

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 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

Confessions

Saturdays	4:00pm
Or by appointment	

Our Lady of the Lake Church

Rt. 52, Lake Huntington

Masses

Sunday	9:00am
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Confessions & Daily Mass

At St. Francis Xavier

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, JUNE 2, 2019

FATHER DENNIS M. DINAN

Dear Parish Family,

Before his ascension to heaven, Jesus gathered one last time with the apostles and instructed them. On the feast last Thursday we heard, *"When they had gathered together they asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He answered them, 'It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight"* (Acts 1:6-10). There are two other accounts of this instruction. First, *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned"* (Mk 16:15-16). This is also repeated and explained further by Saint Matthew. On a mountain in Galilee, he told them, *"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age"* (Mt 28:16-20).

We can say that this is the Last Will and Testament of Jesus. It is the mission given to the apostles. They take on the mission of Jesus. In Baptism and Confirmation, however, we become apostles. We are not just asked, but rather obliged to do the same. If we ask the question, "Why?" we would have to go no further than today's gospel for the answer. The simple answer would be the words of Jesus as he prays, *"Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their [our] word, so that they may all be one.... Father, they [all of us] are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me"* (Jn 17:20-24). That is, *"So that he [Jesus] may give eternal life to all"* (Jn 17:2).

For 2000 years, the Church has been following the Lord's command. The "pillars" of the Church have taken these words with a seriousness that should embarrass us if we do not follow their example. Saint Paul tells us, *"If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship"* (1 Cor 9:16-17).

I easily recall that, only days after his election, Pope Benedict XVI made his first trip outside the Vatican to visit the basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls in southern Rome to demonstrate the Church of Rome's inseparable bond with the Apostle to the Gentiles. Here, the Emeritus Pope recalled¹ the example of Saint John Paul II, "a missionary Pope, whose intense activity, as witnessed by more than 100 apostolic trips outside Italy, is truly inimitable." Asking the same question we asked above, "Why?" he asked, "What impelled him to such dynamism if not that same love of Christ that transformed the existence of St Paul?" Making a commitment to follow suit, he said, "May the Lord also nourish such a love in me, that I do not hold back before the urgent need of announcing the Gospel in the world today." The reason he gave is the same reason as it has always been. If you are a part of the Catholic Church, you should know this. This should be an intrinsic part of your life. He said, "The Church is missionary by nature, her primary task is evangelization."

What were the news media expecting in the Church electing a new Pope, someone not of the Church, someone who does not think like the Church, someone who is divorced from the mission of the Church, someone who would preach

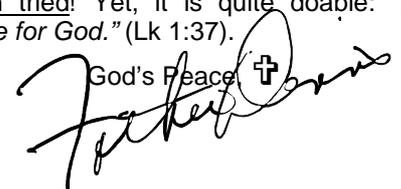
another gospel? Anyone who would think so, in the eyes of Pope Benedict, would not be mature in their faith. In his homily in Mass before the Conclave, before his election as Pope, he said, "Adult" is not a faith that follows the waves in fashion and the latest novelty. Adult and mature is a faith profoundly rooted in friendship with Christ. This friendship opens us to all that is good and gives us the measure to discern between what is true and what is false, between deceit and truth." We are all called, he said, to walk the path to "maturity of Christ."

Each of us, he said, "Are called to attain to truly be adults in the faith. We should not remain as children in the faith, in the state of minors. And what does it mean to be children in the faith? St. Paul answers: It means to be *"tossed to and from and carried about with every wind of doctrine"* (Eph 4:14). Though there are many who preach a contrary gospel, we are not just to do as we please or according to how we feel. Benedict gave us some clear examples of what "tossed" or "agitated" us. Specifically he named: Marxism, liberalism, libertinism, collectivism, radical individualism, atheism, vague religious mysticism, agnosticism and syncretism. All of us, somehow, have been affected by these.

