

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

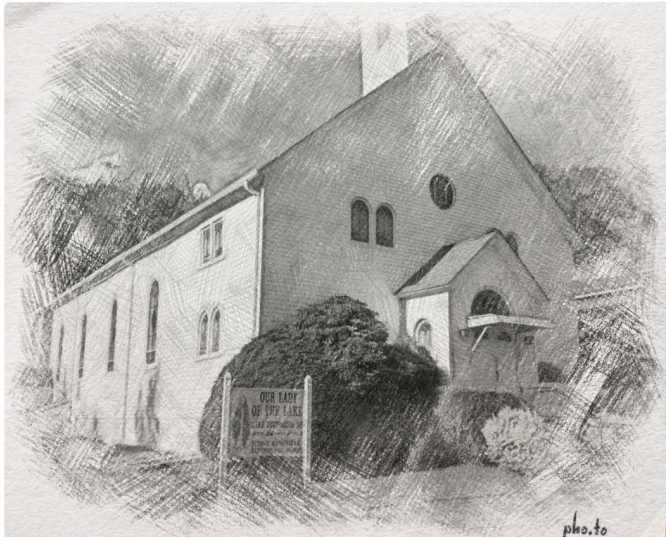
Regularly scheduled on available Sundays of each month after our last Mass. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Rectory. One godparent is required and must be 14, confirmed and a practicing Catholic, plus obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their parish. Only one male and one female godparent is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



Founded 1809

Hail Stella Maris, God's own Mother blest!

Our Lady of the Lake Church

Rt 52, Lake Huntington

Masses

Sunday	8:30am
Holydays of Obligation	As Announced

Confessions & Daily Mass

At St. Francis Xavier



Founded 1890

"Be Great in Small Things"

St. Francis Xavier Church

151 Bridge St., Narrowburg

Masses

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	11:00am
Daily (Tuesday-Friday)	8:30am
Holydays of Obligation	As announced

Confessions

Saturday	4:00pm
Or by appointment	

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 11, 2018 FATHER DENNIS M. DINAN

Dear Parish Family,

Every now and then, I realize “We do not trust!” Yes! In actuality, many of our troubles arise because, after all Jesus has done for us, we still do not believe he is going to take care of us and our needs. I’ll be the first to admit it. I heard Father Benedict Groeschel once say, “you know that prayer that we say, ‘Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you!’” “If we were really honest,” he continued, “We’d say, ‘Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I don’t put my trust in you!’”

I say this, reflecting on the First Reading this week from the *Book of Kings*. Imagine being the woman, living in the time of a great famine, having only a handful of flour left to bake one last time for herself and her son. We know what is going on in her mind. This is what she tells the Prophet Elijah, as he appears on the scene. She adds, “*When we have eaten it, we shall die*” (1 Kgs 17:12). How would we have reacted if we were asked, as she was asked by the prophet, not to bake the flour for herself and her son, but for him? Would our anger have risen up? Would we have been indignant? Would we have given into fear? Would selfishness get the best of us? Would we resist any thought of sharing? Could the prophet have been standing on solid ground when he proposed to her, “... *first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son*” (1 Kgs 17:12). Would we be right in judging that this man is not thinking in the right frame of mind? And so, would we have ignored him?

We do know from the text that she is a believer. She tells Elijah, “*As the Lord your God, lives... I have nothing baked*” (1 Kgs 17:12). As a believer, she is able to act in spite of fear, believe in spite of doubt, and trust in spite of “the inevitable.” Instead of anticipating the worst, which would be normal, she supposes, right then and there, that God really is going to take care of her. What does she base this on? Primarily, it was her faith, even in the words the prophet told her, “*The LORD, the God of Israel, says, ‘The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’ She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah*” (1 Kgs 17:14-16).

This is coupled with the reaction of Jesus in the Gospel to “*A poor widow [who] came and put in two small coins worth a few cents [into the treasury]*” (Mk 12:42). Essential was that Jesus relay his impression to his disciples. So, he calls his disciples to himself, and says to them, “*Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood*” (Mk 12:43-44).

What was the lesson that Jesus wants to make? It’s not explicit, but very much implied is that this is a person who really trusts God. This becomes obvious when a parish has presentations on *tithing*. The focus is that “all things come from God!” It is God who takes care of us. It is God who watches over us and provides for us. Implied here is: God will take care of this woman and anyone else who puts such trust in him. This is close to Job’s attitude, who said, “*Naked I came forth from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I go back again. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD!*” (Job 1:21). He understood the reality of things. With the poor widow, Jesus says that not only did she put all she had in God’s hands, but her livelihood also.

