

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018



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## 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

## St. Francis Xavier Church

Bridge St., Narrowsburg

### Masses

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

### Confessions

Saturday 4:00pm  
Or by appointment

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, NOVEMBER 25, 2018 FATHER DENNIS M. DINAN

Dear Parish Family,

After succeeding King Saul, the LORD said to David, “*You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.*’ When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel” (2 Sam 5:1-3). From this Kingdom—the line of David—Jesus will be born. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Zechariah the father of John the Baptist, connected the dots: “*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people. He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old*” (Lk 1:67-70). One of those prophets was Isaiah, who prophesied, “*For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David’s throne ... the LORD of hosts will do this!*” (Is 9:5-6). It is proclaimed in the Psalms, especially 89 (see verses 4-5, 20-21, 28-30).

The Kingdom, firmly set up, retains Davidic lineage by inherited succession, first with David’s son Solomon, next by Rehoboam • Abijah • Asa • Jehoshaphat • Jehoram • Ahaziah • Athaliah • Joash (Jehoash) • Amaziah • Uzziah/Azariah • Jotham • Ahaz • Hezekiah • Manasseh • Amon • Josiah • Jehoahaz • Jehoiakim • Jeconiah (Jehoiachin) • Zedekiah.

The Kingdom split after Solomon and continued as two southern tribes, the above being kings of Judah. The opening of the *Book of Daniel* tells us the next dots to connect, “*In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came and laid siege to Jerusalem*” (Dan 1:1). The result: the Temple was destroyed and many inhabitants being exiled to Babylon, remaining there for 70 years. The Kingdom virtually seemed to disappear. It was actually too dangerous to be identified as a Davidic King. The story, however, continues from Babylon.

The Babylonians were the World Power! They gripped most of the known world with its power. During this time, King Nebuchadnezzar had “*a dream which left his spirit no rest and robbed him of his sleep*” (Dan 2:1). His wise men could not interpret it. Daniel is introduced to the king. God revealed the same dream to him and assures the king that he can interpret it, “*there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what is to happen in days to come*” (Dan 2:28). He explains: “*In your vision, O king, you saw a statue, very large and exceedingly bright, terrifying in appearance as it stood before you. The head of the statue was pure gold, its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs bronze, the legs iron, its feet partly iron and partly tile.*” Daniel then gives him the interpretation:

*You, O king, are the king of kings; to you the God of heaven has given dominion and strength, power and glory ... making you ruler over them all; you are the head of gold. Another kingdom shall take your place, inferior to yours, then a third kingdom, of bronze, which shall rule over the whole earth. There shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron; it shall break in pieces and subdue all these others.... The feet and toes you saw, partly of potter’s tile and partly of iron, mean that ... the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ... In the lifetime of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed or delivered up to another people.... That is the meaning of the stone you saw hewn from the mountain without a hand being put to it, which broke in pieces the tile, iron, bronze, silver, and gold.* (Dan 2:31-48).

Note that Daniel calls Nebuchadnezzar “*the king of kings.*” It is a common title for such a person. However, this “king of kings” is now to be overthrown by another. This will occur two more times. Later the *Book of Daniel* shows the Babylonians will be replaced by the Medes & Persians, and afterward by the Greeks, and finally the Roman Empire. And there is still at least one recorded ceremony in 34BC, where the son of Julius Caesar and Cleopatra VII, Caesarion was proclaimed as King of Kings, also as a status of god and son of god.

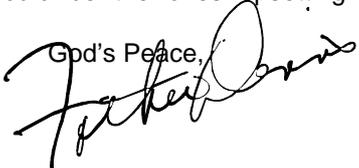
Recalling our history, the Roman Empire fell also. Daniel spoke of this kingdom as “partly strong and partly fragile.” Briefly, Wikipedia says, it was a “slow decline [that] occurred over a period of roughly 320 years, culminating on September 4, 476, when Romulus Augustus, the last Emperor of the Western Roman Empire, was deposed by Odoacer, leader of the Germanic soldiers in the Roman army.”

No doubt, the planning of the Roman Empire gave way to the spread of Christianity. For instance, there were the quality of their waterways and roadways. Both consisted of networks that were certainly important both in maintaining the stability of the empire and for its expansion. The roads were essential to moving its military and commerce that were crucial to the development of the empire. They had over 400,000 km of roads and 20% of these were paved. Some of these still exist today. And no doubt the spread of Christianity, soon known as the Holy Roman Empire, is the same kingdom that God has been promising will appear and will continue forever—and eternal kingdom—be “a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice love and peace.”

