

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019



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St. Francis Xavier Church

151 Bridge St., Narrowsburg

Masses

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	11:00am
Daily (Wednesday & Friday)	8:30am
Daily (Tuesday & Thursday)	6:30pm
Holydays of Obligation	As announced

Confessions

Saturdays	4:00pm
	Or by appointment

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, APRIL 14, 2019 FATHER DENNIS M. DINAN

Dear Parish Family,

Today, Passion Sunday, we read Saint Luke's account of the betrayal, passion and death of Jesus, fused jointly with the account of the First Eucharist. The Church has always taught that the Sacrifice of Calvary and the Mass are one and same sacrifice—the perpetual, eternal offering (gift of self) of Jesus to the Father. We celebrate this in a unique way this week.

Many times people say they want to celebrate the Passion on Good Friday without thinking of the Mass of the Lord's Supper that was celebrated on Holy Thursday evening, the night before, or about the Easter Vigil to be celebrated the next evening. The Church calls these three Liturgies: "One Event!" Collectively they are called the Easter Triduum. They are not separate services, even if celebrated on separate days. Each is a continuance of the other. Also, none of this would mean anything to us if Jesus had not risen from the dead. So, these three seemingly different actions are uniquely united forever as the saving action of our Lord, and are present in the Mass.

Listen to how this was explained by the Second Vatican Council, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*,

At the Last Supper, on the night when He was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and Resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is eaten, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

And so, the Mass commemorates the Sacrifice of the Cross. As Saint Paul teaches, "*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes* (1 Cor 11:26). Somewhere, however, Church teaching has fallen through the cracks. The majority of people you speak to are not familiar with these teachings.

Also, the Mass is not just a remembrance: Pope Pius XII, in his document *Mediator Dei* (#67-69), on Sacred Liturgy, says, It is truly and properly the offering of a sacrifice, wherein by an unbloody immolation the divine High Priest does what He had already done on the Cross, offering Himself to the eternal Father as a most acceptable victim. "One ... and the same is the victim, one and the same is He who now offers by the ministry of His priests and who then offered Himself on the Cross; the difference is only in the manner of offering." ...On the Cross He offered to God the whole of Himself and His sufferings, and the victim was immolated by a bloody death voluntarily accepted. But on the altar, by reason of the glorious condition of His humanity, "death will no longer have dominion over Him," and therefore the shedding of His Blood is not possible. Nevertheless the divine wisdom has devised a way in which our Redeemer's Sacrifice is marvelously shown forth by external signs symbolic of death. By the "transubstantiation" of bread into the Body of Christ and of wine into His Blood, both His Body and Blood are rendered really present; but the Eucharistic species under which He is present symbolize the violent separation of His Body and Blood, and so a commemorative showing forth of the death which took place in reality on Calvary is repeated in each Mass, because by distinct representations Christ Jesus is signified and shown forth in the state of victim."

Therefore, brothers and sisters: Jesus Christ, really present in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, offers to his heavenly Father, under sacramental form, his immolation on the Cross.

The conclusion of this is that Jesus and all the treasures of Heaven are ours on the altar. We therefore must make the merits of Jesus our own. Where do you find them? They are found on the altar of the Mass, where you receive not only grace, but the Author of grace. Yes, every time the memorial

of this Sacrifice is celebrated, the work of our Redemption is accomplished right there in front of us. It is "re-presented" to us. It does not happen again. It's more that we go there again.

Each of us is called to unite ourselves to the Mass, to offer the Sacrifice, to consume the Victim. In reality this is to say that, "we would like to be victims with him." Our Communion at Mass assimilates us to the Divine Victim. Though already mystical members of his immolated Body, most Christians do not realize clearly that they participate in the Redemption in the measure to which they associate themselves with the divine immolation by personal immolation.

This is explained and taught also in *Mediator Dei* (#103, 105, 109), where Pius XII said,

But if the oblation whereby the faithful in this Sacrifice offer the divine Victim to the heavenly Father is to produce its full effect, they must do something further: they must also offer themselves as victims.... In this way every element in the Liturgy conspires to make our souls reflect the image of the divine Redeemer through the mystery of the Cross, so that each one of us may verify the words of St. Paul: "With Christ I hang upon the Cross; and yet I am alive; or rather, not I; it is Christ who lives in me." We thus identify ourselves with Christ as victim for the greater glory of the Eternal Father.... This being so, nothing could be more right and just than that all of us, together with our divine Head, who suffered for us, should immolate ourselves to the Eternal Father.... "Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, is given to you, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory forever and ever." And as the people answer "Amen," let them not forget to offer themselves and their anxieties, their sorrows, their troubles, their miseries, and their needs, in union with their divine Head crucified.

The Pope is telling all Christians that they must immolate themselves as victims with the divine Victim of Calvary and of the Mass. How are we to accomplish this desire of the Pope, which is simply the desire of Jesus Himself?