Can we do this? Do we understand that God has a plan that we fit into? Do we understand that God created us to collaborate with him in a mission? Can we accept the fact that God determines the mission? And, the mission is ultimately connected with a person’s salvation. Are we willing to inquire through prayer and cooperate with God to understand what specific work God created for us to do, or role we are to play?

Do we understand and believe in the message of Christianity—that we are pilgrims—that we are only here temporarily—that we are destined to live in another place—it is of that place that Jesus spoke to us, “*I am going to prepare a place for you.*” It is why he also tells us not to make our earthly existence the focus of our lives. He says, “*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be*” (Mt 6:19-21).

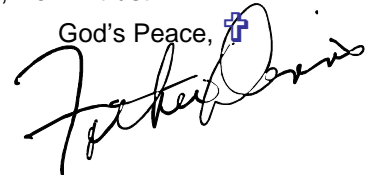
Yes, it is easy to lose sight and get sidetracked. It is very easy to get confused and bewildered by things that happen to us. It is easy to get discouraged, to lose heart, to feel defeated, to feel alone, and to be disappointed. This, however, is when we must rest on solid immovable rock! That’s what Jesus Christ is. We believe in him because he said, “*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away*” (Mt 24:35). We can believe in him. We must believe in him! We can trust in him. We must trust in him!

Many times, since I first printed it in the bulletin, I have been asked by people for a copy or to reprint that very special meditation by John Henry Newman, an Anglican Bishop, later a Catholic Cardinal, “*I Have My Mission.*” Cardinal Newman was a brilliant man who suffered greatly in many ways during his life. It had many upsets. These things are reflected in it. Abby has put it in this week’s bulletin and on our website.

We all deal with difficulties, suffering and hardship in life. None of us are exempt. To endure—to be able to persevere, we need *Hope!* Having this, we can follow Newman’s lead. He says, “*Therefore I will trust him ... He knows what he is about.*” We must learn to do the same. It has to be learned. It is not something that comes to any of us naturally. That is why our faith becomes such a valuable part of our lives. It was something that the poor widows in our readings had to learn through experience. They learned: God will not fail us!

There are times in each of our lives. Many things might seem to be happening, which we do not understand. The path ahead can appear to be extremely unclear. We can be at a crossroad in life. We know, instinctively, whatever will happen, our lives will be different from that point on. We turn to God. We turn to prayer. God might bring us back through time, showing us where he was present and at work at so many junctures. He might also show us how he has been present as a loving Father. He might show how he watched over us and cared for us thus far. He might just indicate simply that he will continue to do so with a love that is beyond our understanding. In answer to our question, “*What must I do?*” “*What is it you want of me?*” All we might hear are the words, “*Trust!*” “*Trust!*” “*Trust!*” Maybe we wanted clarity. Maybe we wanted to see—to understand. Only later, however, do we understand that those things would not have helped. They do not help us to grow in faith. God really knew what he was asking because he knows what he is about. He knows, more than anyone, what we are about. I am sure that many of you can hear these or similar words that were said to you on one or more occasions. Many times, all God is asking of us is that you and I “*Trust!*” “*Trust!*” “*Trust!*” This means we must “*Pray!*” “*Pray!*” “*Pray!*” We need not come fearful or empty-handed to Mass each week. We can bring this with us. We can offer it to him, who knows what he is about! Therefore, we will trust him!

God’s Peace, ✠



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER & OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCHES

*St. Francis Xavier Parish
Variety Gift Fair*



**St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
Saturday, November 24
10:00am-2:00pm
Crafts, baked goods, a tricky-
tray, and more!**

All funds raised will go directly to the support of both Our Lady of the Lake and St. Francis Xavier Churches. Please help support our Parish!

All donated craft or Tricky Tray items should be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, November 20 from 2-4pm. To make other arrangements for donating, or for any other information, please call Linda at 845-252-7547 or Pat at 845-252-7373.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
151 Bridge St. Narrowsburg, NY 12764

I Have My Mission

I am created to do something or to be something for which no one else is created; I have a place in God's counsels, in God's world, which no one else has; whether I be rich or poor, despised or esteemed by man, God knows me and calls me by my name.

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. Somehow I am necessary for His purposes, as necessary in my place as an Archangel in his—if, indeed, I fail, He can raise another, as He could make the stones children of Abraham. Yet I have a part in this great work: I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us. He does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me—still He knows what He is about.

