelicato, Christine Mary Faggione, and all those struggling with any kind of illness and suffering.

A time to die: Theresa Delaney, Helen Bunis, Maria Meyer, Pat Noble, Joseph Meyer, Gloria Ackermann, Martin Ferrick, Jacoba "Cobi" Campfield, George Johnson, Josephine Kelly, Joanne Barnes Brennan, Dr. Robert Lucas, and all those who have gone before us.

A time to serve: SGT Vaughn Schlott USMC (TX)

**For any changes, additions and/or corrections call (845) 252-6681
 -This list will be cleared every first Friday of the month-**