Pope Benedict persisted in driving home the heart of the gospel message of Jesus to us. I would think that he would wish that we hear these as addressed individually to each of us, *"I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain"* (Jn 15:16). Each Christian's existence must be a response to the mandate *"I appointed you to go."* He also insisted, "We must be animated by a 'holy anxiety,' the anxiety of taking the gift of faith, of friendship with Christ, to all. In truth, love, friendship with God, has been given to us so that it will also reach others." He continued, "We must mature in this adult faith; we must lead the flock of Christ to this faith. And this faith, the only faith, creates unity and takes place in charity."

Those at Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls were hearing a continuation of the proclamation of the gospel. "Why?" The Pope said, "At the beginning of the third millennium the Church feels with renewed vitality that Christ's missionary mandate is more imperative than ever," Recalling a motto used by Saint Benedict of Nursia, father of Western monasticism, in his Rule for monastic living, urging his monks "to put nothing before the love of Christ," the Holy Father emphasized that "Passion for Christ brought [Saint Paul] to preach the Gospel not only with words but with life itself, ever more conformed to his Lord."

We stand between the Ascension and Pentecost, like the Apostles did. Like them, with the same Spirit we received, let us endorse the mission of the Church and follow in its way. Let us not just listen, but react to the call Pope Benedict responded to: a call very old, and in him very new. Let anxiety for souls, that can be eternally lost, be ours—souls in our families, souls in our workplace, souls on our streets, souls in our schools, souls in our parish, souls in Sullivan and Wayne Counties. They all need to "know" Jesus! At the heart of the message we find, "The Church is missionary by nature, her primary task is evangelization." To be honest, maybe, we just don't want to do it! For others, whatever the reason—it might be our fears, our shyness or our pride—we might have to admit: we haven't even tried! Yet, it is quite doable: *"For nothing will be impossible for God."* (Lk 1:37).

God's Peace 

¹ https://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2005/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20050425_san-paolo.htm

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Fr. Raphael #1542

We are proud to report that we have been sponsoring the Wellness Program Annual Blood Analysis for the past 39 years! Our 2019 program is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, at the Narrowsburg Community Hall on Bridge St./Rt 52. Walk in between 7am-10am or call to make an appointment. Blood sampling takes about 15 minutes.

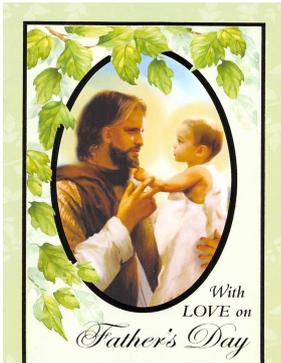
The 30 plus blood tests determine problems with: coronary disease, diabetes, anemia, kidney disease, liver disease, and other issues. There are also other optional tests for an additional cost. Please call: 800-234-8888 for further information.

For anyone struggling with divorce or separation

in their family, there is a free "webinar-like" support and sharing group. Sponsored by the *St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith*, this group meets every first Tuesday of the month from 8-9pm. Prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teachings, and attended by a Mercedarian friar from the Order of Mercy and the organization's director, the group allows for listening and (optional) sharing guided by an experienced facilitator.

To learn more or sign in, visit the website: www.nonnatus.org or call, text, or email the director of the foundation at 215-870-9913; director.srnf@gmail.com.

Father's Day
Remembrance Cards
are available
at the back
of both of our
Parish Churches.



Care360®

Wellness Program Annual Blood Analysis coming to your area!



Sponsored by CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE

Date AMERICAS

Time JUNE 15, 2019

7:00AM - 10:00AM

Place NARROWSBURG COMMUNITY HALL

RTE 52, 210 BRIDGE STREET

NARROWSBURG, NY 12764

Call to make your reservation today **1-800-234-8888**

Operators are available Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Please have your doctor's name and address available when you call. Personal physician authorization is required.

Note: This screening is not covered by Medicare and most other insurance companies. Check or money order only will be accepted the day of the program and should be made payable to AMBA Wellness Programs.

Sponsor group may charge a separate handling fee.

PHI forms required for patient copies. Photo ID required.