O Emmanuel ... I give myself to Thee. I trust Thee wholly. Thou art wiser than I—more loving to me than I myself. Deign to fulfill Thy high purposes in me whatever they be—work in and through me. I am born to serve Thee, to be Thine, to be Thy instrument. Let me be Thy blind instrument. I ask not to see—I ask not to know—I ask simply to be used.

John Henry Newman

**Pallottine Teenage Federation
57th Annual Conference**
"We Are All God's Children"
Celebrating:
Mass,
Benediction
& Reconciliation

Keynote Speaker: ValLimar Jansen

**Nov. 30th-Dec. 2nd 2018
Honors Haven Resort & Spa
Ellenville, NY**

ValLimar Jansen is a highly regarded inspirational, catechetical speaker, author, storyteller, psalmist, singer, composer and recording artist. She is also a college professor, a leader of worship and prayer, and a workshop presenter at conferences across the US and abroad. She has presented at major gatherings around the nation and world including an international papal service for over 300,000 Roman Catholics, the March for Life, the National Conference for Pastoral Musicians and the National Catholic Youth Conference.

Dance Party

Get ready to party with 2 awesome Staten Island entertainers from Sound Explosion Event Group!

Parish Heating Snapshot Since September

St. Francis Xavier Church	\$1,534.93
Our Lady of the Lake Church	\$1,104.31

Today's Second Collection

Today's 2nd collection is to support the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Social Justice. Due to your generosity last year, almost \$215,000 in grants were awarded across every county of the Archdiocese. With countless families in the Archdiocese living in poverty, this collection will empower parishes and local communities to address the challenges they face and fund local anti-poverty ministries and initiatives. By supporting this collection, you give those on the margins a helping hand.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 10th

4:30pm -Joan Ernst & John Bernas
 Requested by The Bernas Family
 -Clarence & Marie Schultz
 Requested by Dorothy Schultz
 -Joseph Meyer
 Requested by Bob & Rose Meyer

Sunday, November 11th

8:30am -Margaret Preis
 Requested by Mary Jane Nober
 -Craig Adams
 Requested by Colleen Tenbus
 -Helene Luning
 Requested by Helene Indelicato
 11:00am -Ron Burke
 Requested by Wendell & Lillian Putz

Tuesday, November 13th

8:30am -Onofrio Pagnozzi
 Requested by Paul Pagnozzi

Wednesday, November 14th

8:30am -Dr. Robert Lucas
 Requested by Patty Moser & Judy Stringer

Thursday, November 15th

8:30am -Our Parish Family

Friday, November 16th

8:30am -Our Parish Family

Saturday, November 17th

4:30pm -Tree of Life Synagogue Community
 Requested by Bob & Rose Meyer
 -Sal Indelicato
 Requested by Helene Indelicato

Sunday, November 18th

8:30am -John Bernas & Joan Bernas-Ernst
 Requested by Helene Indelicato
 -Sal Indelicato
 Requested by Ron & Anna Meyer
 11:00am -Dr. Robert Lucas
 Requested by Patty Moser & Judy Stringer
 -Elizabeth Walter
 Requested by George & Barbara Walter

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1 Kings 17:10-16
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

All Saints Collection

November 1, 2018

1st Collection

Our Lady of the Lake	\$185.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$169.00

Other

Our Lady of the Lake	\$25.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$35.00

Total
\$414.00

Thank You!

Collection

November 4, 2018

1st Collection

Our Lady of the Lake	\$515.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$629.00

2nd Collection

Our Lady of the Lake	\$261.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$242.00

Total
\$1,647.00

Thank you!

Please Pray for our Parish Family

For the Sick: Peggy Bayly Lohmann, Dennis Falk, Barbara Walter, Gloria Saures, 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, Tracy Larssen, Septemberr Totten, Madeline Sheans, Peggy Lee Romano, Mary Weiden, Mary Tresh, Ida Alvarez, Mildred Meyer, and all those struggling with any kind of illness and suffering.

For the Deceased: Theresa Delaney, Helen Bunis, Maria Meyer, Pat Noble, Joseph Meyer, Gloria Ackermann, Eileen Dempsey, Martin Ferrick, Jacoba "Cobi" Campfield, George Johnson, Josephine Kelly, Joanne Barnes Brennan, Dr. Robert Lucas, Daniel Kelly, Fr. William Scully, Jean Salmeri, Barbara Smith, Mary Ann Janowsky, Helen Guttzeit, and all those who have gone before us.

For those Serving in the Military: SGT Vaughn Schlott USMC (TX)