Interestingly, the small *Book of the Prophet Micah* is like the big picture of what we covered above. Before, during and after begins to emerge. Implied is the promise of a kingdom. We then see the Lord’s impending judgment upon Israel for her sins (Mic 1:1-3:12). Zion is restored—its glory returned. A prince from David’s house is destined to be ruler over a New Jerusalem and united Israel. The fulfillment of this is pointed to in Christ’s birth in Bethlehem in Matthew’s gospel.

The liturgy of this Solemnity of Christ the King presents both a political and spiritual facet to it. The political aspect points to the fact that Jesus has already defeated and conquered any enemies. The Opening Prayer calls him the King of the Universe. Saint Paul emphasizes this in stating that “*In him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together*” (Col 1:16-17). Still, there are nations and individuals still seeking world domination—to what purpose? It is all futile. It can only be either out of ignorance or it’s demonic! The victory is already history. The eternal Kingdom is already established. Jesus did this all silently on the cross! He is just waiting for our response: are we in or out?

If Christ could be the King and Lord of all people’s lives, the world we live in would be much different. We all would have the same King ruling our lives. He would be the one also ruling in us, determining our goals and establishing our priorities. Saint Paul says we must either live for Christ or for ourselves. Choosing ourselves, we would be the ones upsetting our world.

God’s Peace,  


# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER & OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCHES



## Advent Afternoon of Prayer



**Sunday, December 2, 2018**  
at the  
**Religious Education Center**  
**16 Frankie Lane, Liberty, New York**  
in Liberty from 1 – 5 PM

**Conducted by:**  
**Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C.**

**Mass:**  
**Rev. Edward Bader**

Be watchful!!! The four weeks of Advent are for remembering this important advice. Each day we are given 24 precious hours to live. How many of those hours do we spend working for material success and all the problems it brings: worry, anxiety, greed, envy, and anger to name a few? As Advent begins, let us make an effort to reclaim some of these valuable hours by putting ourselves in the hands of God and spending them on faith, love and concern for others.

Please join us for an afternoon of prayerful reflection  
Confession at 3:30 – Sunday liturgy at 4:00

----- Registration Form -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \$4.00

Please mail to: BKT Religious Education Center,  
P.O. Box 1011, Liberty, New York 12754  
845-292-9100

Please return by **November 25, 2018**

**Please make checks payable to:**  
**Sisters of St. Dominic**



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## 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!



**For More Information Call: Toni Kerins 845-774-9321**  
**Luisa Montuori 347-476-6287 or Amanda Molloy 908-547-7401**



**The Ecumenical Food Pantry is holding an "Open Your Hearts" Toy Drive this Christmas season. Donation boxes will be located at the back of both St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of the Lake Churches for your new and unwrapped gifts.**

**You may also make monetary donations by using the already addressed envelopes provided at the back of the church, which can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed. Please make checks out to: Ecumenical Food Pantry and write "Toy Drive" on the memo line.**

**The deadline for donations will be December 20th. For more information please call Joanne Letendre at 252-3971. Thank you for your generosity!**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm -Skip Feagles  
Requested by His Family  
-Jennie DeNora  
Requested by Al & Linda Smith

### Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30am -Dorothy Meyer  
Requested by Mary Jane Nober  
-Ralph Gabriel  
Requested by Barbara Gabriel

11:00am -Todd Panich  
Requested by George & Barbara Walter

### Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30am -Antoni Wolodkowicz  
Requested by Anna Story  
-Alfonso Guzman Haimberger  
Requested by Peter & Elsa Grosser

### Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30am -John Michael Story  
Requested by Anna Story

### Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30am -Our Parish Family

### Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

4:30pm -Our Parish Family

### Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30am -Our Parish Family

11:00am -Lewis Meckle

Requested by Narrowsburg High School Class of 1957

## Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Daniel 7:13-14  
Revelation 1:5-8  
John 18:33b-37

### Collection

November 18, 2018

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Collection*

<b>Our Lady of the Lake</b>	<b>\$496.00</b>
<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	<b>\$936.00</b>

#### *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection*

<b>Our Lady of the Lake</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>
<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	<b>\$380.00</b>

#### Total

**\$2,097.00**

**Thank you!**

EDUCATION, PROGRESS AND LOVE:  
NEW PATHS FORWARD

A Conference in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*



Saturday,  
December 1  
9:30 a.m.  
Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.  
St. Joseph's Seminary  
201 Seminary Avenue  
Yonkers, NY



SPEAKERS INCLUDE

## 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, Christine Mary Faggione, Tracy Larssen, Septemberr Totten, Helene Indelicato, Madeline Sheans, Peggy Lee Romano, Mary Weiden, Mary Tresh, Ida Alvarez, Mildred Meyer, Kenneth "Boomer" 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, William Ackerman, Lewis Meckle, Alix Fils-Aime, and all those who have gone before us.

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