The whole issue here is Love! What a disappointment it must be for Jesus, who is burning to pour our His love on all of us and many times just cannot do it, or even begin to do it! There he is, with a heart overflowing with loving goodness and a longing to share it, and many times cannot find our heart open so that he can fill it.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux saw this defect of ours and offered herself to Jesus as a victim of love. She said, "I want this love that people reject. I open my heart wide to this divine love; let it invade me, let it burn me; let it consume my heart completely. Thus I shall console my divine Savior. Thus I shall die a victim of love, immolated in this ocean of flames." "Here," says Father Jean d'Elbée, "we find the essential truth that the primary apostolate [for all of us] is that of prayer and suffering, of immolation of self by love and in the holocaust in union with Jesus in Gethsemane and on Calvary."

Yes, this is all there for us in the Mass! How can anyone say, "I just do not get anything out of it?" That can only be through neglect or ignorance of what the Mass is all about.

The Mass is the divine act around which the life of the Church gravitates and of which she is the radiance; the center from which she receives all impulses and toward which she is continually directed. May we never be bored at Mass again! May we never receive Jesus irreverently again! Think about renewing your fervor by celebrating the Easter Triduum with us this year.

God's Peace 

Ecumenical Food Pantry



The Ecumenical Food Pantry is in need of donations for its *Easter Dinner*.

Donations can be dropped off at the back of the church or at the church hall.

Monetary donations can be put in the collection basket or mailed to:
Ecumenical food Pantry
PO Box 54
Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Stations of the Cross



Friday evenings during Lent
St. Francis Xavier Church
5:30pm



The Ecumenical Food Pantry is sponsoring a *Spring Dance Fundraiser* at the Tusten Town Hall on Saturday, May 4 from 7-11pm.

DJ, light fair, door prizes!
\$10/person

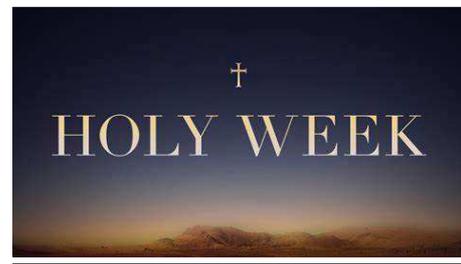
Tickets will be sold at the back of the church.

For more information, please contact Joanne Letendre at 845-252-3971.



Reconciliation Monday

Confessions will be heard on Monday, April 15 from 5:00-7:30pm at the St. Francis Xavier Rectory Chapel. Please come to the front door of the Rectory.



Palm Sunday Vigil- Saturday, April 13th

St. Francis Xavier at 4:30pm

Palm Sunday- Sunday, April 14th

Our Lady of the Lake at 8:30am

St. Francis Xavier at 11:00am

Reconciliation Monday- Monday, April 15th

St. Francis Xavier Rectory Chapel 5-7:30pm

Holy Thursday- Thursday, April 18th

St. Francis Xavier at 7:30pm

Good Friday- Friday, April 19th

St. Francis Xavier at 3:00pm

(Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm)

Holy Saturday- Saturday, April 20th

St. Francis Xavier at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday- Sunday, April 21st

Our Lady of the Lake at 8:30am

St. Francis Xavier at 11:00am

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13th

SFX 4:30pm -Eugene Harrison
Requested by Bob & Rose Meyer
-For those Remembered in our Easter
Flower Donations

Sunday, April 14th

OLL 8:30am - Stan Rembish
Requested by Dorothy Schultz
-For those Remembered in our Easter
Flower Donations
SFX 11:00am -Pat Durkin
Requested by Wendell & Lillian Putz
-For those Remembered in our Easter
Flower Donations

Monday, April 15th

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 16th

SFX 6:30pm -For those Remembered in our Easter
Flower Donations

Wednesday, April 17th

SFX 8:30am -Floyd Campfield
Requested by The Reith's
-For those Remembered in our Easter
Flower Donations

Thursday, April 18th

Holy Thursday

SFX 7:30pm -For those Remembered in our Easter
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SFX 3:00pm

Saturday, April 20th

Holy Saturday

SFX 8:00pm -Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 21st

Easter Sunday

OLL 8:30am -Our Parish Family
SFX 11:00am -Our Parish Family



First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 28 at 11:00am
at St. Francis Xavier Church

Confirmation

Sunday, May 5 at 11:00am
at St. Francis Xavier Church

Collection

April 6/7, 2019

1st Collection

Our Lady of the Lake	\$204.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$939.00

2nd Collection (Repairs & Maintenance)

Our Lady of the Lake	\$171.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$397.00

Easter Flowers

Our Lady of the Lake	\$20.00
St. Francis Xavier	\$30.00

Total

\$1,721.00

Thank you!

Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40 (Lec. 38)
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Please Pray for our Parish Family

For the Sick: Christina Hubert, Peggy Lee Romano, Barbara Walter, Lydia Newton, Connie Moser, John Werner, Elizabeth Stoddard

For the Deceased: Mary Weiden, Muriel Maers, Stan Rembish, Eugene Harrison, Terry McCarthy

For those Serving in the Military: Justin Warnick, Joseph A. Choffo IV