AMBA Panel

Coronary Disease	Kidney Disease	Anemia	Liver Disease	Other Tests
Cholesterol	Blood Urea Nitrogen	Red Blood Indices (MCV, MCH, MCHC, RDW)	Albumin	Calcium
HDL Cholesterol	Creatinine	Hemoglobin	Globulin	Chloride
Cholesterol/HDL Ratio	BUN/Creatinine - Ratio (GFR)	Hematocrit	Albumin/Globulin Ratio	Potassium
Triglycerides		Red Blood Cell Count	AST	Sodium
LDL Cholesterol		White Blood Cell Count	ALT	Carbon Dioxide
			Total Bilirubin	
			Total Protein	
			Alkaline Phosphatase	

AMBA Panel

includes all tests listed above - \$40.00
AND A \$5.00 HANDLING FEE.

Optional Tests

Test Code		
5363	Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	\$25.70
899	TSH	\$12.00
17306	Vitamin D - 25	\$25.00
496	Hemoglobin A1C	\$12.00
11290	Insure Colon Rectal Kit	\$20.00

A separate physician order is required for any of the optional tests. Please present a separate physician order at the time of the testing if you elect an optional test. There will be no exceptions at the program.

MARCH FOR LIFE MONDAY JUNE 3, 2019 ALBANY NY

PLEASE JOIN US IN A PRAYERFUL RALLY AT THE NYS CAPITAL

LET US TOGETHER SUPPORT THE UNBORN!

YOU ARE INVITED!

FREE TRANSPORTATION VIA AIR CONDITIONED BUS.

ALL EVENTS ARE WITHIN ONE BLOCK ...EASY WALK FOR ELDERLY OR SMALL CHILDREN.

SCHEDULE: 700 AM MASS AT ST. PETER'S, 10 LIBERTY ST. MONTICELLO

COFFEE AND BAGELS PROVIDED AFTER MASS

730 AM BOARD BUS IN FRONT OF CHURCH

800 AM DEPART FOR ALBANY

11 AM PRAYER AT THE CHILDRENS' MEMORIAL, EMPIRE PLAZA

11:30 PEACEFUL MARCH TO THE CAPITAL BUILDING

12:30 RALLY FOR LIFE AT THE CAPITAL BUILDING

WE WILL DEPART ALBANY AFTER THE RALLY AT ABOUT 300 PM

ONE STOP ALONG THE THRUWAY FOR FOOD

RETURN TO MONTICELLO APPROX 6 PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILE TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED, YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY APRIL 30TH. SO THAT WE CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE PLANS.

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JANE CUTITA 845-292-4647

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 1st

SFX 4:30pm -Christopher & Rebecca
Hubert
Requested by The Family

Sunday, June 2nd

OLL 9:00am -Our Parish Family
SFX 11:00am -Our Parish Family

Monday, June 3rd

NO MASS

Tuesday, June 4th

PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS

Wednesday, June 5th

SFX 8:30am -Our Parish Family

Thursday, June 6th

SFX 6:30pm -Our Parish Family

Friday, June 7th

SFX 8:30am -Our Parish Family

Saturday, June 8th

SFX 4:30pm -Kathleen Jamieson
Requested by Dorothy
Schultz

Sunday, June 9th

OLL 9:00am -Our Parish Family
SFX 11:00am -Our Parish Family

Please Note:

There will be
NO MASS
on
Tuesday, June 4th

Collection

May 25/26, 2019

1st Collection

St. Francis Xavier	\$1,231.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$351.00

Other (Repairs & Maintenance)

St. Francis Xavier	\$20.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$5.00

Total

\$1,607.00

Readings

Acts 7:55-60
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
John 17:20-26

Please Pray for our Parish Family

For the Sick: Christina Hubert, Peggy Lee Romano, Barbara Walter, Lydia Newton, Connie Moser, Elizabeth Stoddard, Pam Kocher, Judy Tufo, Vincent Gentile, Kathleen Jamieson

For the Deceased: Mary Weiden, Muriel Maers, Stan Rembish, Eugene Harrison, Terry McCarthy, John Werner, Lillian Yacino, James Lingle, Patricia Lyons, Emory Robert Kaub, Muriel F. Edwards

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